

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR PRIESTLY ORDINATION, FATHER JOHN SOPLINSKI!!



ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS
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SUNDAY MASSES
 Saturday (Vigil): 4:00pm
 Sunday: 7:30am, 11am, 5pm

WEEKDAY MASSES
 Monday-Friday 7:00am; Saturday 7:30am
 School Mass: (see bulletin)

JOINING THE PARISH
 New parishioners are welcome.
 Contact the parish office to register.

DIRECTOR OF EVANGELIZATION
 Paco Gavrilides 734-328-4305

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
 Saturdays: 12-1 pm at Sacred Heart
 Sundays: 4-4:45 pm
 Thursdays: 7:30—8:00 am

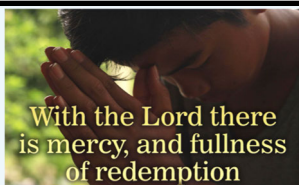
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 sjtwym316@gmail.com

PARISH MUSIC
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ST. JOSEPH GRADE SCHOOL
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 304-723-1970

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 Interim Principal
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 304-723-0545

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 Caitlin McLane
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 681-328-3217



With the Lord there
 is mercy, and fullness
 of redemption

**TENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
 JUNE 9, 2024**

***"FOR WHOEVER DOES THE WILL OF GOD IS MY BROTHER
 AND SISTER AND MOTHER." MK:3:35***

Holy Orders

Any men exploring the possibility of becoming a Priest or Deacon or anyone contemplating Religious Life should contact Fr. Dennis.

Baptism

Parents should contact Mark Tirona to make arrangements.

Reconciliation and Penance

Celebrated on Saturdays from 12:00-1:00 pm at Sacred Heart of Mary and on Thursday from 8:00-8:30 am and Sunday from 4-4:45 pm St. Joseph's

Holy Eucharist

First Communion is celebrated every year in the spring for children in the second grade

Matrimony

Engaged couples should contact Father Dennis at least six months prior to the desired wedding date.

Confirmation

Scheduled every two years

Anointing of the Sick

Please contact Father Dennis. Catholics are encouraged to receive this sacrament before surgery.

Becoming Catholic (RCIA)

Any non-Catholic interested in becoming a Catholic Christian can contact Mark Tirona for information regarding The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.

CCD/PSR

Sundays 9:30-10:45 during school year.

Charter for Protection of Children & Young People

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston maintains an Office of Safe Environment in accordance with the USCCB's Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. To Report Suspected Cases of Sexual Abuse of Children: The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston encourages reporting to civil authorities first and foremost if a crime has been committed. We also encourage utilizing www.reportbishopabuse.org to make a report about any bishop in the U.S. If you have reason to believe that a bishop has engaged in sexual misconduct, please contact civil authorities in the applicable jurisdiction and visit www.reportbishopabuse.org. To Report to Civil Authorities: Contact your local law enforcement; numbers will vary based on your location. If you believe someone is in immediate danger, call 911. To confidentially report any incidence of suspected child abuse or neglect, including sexual abuse, contact the West Virginia Bureau for Children and Families' Child Protective Services by calling the Child Abuse Hotline at 800.352.6513. To Report to Diocesan Authorities: In addition to civil authorities, the diocese encourages reporting to the appropriate church authorities. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse of children by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, contact one of the following designees at 1.888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880: Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Mr. Tim Bishop, ext. 353; or Very Rev. Dennis Schuelkens, Jr., V.E., ext. 270. You may also call the Diocese's Office of Safe Environment at 304.230.1504.

Are you a veteran (or know of one) behind on rent or facing an eviction? If so, please contact **HELPING HEROES, INC....a center for veteran resources**. For more information, call 304-810-4291 or email helpingheroesorgbox@gmail.com.

SUNDAY DONATIONS		Amount
Total Year To Date	2024	\$171,639.50
Sunday Collection	6/2	\$ 7,344.00
Monthly Debt Collection	6/2	\$ 850.00
E-Giving	6/1—6/2	\$ 1,365.43
Catholic Relief Services	6/2	\$ 10.00
Peter's Pence	6/2	\$ 20.00

COLLECTION	June 3/4, 2023	June 1/2, 2024
Envelopes	\$ 7,900.00	Envelopes \$ 6,327.00
Loose	\$ 827.00	Loose \$ 1,017.00
Debt	\$ 1,194.00	Debt \$ 850.00
Total	\$ 9,921.00	Total \$ 8,194.00

COLLECTION	YEAR TO DATE - 2023 (1/1/23—6/4/23)	YEAR TO DATE - 2024 (1/1/24—6/2/24)
Envelopes	\$173,664.21	Envelopes \$154,883.32
Loose	\$ 28,580.45	Loose \$ 27,906.24
Debt	\$ 23,389.00	Debt \$ 9,035.00
Total	\$225,633.66	Total \$191,824.56



LECTIO DIVINA

Lectio Divina—praying to God through scripture to promote communion with Him and increase the knowledge of God's Word. The next meeting will be **June 24, 2024 at 6:00 pm** in the church. All are welcome.....men, women, singles or couples. Call the church office with any questions.

COUNSELING AVAILABLE at St. Joseph the Worker Church!

Dr. Ann Stipe, PhD, has over 50 years of mental health nursing and counseling experience. She was a psychiatric nurse, RN, for 25 years before she returned to school and received her PhD in social work from the University of Maryland at Baltimore. She also has a certification in addictions counseling, CAC. She is licensed in West Virginia. Dr. Ann has retired and is doing pro bono work for the Church. If you would like to schedule an appointment with her, please contact the parish office.

Greetings! The National Eucharistic Pilgrims who will be gracing us with their presence on June 20th (Thursday) and 21st (Friday) will require a few generous host families to house them for just less than 24 hours starting the afternoon of the 20th until the morning of the 21st. In addition to overnight lodging, host families will only be responsible for providing dinner for our pilgrims on the 20th. Pilgrims will also need transportation once from Sacred Heart of Mary or Sacred Heart of Mary to their host homes and back again the morning of the 21st. Men and women lay persons can stay under one roof provided they room separately. Clergy may only stay with clergy. You are welcome to house a minimum of two and a maximum of 15. All host families must be Safe Environment Certified. If you're interested in being a host family for our pilgrims, please contact or email your parish office by Friday, June 7th, 2024. Thank you in advance for your generous hospitality!

MASS DATE	TIME	MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS
Monday, June 10	7:00 am Fr. Dennis	✠ Mary Gaughan & Kathy Gaughan By: The Gaughan Family	1 Kgs 17:1-6; Ps 121:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Mt 5:1-12
Tuesday, June 11 <i>St. Barnabas</i>	7:00 am Fr. Tony	✠ John Mihalyo By: The Mihalyo & Quarantillo Families	Acts 11:21b-26; 12:1-3; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Mt 5:13-16
Wednesday, June 12	7:00 am Fr. Dennis	✠ Mike Dishauzi By: Beverly Spiewak	1 Kgs 18:20-39; Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab and 8, 11; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday, June 13 <i>St. Anthony</i>	7:00 am Fr. Dennis	✠ Tina & Patsy Rocchio By: The Rocchio Family	1 Kgs 18:41-46; Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13; Mt 5:20-26
Friday, June 14	7:00 am Fr. Dennis	✠ Sam & Teresa Di Bacco By: The Di Bacco Family	1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16; Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14; Mt 5:27-32
Saturday, June 15	7:30 am Fr. Gerald 4:00 pm Fr. Dennis	Intentions of the Living & Deceased Members of the Pennacchio Family By: A Friend All Parishioners & All Fathers	1 Kgs 19:19-21; Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10; Mt 5:33-37
Sunday, June 16 <i>11th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <i>Father's Day</i>	7:30 am Fr. Tony 11:00 am Fr. Dennis 5:00 pm Fr. Tony	✠ Virginia Yachini By: Dorothy Byers ✠ Ursula Rokisky By: Jim & Kim Larch ✠ Ralph Fuscardo By: Jim & Kim Larch	Ez 17:22-24; Ps 92:2-3, 13-16; 2 Cor 5:6-10; Mk 4:26-34



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — After Adam and Eve eat of the forbidden fruit, the LORD puts enmity between the serpent and the woman (Genesis 3:9-15).

Psalm — With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption (Psalm 130).

Second Reading — We have an eternal dwelling from God, not made with hands (2 Corinthians 4:13 — 5:1).

Gospel — "Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother" (Mark 3:20-35).



Join us on Tuesday mornings from 10:00—11:00 am, when there will be a new Sunday Readings Group in the Hospitality Room!

They will look at and discuss the scripture readings for the upcoming weekend. All are welcome to attend.



You are invited to join the Rosary Group, which meets every Tuesday evening 6—7 pm in the church. The Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet are prayed as well as a prayer for priests and the unborn, with special intentions to St. Anthony and a prayer of abandonment. All the prayers are from a booklet designed by Fr. Jose Manuel Escalante. For more information, call the church office.

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PHILLIPS/BRAGG

If any of you know cause, or just impediment, why this couple should not be joined together in Holy Matrimony, ye are to declare it.

Today is the Peter's Pence Collection that supports the work of the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy See and the charitable works of Pope Francis. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a sign of mercy to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. For more information, visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html.



Is the Lord calling you?

Call Rev. Brian Crenwelge at the Vocations Office, Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston at 304-233-0880, ext. 298

DONATE ONLINE

Donate



go to www.stjoeweirton.org
click **DONATE**

Facing an unexpected pregnancy, dealing with the pain of abortion, questioning your sexual health?

THE AIM WOMEN'S CENTER

248 N. 5th Street, Steubenville, Ohio 740-283-3636
aimhelpcenter@sbcglobal.net www.aimwomenscenter.com
24-HOUR helpline 740-283-3636 or 1-800-395-HELP

West Virginia Child Abuse Hotline 1-800-352-6513

Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston
Victim Assistance Coordinator ~ 304-242-6988

Hurting from an ABORTION?

Please call: Rachel's Vineyard 877-HOPE4ME
(877-467-3463) www.RachelsVineyard.org

If you or someone you know is pregnant and needs help, there are several services available that are listed on the bulletin boards at the entrances of the church. You can contact the church office for a copy of these services as well.

Please pray for the needs of our parishioners who are in the hospital, homebound or ill. Call the church office if you want your name on our prayer line list or in the bulletin and/or you want a visit from a Priest, Deacon, or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion while in the hospital or homebound. If you have a sacramental emergency, don't hesitate to contact Father Dennis or Father Tony.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE

One in 4 women and 1 in 7 men aged 18 and older in the United States have been the victim of severe physical violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime. On average, 24 people per minute are victims of rape, physical violence or stalking by an intimate partner in the U.S.—more than 12 million women and men over the course of a year. We're here to listen. Reach our trained advocates 24/7 to get the support you deserve. There are no fees, no names, no judgment. JUST HELP. Call 1-800-799-7233. For the deaf and hard of hearing, 1-800-787-3224.

The following is the policy for scheduling Mass intentions: Our church receives requests to have Masses scheduled almost daily and we try our best to get them scheduled as soon as possible. We are able to schedule 4 months ahead. This practice has been in place for more than 4 years. The next intention we can schedule will be in the month of **June for October 2024**. Having intentions for a Mass is a sacrifice of \$10.00 during the week and \$20.00 on the weekend. Call the church office during regular hours if you have any questions.

Magnetic Force



In the Eucharist, Jesus exposes Himself without protection to the insults and outrages of the impious; and the number of His new executioners is very great.

His goodness is disregarded and despised by a large number of bad Christians. His holiness is defiled by so many profanations and sacrileges, and that by His own children and His best friends.

The Eucharist is not only the end but the continuation of the Incarnation and Passion of the Savior. Under the form of the Sacrament, Jesus continues the poverty of His birth, the obedience of Nazareth, the humility of His life, the humiliation of His Passion, His state of Victim on the Cross.

Nothing can compare with the ardor and power of a soul as it seeks its Beloved and longs for Him. For the Christian who believes, he has everything in the adorable Eucharist and his whole life ought to be drawn to it like a magnet to its center. (St. Peter Eymard from Adoration Eucharistic Texts and Prayers Throughout Church History)

Allow the Magnetic Force to draw you to the Adoration Chapel.

Help is needed for the following hours: Thursday 2 PM – 3 PM and Friday 11 AM – 12 PM. To register, please call the Adoration committee at 304-374-6170.

Eucharistic Adoration

Guardian Needed to Fill Empty Hour on Thursday 2-3 PM
and Friday 11 AM—12 PM
If you can help please call 304-374-6170



Guardians Enrollment Status						
Time	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
8:00 AM	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
9:00 AM	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
10:00 AM	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
11:00 AM	Green	Green	Green	Green	Red	Green
12:00 PM	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
1:00 PM	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
2:00 PM	Green	Green	Green	Red	Green	Green
3:00 PM	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
4:00 PM	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
5:00 PM	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
6:00 PM	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
7:00 PM	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green

Need 2 Guardians

Need 1 Guardian

Need 0 Guardians

5/21/2024

Eucharistic Adoration is open to all every Monday through Friday 8:00 A.M.– 8:00 P.M. and Saturday mornings 8:00 A.M. – 12 Noon
In the Communion of Saints Adoration Chapel

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, JUNE 9	9:00 AM 4:00 PM	MASS IN SPANISH CONFESSION <i>FATHER'S DAY CARD SALE</i>
MONDAY, JUNE 10	8 AM—8 PM 6:30 PM 7:30 PM	ADORATION T. M. I. Y. K OF C 4TH DEGREE
TUESDAY, JUNE 11	8 AM—8 PM 10:00 AM 6:00 PM	ADORATION SUNDAY READINGS GROUP IN H. R. ROSARY
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12	8 AM—8 PM 7:00 PM	ADORATION CATECHISM
THURSDAY, JUNE 13	7:30 AM 8 AM-8 PM	CONFESSION ADORATION
FRIDAY, JUNE 14	8 AM—8 PM 5:00 PM	ADORATION WEDDING REHEARSAL
SATURDAY, JUNE 15	8 AM-12 PM 12:00 PM 1:30 PM	ADORATION CONFESSION AT SHM BUCK/POOLE WEDDING
SUNDAY, JUNE 16	4:00 PM	CONFESSION








Hoop Vision Basketball

Attack & Finish Offensive Skills Workshop

June 27-30th

Grade 1st-5th
12:00-2:00pm

Grade 6th-8th
2:30-4:30pm


Grade 9th-12th
5:00-7:00pm

Coach Kevin Washington

\$100 register before June 1
 \$125 after June 2



Register online
arkcityrec.recdesk.com



TABERNACLE CANDLE INTENTION
week of 6/9/24 for the souls of

DOMENIC & JOHN CHIODI

BY

CHIODI & WESTLAKE FAMILIES

Please, STOP and PRAY during the month of **JUNE**
at 3 p.m. each day, the Hour of Mercy, for
FATHERS, GRANDFATHERS AND GREAT GRANDFATHERS.

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If any of you know cause, or just impediment,
why this couple should not be joined together in
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The Community Bread Basket donation for **JUNE** is **SHAMPOO & CONDITIONER**. Please place your items in the **red** baskets at all the church entrances.

THE ITEMS THAT ARE NEEDED AT THIS TIME FOR THE TABLE OF HOPE: CAPRI SUN & CANNED FRUIT. *The Table of Hope is opened on Mondays only. Bring in your donations to the church office during regular weekday hours.*

2ND ANNUAL RON HIGGINS

MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING

Golfer Registration:
\$90 Per Person
\$360 Per Team

2024

Event Add-On's
Skins Game
Hole-In-One Prize
Mulligans
Putting Challenge
Buy the Drive

Includes: Golf, Food & Drink, Door Prize, Long Drive, Closest to the Pin Contest.

Format:

Four-Man Scramble with cash prize!!
\$400 - 1st Place
\$200 - 2nd Place
\$100 3rd Place



Ponderosa Golf Course

Shotgun Start 9AM
Registration Begins 8AM

SATURDAY, JULY 20, 2024

REGISTRATION/SPONSORSHIPS : spsgolf2022@gmail.com

ARE YOU READY?

ST. JOE & ST. PAUL VBS 2024!

PRE-K THRU 6TH GRADE

REGISTER HERE:

OR EMAIL: joetheworkerdre@gmail.com

JULY 22 - 25
ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL GYM
9 AM - NOON

OUR ANNUAL \$100 RAFFLE IS ON NOW!!!

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER 2024 SUMMER BLOCK PARTY
ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER CHURCH
121 CALIFORNIA AVENUE, WESTON, WEST VIRGINIA

\$20,000 CASH RAFFLE
GRAND PRIZE: \$10,000

EARLY BIRD CASH PRIZES
#1 April 30, 2024 \$500
#2 May 31, 2024 \$500
#3 June 30, 2024 \$500
PICNIC DATE: TBD

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER SUMMER BLOCK PARTY

ONLY 500 TICKETS SOLD
CASH DRAWINGS*

First Drawing	\$500 Cash*
Second Drawing	\$500 Cash*
Third Drawing	\$500 Cash*
Fourth Drawing	\$1000 Cash*
Fifth Drawing	\$1000 Cash*
Sixth Drawing	2nd Place \$5,000 Cash*
Seventh Drawing	1st Place \$10,000*

*Final 7 drawings held at Summer Block Party
Tickets Courtesy of Greco Herlick Funeral Home and Cremation Services

Buy your ticket now to be eligible for TEN drawings to WIN \$\$\$.

Contact the church office or call or text John Dovec at 304-374-7625.

Congratulations to Connie Fancalski, the second \$500 raffle winner!!



SAVE THE DATE!!

Our annual parish picnic, St. Joe's Block Party, will be held Sunday, July 28th on our campus featuring food trucks, children's games, music and FUN! We are excited to share additional details in upcoming weeks.

Any parishioner that is interested in donating a \$20.00 or \$25.00 Gift Card for our Basket Raffle that takes place at the Block Party, it would be greatly appreciated. Drop donated cards at the church office between 8 am - 4 pm Monday through Friday. Office is closed for lunch from 12-1 pm. Thank you in advance for your donation!

Church Garage Sale

The Christian Mothers Garage Sale will be held this year on August 1st, 2nd & 3rd. Please bring your gently used donations to the grade school gym on Monday, July 29th and Tuesday, July 30th from 8 am—4:30 pm ONLY. We will be accepting gently used donations and are unable to accept electronic (TV's, Computers, etc) or Clothing Items. The sale will be held on Thursday and Friday from 8 am—4:30 pm and Saturday 8 am—12 noon. The proceeds benefit our church and school. Call Sheila at 797-1640 with any questions.

St. Joseph the Worker Parish

BLOCK PARTY

July 28 2024

NOON-6:00 p.m.

St. Joseph the Worker Campus
Michael Way
Weirton, WV 26062

Please join us for fun and fellowship to celebrate our parish family!

RAFFLE BASKETS

Dunk Tank 2:00

Car cruise

DJ

FOOD TRUCKS

Face painting

Inflatables



NATIONAL Eucharistic Pilgrimage

Leaving from New Haven, Connecticut, the eastern arm of the Pilgrimage will begin near the Atlantic coast, journey through our nation's oldest diocese — the Archdiocese of Baltimore — and cross the Appalachian Mountains.

The Seton Route will be punctuated by many meaningful stops. Pilgrims will visit holy sites, embrace the sacraments daily, and publicly proclaim Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist as they accompany him on his way to the 10th National Eucharistic Congress. Make your plans now to meet up with this historic Pilgrimage — **here in WEIRTON!**

Thursday, June 20, 2024

- 8:00am** **Mass with Perpetual Pilgrims** at St. Joseph the Worker Church followed by **Eucharistic Adoration with Praise and Worship**
- 9:30am** **Eucharistic Procession** from St. Joseph the Worker Church to Sacred Heart of Mary Church
- 10:30am** **Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction** at Sacred Heart of Mary Church
- 11am - Noon** **Sharing Session and Reflections by Perpetual Pilgrims** at Sacred Heart of Mary Dining Hall (beverages will be provided for all)
- Noon** **Lunch for Perpetual Pilgrims** at Sacred Heart of Mary, Pope St. John Paul II Library
- 1:30pm** **Perpetual Pilgrims** depart with Host Families
- 7:00pm** **Eucharistic Adoration with Praise and Worship** at St. Paul Church

Friday, June 21, 2024

- 8:30am** **Mass with the Perpetual Pilgrims** at Sacred Heart of Mary Church
- 9:30am** **Breakfast and Sharing Session with Perpetual Pilgrims** at Sacred Heart of Mary Dining Hall (fresh fruit, muffins, donuts, yogurt, breakfast bars, and beverages will be provided for all)
- Noon** **Perpetual Pilgrims** depart with Host Families



ABOUT THE INTERCESSOR

The route is named after St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, the first American-born saint to be canonized by the Catholic Church. A lifelong protestant, the young mother was drawn to the Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. St. Elizabeth Ann opened the first free Catholic school for girls in America in 1810. Her work laid the foundation for what is now the parochial school system.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, pray for us!



'That Man Is You' leadership is extending a warm welcome and brotherly invitation to all men to join us for some further learning, inspirational teaching, and discussion on the theme, *Dynamic Discipleship! Jesus is inviting! Shall We Respond?*

All too often our thoughts and conversation about the Christian life can appear to be heavy, over serious, or even worse, turn into complaints about what isn't working right. The truth is, the Christian life is meant to be exciting, joyful, and challenging. We want our hearts to be *burning within us* because we have truly come to know the Master!

Summer sessions: All Monday evenings, June 10th & 24th, July 8th & 22nd, August 12th & 26th. We will begin at 6:30pm and end promptly at 7:45 pm. 30-minute talk and 30-minute discussion. Before each session a brief description of the talk will be sent out to you by text or email. Let's breathe in the living truth of God's love for us men and our love for one another. You are encouraged to bring any new man you want.

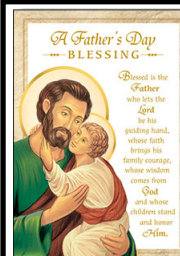
Fraternally in Christ,
John Basil (soon to be Deacon John), Hayden Greenlief, and Paco Gavrilides

PACO'S CORNER

I am sure that many of you keep up with Catholic news on the web or other kinds of media. Many of you are aware of the controversial Commencement Address at Benedictine Catholic university given by Harrison Butker, the American kicker for the Kansas City Chiefs National Football team. His speech stirred up reactions for and against his message where thousands upon thousands of persons have weighed in on what he said. Some opine that his speech was a mixture of good comments and problematic ones, and we all should be discerning too.

His critics have been severe in their comments against what he said and have been outrightly aggressive and hostile in their responses, even desiring to do him harm along with his family. His critics hostile response is an example of unbridled speech that is not tethered to truth, justice, and charity.

Whether we Catholics are fully happy with our Catholic brother's speech or not, we should respect his courage and his willingness to be a witness for the faith. We too may be called to witness to the truth perhaps even over social media. We too must speak out and offer our thoughts in a spirit of charity, honesty, and balance. In doing so we are called to faithfulness and courage in speaking the truth about our faith in Jesus and in his teachings. It is going to be more and more important that Catholics weigh in on topics touching upon truth and justice. Our courageous speech, however, must be tied to virtuous character of wisdom and prudence so that we neither unnecessarily offend others nor distort the truth. We must *speak the truth in love, having our speech full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you (we) may know how to answer everyone.* Let's not hold back in speech because the Lord is counting on us as his witnesses.



The Parish Community Committee of our Pastoral Council will be selling Father's Day cards in the back of the church after Masses this weekend, June 8th & 9th. A single Mass on June 15th at 4:00 pm will be offered as a group for all returned cards. If you don't catch anyone after Masses, contact Judi at 670-5582, Shirley at 479-0367, Connie at 670-4488, Bernie at 614-999-8335, or Rich at 670-0636.