

PASTOR'S NOTE

JUNE 21, TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Happy Father's Day!

My dad, Bill Burke is a very humble man. He grew up in Hazelwood, attended St. Stephen's Elementary School and graduated from Central Catholic in 1958. After high school he served in the Navy then came home and entered the Pittsburgh Police Academy. He served as a Police Officer for thirty years and was the founder of the Law Enforcement Officers Memorial on the North Shore. My dad is a wonderful husband, father grandfather and now a great grandfather. I really look up to my dad as a wonderful mentor and role model. A devoted husband for fifty-eight years to my mom, Marge, my dad was a hard worker and faith filled man. A true hero in my eyes.

Happy Father's Day to all of our fathers, grandfathers, step-fathers, uncles or any man who holds a father-like role to someone. Let us pray for all of our fathers, living and deceased, this Father's Day weekend.

Today, we celebrate the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time. All of the readings focus on not having fear, but keeping the faith.

In the first reading from Jeremiah, we read how a prophet trusts God to make him strong in the face of his enemies. Jeremiah faced up to many verbal and physical attacks in spite of such dire circumstances. In this reading he remains confident of God's help and his protection from harm. In the second reading from Romans, we read how Paul, as an Apostle, celebrates the Lord's victory over sin and death. In the Gospel of Matthew, we read how Jesus encourages his disciples to fear no one as they publicly preach and carry out their mission. Jesus will watch over them and they will be rewarded for their commitment and perseverance.

Fear can paralyze us from continuing to live. We all face difficult circumstances: serious illness, death of a loved one, violence, bigotry, unemployment, and family divisions. When we trust that God is with us and will guide us, we are able to take risks. Through baptism we are all called to be prophets.

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Parish Improvements

Bakers Waterproofing recently installed a Water Guard sub-floor drainage system and applied Mold X2 cleaner, and installed a sump pump into the sewage system in the Holy Rosary Rectory basement. Now all three of our rectories, St. Bede, St. James and Holy Rosary, have updated drainage systems. Thank you for your contributions to the Parish Maintenance Fund to make these important updates possible.

Mariani & Richards continues to spot point and repair mortar outside of St. James Church. While working on the side of the church they found three windows with cracks in them. We are working on getting the windows repaired.

An asbestos abatement project has begun and will continue the next several weeks in the cafeteria at Sister Thea Bowman Catholic Academy to mitigate the water infiltration. The cafeteria will receive new flooring and other various upgrades over the summer.

Rome Monument and **Mathews International** recently installed new signage on the three monuments at the St. Bede Campus. Special thanks to a generous parishioner for financing the cost of the replacement signs. Parishioner and Eagle Scout candidate Ryan Davis from Troop 646 is conducting his Eagle Scout project to upgrade the flower beds in front of the monuments and trees and shrubs will be pruned and updated.

Update on the Cargo Van Great news! We have reached our goal to purchase a cargo van for our Ministry

Center. We will be purchasing a 2019 Ford Transit Cargo Van from Carsense in Robinson Township. Special thanks to parishioner, Tony Delazio, from Carsense for assisting us in finding the van and thank you to all of the generous parishioners who made donations.

Priesthood Ordination

Next, Saturday, June 27, at St. Paul Cathedral, Bishop David Zubik will ordain three men to the priesthood. We pray for **Jeffrey M. Craig, Michael J. Faix, and C. Matthew Hawkins** as they prepare to serve the church of Pittsburgh. Fr. Taylor and I will both be attending the ordination and Fr. Taylor will have the honor to vest Matt in his new priest vestments!

Congratulations to Ava Marie Leuthold who is being baptized this weekend.

Happy Birthday to **Rose Diroll** who was 99 on Monday, June 15, and **Gerard Rohlf** from our Music Ministry Department who celebrated his birthday this past Wednesday, June 17.

Something to Think About...

Courage comes and goes. Hold on for the next supply.

Thomas Merton

With God, All Things Are Possible!

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