

Sunday, June 13, 2021 – Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Goal: As a community may we seek to be of one heart and one mind, to know, love and serve our Lord by Letting His love and light shine through each of us.

From the Cluttered Desk and Mind of Deacon Bob

Blessings to everyone here at St. John the Evangelist Church in Centerville-Saugerties. And welcome to the Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary time.

I'm no botanist or forestry student, but I don't think you can break a branch off a tree, stick it in the ground, and have it grow into a new tree. But that is what Ezekiel says in the first reading. God will break off a "tender shoot" from the top of a cedar tree, plant it on a lofty mountain, and have it grow into a majestic tree. On one level, he is saying that God will take a shoot from Israel, which has wandered away from or forgotten about God, and re-establish it as a chosen people from the remnant that is still observant. And if we remember how Isaiah says "a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse", indicating the lineage of the Messiah, leading to Jesus, we see Ezekiel also saying that God will bring forth the Messiah from the remnant of Israel, and make of Him a glorious home for all the people of the earth.

In the Gospel from Mark, Jesus continues with the pictures of something great growing from a small seed. First he talks about how a seed is scattered, and man knows not how, but it grows into a fruitful plant, that provides food for many people. We are to be that seed, planted by God at our birth, our re-birth in Baptism, and continual nourishment through the sacraments, study and Mass, growing into a fruitful witness for the Lord by our life.

His second parable is also about seeds, very small seeds, the mustard seed. It is small, but by God's grace, it is nourished and grows and provides many benefits for whole world. This is what happens with each of us. When we are born, we have no knowledge of God, or heaven, or even good and bad. We are just a small seed, insignificant on our own. But we are fed, by our parents, by our family, by our church, through the Mass, religious education, the receiving of the sacraments, growing as we are able to comprehend in the knowledge and love of God and of Jesus Christ. This is the growth that Jesus speaks of.

At many stages of our life, we may feel insignificant, unable to do anything worthwhile for God. But God does not leave us in that place. He constantly offers us nourishment. Just as with the scattered seed and the mustard seed, this nourishment and care for us is not always obvious or evident even to us, but God is always at work in us. He gives us our church community, to give us the support we may need to continue to grow and become the strong tree or plant or bush that can then feed other people, shelter other people, and help others to grow stronger in their faith and in their knowledge and love of God. As we see in the readings today, it is not up to us to do all the growing or planting or tending. It is up to us to let God work in our lives for His good and the good of all the people. Be open to God working in your life today.

God bless you.

RESERVED MASSES:

Sun 6/12 5:30p.m. Birthday remembrance of
Florence B. O'Leary
*Req. by family of Kris and
Bill Hodgson*

Sat 6/19 5:30 p.m. Helen Krzywonos

*Req. by Michelle, Becky and
Shondra*

COMMUNION SERVICES:

St. John's has a Communion Service every Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday at 8:30 AM. All are welcome. Morning Prayer is prayed immediately before the service at 8:15 AM. Please come.

Please call 845-217-3333 to reach Alison at the Parish Office or for Religious Education. To reach Fr. Chris in an EMERGENCY, please call 845-246-4913.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Assisting Fr. Chris this week will be Deacon Bob. Next week, it will be JoAnn Treutler.

LECTOR

The lector this week is Gaetana Sowles. Next week, it will be Bill Payne.

ATTENDANCE

Last week, we had 64 people at 5:30 mass.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

This sacrament is one of the seven sacraments. As St. James says in his Letter, "If someone is sick, let him call the priest to pray over him and to anoint him with oil." If you or anyone you know would like to receive the Anointing of the Sick, please let Deacon Bob know, and he will arrange a priest to come and anoint them and pray over them. Call him at 845-706-1035.

CLYNK

We are still doing Clynk with Hannaford. We are collecting deposit bottles in the shed out back, and then putting them in the specially-marked bags so that St. John's gets credit for the deposit value. You can also take a bag home with you and fill your own bag at home with all your deposit containers and bring it to Hannaford's yourself. Or leave it in the shed. Thank you for your continued support. This does help in our outreach.

CONTACTING MISSING PARISHIONERS

I'm sure you are aware that many people have not returned to church after the shutdown because of COVID. I would like to try and reach out to those who are not here, and see if they need assistance, encouragement, or support. Please try to remember who used to sit next to you, on either side, in front or in back of you, and give me, Deacon Bob, their names. With the help of other parishioners, I would like to contact them, by phone or by mail, and let them know they are missed, they are cared about, and see if there is anything we as a parish can do for them. Thank you for your help with this.

JUNE FOOD BAZAAR

On June 24th & 25th, a food bazaar will be held at St. Mary's. Orders will be taken in advance for our famous fried dough, as well as delicious BBQ dinners from Stone Pony. If you would like to place an order or need more information, please contact Christine Molinelli at 845-246-6381 or via email: smsjfundraising@gmail.com. Order forms are available in the church.

ADULT WORKERS NEEDED FOR FRIED DOUGH

Adult workers are- needed to help prepare fried dough. Call Chris Molinelli at 845-246-6381. Start time is 2pm on 6/24 and 6/25. You can pick a time to work.

COMMUNION CALLS

If you or someone you know would like to receive Communion at home, either because of illness or infirmity, or because they don't feel safe in church, please call me, Deacon Bob, and I will arrange for someone to come and bring Communion to them or to you. Call me at 845-706-1035. I have been contacted by a couple of people who would like to receive Communion. I do not have the time to do this. If anyone is willing to bring Communion regularly to people or couples at their homes, please contact me, Deacon Bob, at 845-706-1035, and I will give you the details. If you are considering becoming an extraordinary minister of the Eucharist, please contact me. There is some instruction that is needed which I will be glad to provide. I had the joy of instructing two people a few weeks as ministers of Holy Communion at home. It is a most rewarding experience.

FOOD PANTRY ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

The Food Pantry is open on the First Saturday of every month between 10am – noon.

If you might be interested in helping with this corporal work of mercy, please let Gabby Baker know. She can be reached at g.baker1@ppcsd.org.

SUMMER CAMP at SMSJ Early Learning Center

July 5-August 20, 2021

Looking for a safe and secure environment where your child can have fun? Come join us for the summer at SMSJ! Offering age-appropriate activities including daily academics, crafts, cooking, tie dying, jewelry making, outdoor sports and more as well as an onsite playground, gymnasium and our very own Children's Garden! All rooms including gym is air conditioned to keep your child cool on hot days! Create your own schedule; days and times are yours to choose! Open Monday - Friday from 7AM-6PM. FMI: Call 845-389-4568 or email us at: SMSJlearningcenter@gmail.com.



YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

Vincent Saturn, Gene Woodruff, Jane Fiore, Peter Kandora, John Lynch, Nancy Dwyer, Claire Miller, "Smokey" Woods, Zac Swart, Ann Deacon, Debbie Lieberman, MaryLou Dengler, Anne Monfrini, Joan O'Leary, Dan Kelly, Richard Teitter, Ann Nelson, Vinnie & Hilda McDermott, Loretta Beisel, Joanne Sussman, Brittney Ruskie, Thomas Houlihan Sr., Frankie Cullen, Walter Johnson, Charles Bowls, Joe Font, Debbie Volkle, Mike Leung. Pam Murphy, Debra Trees, Fred Belfance, John Bechtold, Paul Donlon, Olivia Trees, Joe Nista, Carol Loesch, Bruce Meservey, Mark Moore

To place or remove name from sick list, please call 217-3333