

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME June 18, 2023 Mass Intentions

June 18, Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM+Jim Weaver (Tom & Becky DaHaven)
10:00AM+Charlie Moore (Bob & Chris Laraia)
5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People

Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30 AM

June 19, Monday, Saint Romuald, Abbot

12:00PM+Debbie Sadler (Peggy McLucas)

June 20, Tuesday, Weekday

12:00PM+Bernadine Farrell, Anniversary (Family)

June 21, Wednesday, Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

12:00PM+Deceased Fathers (McNelis All Stars and Friends)

June 22, Thursday, St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; Sts. John Fisher, Bishop and Thomas More, Martyrs

12:00PM+Eleanor Fischer (Cindy Bartlett)

June 23, Friday, Weekday

12:00PM+Bernie Joyce (Family)

June 24, Saturday, The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

12:00PM+Rita Beck (Susanna Tomlinson & Jen Crawford)

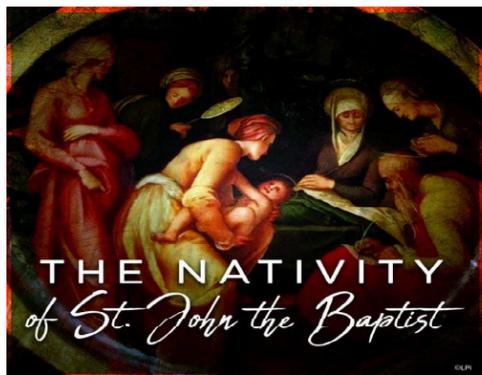
Vigil: Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00PM+Patrick Duffy, Ann. (Bob and Jean Jones)

June 25, Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM+Sandy Cuomo (Family)
10:00AM+Tristin L Irwin (Tim & Anne Marie Longwill)
5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People

Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30 AM



Readings for the week of June 18, 2023

Sunday: Ex 19:2-6a/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 (3c)/Rom 5:6-11/Mt 9:36—10:8

Monday: 2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4/Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday: 2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a/Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: 2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mt 6:7-15

Friday: 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 6:19-23

Saturday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab and 17/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17

Day: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

Next Sunday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35 (14c)/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-3

Precious Life Baby Bottles are to be returned this weekend. Gratitude is extended to those who have generously taken part in this pro-life campaign.



Question:

I've noticed that when I go to Mass at different parishes, sometimes people say and do different things. Why is that?

Answer:

The Mass in its current form has taken shape over the course of 2,000 years. Over time, traditions, structures, and prayers have been put into place. There are certain rubrics for the Mass that are normative wherever you go. This means you could attend Mass in Malawi or Thailand or Italy and still watch the same basic liturgy unfold, even if you don't understand the language. There may be some cultural differences from place to place, things that aren't specifically listed. For example, in the United States most people go up for Communion in a nice neat line. In Europe, everyone gets up around the same time. It's a bit of a free-for-all!

Some people might take it upon themselves to change things individually. People may not like something that feels too "liberal" or "conservative," and they may take a well-meaning stance in the opposite direction. When people (including the presiders) do things that are distracting or change the liturgy, it introduces an element that breaks the unity of the assembled community. The important thing to remember is that we gather as the Body of Christ to celebrate the Eucharist. If you are confused, ask! If you are frustrated, pray for the spirit of charity. ©LPI

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Sunday, June 11, 2023, \$ 7,770.77
Thank you for your financial and spiritual support.



The Family Life Office of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown invites you to join them for the return of Faith Day at DelGrosso's Park on Sunday, June 25th. While admission to the park is always free, for those attending Faith Day, Ride-and-Slide passes are reduced to \$20! The day will culminate with Mass with Bishop Mark at the large pavilion at 4:30 P.M. Following Mass, we will share a meal. Please note that if you would prefer to purchase through the park vendors or restaurants, or bring your own dinner, you are welcome to do so. We are looking forward to celebrating with you again!
Coupons for \$20.00 All-Day Fun passes are available on the table at the cathedral's 13th avenue entrance.



Johnstown Eucharistic Procession

St. John Gualbert Cathedral in Johnstown will host a city-wide Mass and Eucharistic Procession on Sunday, July 9th. Service will begin with 5PM Mass and conclude with the Eucharistic Procession to Central Park with Benediction in the Gazebo. First Communicants from all parishes are asked to RSVP to johnstowncathedral@dioceseaj.org if possible. All are welcome. Reception will follow in Central Park.

Stewardship Reflections

Jesus makes clear the connection between discipleship with him and service the leadership to those who are lost and in need. Whenever the stewards of the church become more attentive to their own well-being than to their mission to be Christ's body in the world, they will be lost.

How are you planning to give of your time, talents and treasure to the lost sheep in today's world? The Christian heart cannot be indifferent. Let your heart be moved to an act of stewardship or assistance for one of them. In your time and place, how can you respond to the call to be a laborer for the harvest? (2023, At Home With the Word LTP)

Enrichment Days at St. Bernadine Monastery

The Franciscan Friars, TOR at St. Bernadine Monastery welcome you to join us for our Wednesday Enrichment Days. Each workshop includes a class on the given topic, Mass, and lunch with Friars. The cost is \$20.00 per workshop and you must pre-register with payment. Space is limited, so please register early by sending payment to 788- Monastery Road, Hollidaysburg Pa 16648. The workshop themes are as follows:

July 12th- Vatican II (register by July 5th)

August 16- The Church and LGBTQ Community (register by August 9th)

September 13th- The Mass (register by Sept. 6th)

Coming up! "Basket Bingo"

It is getting to that time of the year to start thinking of Basket Bingo, that will be taking place on Sunday, September 24, 2023 at Father Kelly Hall. We are starting to take donations of Basket Fillers, Monetary, and gift cards (with activation receipt please). Also donations of bottled water, and cans of soda, that can be dropped off at the office. If you have any questions you can call Paula Clemens at the Parish Office 814-944-4603, or Lorraine Beck 1-240-676-6704.

Distribution and Reception of Holy Communion

The Christian faithful are to be instructed that the Catholic faith teaches that Christ, whole and divine, and the true Sacrament, is received even under one species, and consequently that as far as the affects are concerned, those who receive under one species are not deprived of any grace that is necessary for salvation. While Holy Communion under both kinds has a fuller sign, any of the faithful who wish to receive Holy Communion under the species of the bread alone are granted their wish. C. f. **General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 2011, Number 282.**

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Toy

What does it mean to be God's "special possession"? Our world is dominated by things, objects, possessions. To say we are a materialistic culture is an understatement. In that context, it can be really hard to fully appreciate the meaning of being "possessed" by God. I have so many possessions, after all. I acquire and discard them without thought. I am even overwhelmed by them. Sometimes, it feels like they possess me.

But then I think of the week after Christmas in a house with small children. In that week, there is always The Toy. The Toy that won the heart of your child under the tree, The Toy to which they emotionally attached themselves in a whirlwind of twinkle lights and sugar cookies. For that one week, The Toy is all there is. There were many gifts, but The Toy is special, and there can only be one.

So, what does it mean to be "possessed" by God? What does it mean to be of his people? It means you will be cherished and protected in ways you do not deserve and cannot understand. It means you are distinguished not by your own merit, but by the love with which you are beheld.

It means that you are always The Toy, and every day is Christmas.

"Therefore, if you hearken to my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my special possession, dearer to me than all other people, though all the earth is mine." — Exodus 19:5

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GOSPEL MEDITATION June 18, 2023

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the backyard of the house where I live with other priests, there is a lemon tree which produces a huge amount of fruit. One evening in the spring I needed some lemons for a chicken dish. I glanced from the kitchen and saw the tree bursting with large, bright, gorgeous lemons, hanging thick on seemingly every branch. Turning to Fr. Bob (I'll change his name to protect the innocent) who sat on the couch, I said, "Father, could you pick a few lemons for me?" He said sure and into the backyard he went. He returned a few minutes later empty-handed. "John, there's no lemons. Sorry." I said, "What are you talking about?" I looked again and saw the grapefruit tree on the other side of the yard, which had recently been picked clean of fruit. He didn't see the abundant fruit because he was looking in the wrong place!

Like Fr. Bob, we sadly don't see the fruit all around us. We think that the culture is spiraling down, young people avoid church, and the future looks bleak. Why go out into the world and work? The world looks like a fruitless tree. Jesus doesn't see things that way. This week he tells us, "**The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few.**" Look again: there is spiritual fruit hanging all around us! The lonely ready to be visited. The sick ready to be healed. The forgotten ready to be remembered. The poor ready to be treated with dignity. The sad ready to be consoled. The young ready for the Gospel. So, let's ask the Lord to send laborers to get to work. And he will. He might send you and me. Just remember to look at the correct trees.

— *Father John Muir* ©LPi

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CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:

The process of formation for those seeking God through membership in the Catholic Christian community.

INFANT BAPTISM:

Arrange in advance for pre-baptismal instructions.

CONFIRMATION:

Ninth, tenth and eleventh grade students are invited to participate in the Confirmation Preparation Process.

RECONCILIATION:

Wednesday: 7:00 PM, Saturday: 12:30 PM.

Communal Penance Services: Advent and Lent.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Upon Request and Communal celebration

MARRIAGE:

Arrange nine months in advance. Couples expected to participate in pre-marriage preparation program.

DEVOTIONS:

Eucharistic Adoration - First Wednesday - 12:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Eucharistic Day - Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM:

September through April: Pre-Kindergarten thru 12.

Sunday morning 8:30 AM - 9:45 AM

Pre-Kindergarten thru 8.

Sunday Evening 6:15 PM - 8:15 PM

Grades 9 thru 12.

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Sunday: 5:00 PM (Vigil)
8:00 AM
10:00 AM
5:00 PM

Weekday: 12:00 Noon
Saturday: 12:00 Noon

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