

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 06/16 (Today—Father’s Day) **Holy Mass** at 10am. with a special blessing for all fathers. **Catechism Class** for kids after the Mass. **Polish Breakfast** (fellowship hour) in the church hall follows the Mass.
- 06/22 (Saturday) **PARISH BARBEQUE** 3-6pm. Volunteer’s sign-up list in the Church’s vestibule. Thank you!
- This is a free event - donations will be collected for BINGO cards. Sign up requested for this event - the list is in the back of the church.
- 06/23 (Sunday) **Holy Mass** at 10am. **Catechism Class** for kids after the Mass. Coffee hour (fellowship hour) in the church hall follows the Mass. *Mass Intention: For RONALD PLANTE - new member of St. John’s Church.*

- **Thank you Magda** for preparing today’s breakfast to honor Fathers’ Day.
- We announce the passing of our beloved lifelong parishioner and longtime chairman of the parish committee, **Maureen O. Johnson**. She passed away last Tuesday at Hartford Hospital. A Funeral Mass will be held on Saturday, July 27, at 10:00 AM. Please join us in celebrating her life and offering our prayers for her eternal rest. May she rest in peace. Amen.
- As we enter the summer months of **July and August**, please note that these are considered our church vacation months. However, this does not mean we take a vacation from God. **Attendance at Sunday Mass remains an obligation for all Catholics.** During this period, some church activities will be suspended or minimized: **No Catechism Classes:** Catechism classes will resume in September. **Food Sale:** There will be only one Food Sale per month during July and August.

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PARISH BULLETIN

XI SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTION - 10am

For + BARBARA STEPIEN (req. by Joseph Stepien)

INTROIT

C: The coming of the kingdom of God cannot be observed, and no one will announce: “Look, here it is!” For behold, the kingdom of God is among you.

R: “For He is the living God, enduring forever; His kingdom shall not be destroyed, and His dominion shall be without end.”

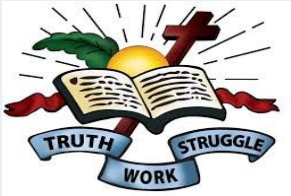
C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

R: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.



HOLY MASS

. 10.00 am



MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to have a Mass said for a particular intention, you must stop by the Parish Office or the sacristy in the Church before/after Sunday mass. Masses can be said for a deceased person or as a special intention for the living. You may reserve a Sunday of your choice, and your intention will be published in the parish bulletin.

We encourage you to offer a Mass on the occasion of a birthday, anniversary or special personal (family) need.

READING 1

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel.

Thus says the Lord GOD:
I, too, will take from the crest of the cedar, from its topmost branches tear off a tender shoot, and plant it on a high and lofty mountain; on the mountain heights of Israel I will plant it.
It shall put forth branches and bear fruit, and become a majestic cedar.
Birds of every kind shall dwell beneath it, every winged thing in the shade of its boughs.

EZ 17:22-24

And all the trees of the field shall know that I, the LORD, bring low the high tree, lift high the lowly tree, wither up the green tree, and make the withered tree bloom.
As I, the LORD, have spoken, so will I do.

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

„Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.“

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READING 2

A reading from the Second Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

Brothers and sisters:
We are always courageous, although we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight.
Yet we are courageous, and we would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord.
Therefore, we aspire to please him, whether we are at home or away.

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

2 COR 5:6-10

GOSPEL

MK 4:26-34

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory be to You, Lord.

Jesus said to the crowds:
“This is how it is with the kingdom of God; it is as if a man were to scatter seed on the land and would sleep and rise night and day and through it all the seed would sprout and grow, he knows not how. Of its own accord the land yields fruit, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the grain is ripe, he wields the sickle at once, for the harvest has come.”

He said, “To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade.”

With many such parables he spoke the word to them as they were able to understand it. Without parables he did not speak to them, but to his own disciples he explained everything in private.

The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.*

GOSPEL REFLECTION

In the Gospel, Jesus points out that once a seed is sown in the ground, GOD allows the seed to grow and eventually produce a rich harvest, many times the original seed. Although people did not understand the full botanical processes which are involved, they were familiar with the stages a seed goes through as it sprouts, grows leaves, and produces grain. In a similar way, GOD allows growth to take place in those who are part of the Reign of GOD. GOD is the giver of life and growth. We enjoy the benefits of the whole growth process.

In the second parable, Jesus uses the mustard seed to show how something small and seemingly insignificant can grow into a shrub which provides shelter for the birds. A mustard seed is about the size of period at the end of sentence of 24 point type. Yet it can produce both a spice that is highly desired and also enough shade and protection for many birds.