

Sunday, Feb 17, 2019

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Good news in bad times

Forget the headlines for a blessed minute. Stop attending to pop-up dramas of breaking stories, and avert your eyes from news flashes that dazzle with the world's misery and villainy. We know human nature like the back of our hands, because we know the contents of our own hearts: how petty we can be, how self-serving and critical. The difference between the evil geniuses of the globe and us is often a matter of reach and opportunity, or one too many grievances that finally topple our humanity and make the descent to darkness all the more compelling. Resist self-righteousness!

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 17:5-8; 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20; Luke 6:17, 20-26 (78). "Blessed are you who are now weeping, for you will laugh."

Monday, Feb 18, 2019

Seek signs of mercy

Generations still seek a sign. But sometimes we look for signs in the wrong places. Jesus must still heave a sigh whenever we're blind to the divine inklings all around us. When the brokenhearted take heart and the hard-hearted show some mercy—those are signs that God has gotten through. Let's give God—and each other—the benefit of the doubt.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 4:1-15, 25; Mark 8:11-13 (335). "The Pharisees came and began to argue with Jesus, asking him for sign from heaven, to test him."

Tuesday, Feb 19, 2019

Looks like rain

Big floods tend to produce stories. Folks can recall much about the "flood of 2008 or 1996 or 1956 . . ." People in biblical times had heard flood stories, too. But the flood Genesis described was the Big One, the flood to end all floods—almost. God was angry and decided all of creation was pretty much corrupt and the only solution was to wipe it all out. But in an almost human way God left the door open a crack. Noah got to be the ark that preserved a righteous few, including handy mating pairs of all creatures in order to repopulate the earth once the waters receded. So God's wrath was not final. There's always the possibility of return to God, constantly offered. When the waters of despair, regret, and cynicism threaten to inundate you, remember there's a dove on the way.

TODAY'S READINGS: Today's readings: Genesis 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Mark 8:14-21 (336). "Then the Lord said to Noah, 'Go into the ark, you and all your household, for I have seen that you alone are righteous before me in this generation.'"

Wednesday, Feb 20, 2019

It's all part of the process

Our journey toward health, wholeness, and conversion stretches across the span of our lives and, ironically, doesn't prevent our deaths. But the more fully we embrace life and live in God's Spirit, the less significant our deaths become. Dying is just part of the process toward life in Christ. For a time we will see as in a mirror—through a glass darkly. But if we follow Jesus' instruction of forgiveness and love, we will eventually see clearly—even with our eyes closed and even beyond our deaths.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 8:6-13, 20-22; Mark 8:22-26 (337). "The man looked up and said, 'I can see people, but they look like trees, walking.'"

Thursday, Feb 21, 2019

MEMORIAL OF PETER DAMIAN, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Courage to do what is right

Peter Damian was a Benedictine 11th-century monk who is frequently described as an austere and holy man. He loved the study of scripture and was extremely devoted to his monastic life. But his holiness and moral clarity brought him to the attention of more than one pope and he often was called upon to settle contentious debates within the church. With great courage, Peter called the church to moral reform, confronting issues of simony (buying or selling of church jobs) and clerical abuse of power. Though he was never officially canonized, most people of his time considered him a saint and he was named a doctor of the church in 1828. Let him inspire your study and devotion today.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 9:1-13; Mark 8:27-33 (338). "You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

Friday, Feb 22, 2019

FEAST OF THE CHAIR OF PETER THE APOSTLE

The chair has the floor

For a chair to get its own feast day, it's got to be a pretty special chair. Today's is just that, because Saint Peter himself, the very first pope, sat upon it. The relic in St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City is a wooden throne, which Pope Benedict XVI described as a "symbol of the special mission of Peter and his successors to tend Christ's flock, keeping it united in faith and in charity."

Ponder that our church's leaders stand in a line going all the way back to the apostles, and pray for each one who holds this esteemed position.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Peter 5:1-4; Matthew 16:13-19 (535). "Upon this rock I will build my church."

Saturday, Feb 23, 2019

MEMORIAL OF POLYCARP, BISHOP AND MARTYR

Living memory

We can be sure that the practice of venerating the relics of saints began very early in the church. The first evidence for it comes from a letter dated around 150 A.D. concerning the martyrdom of Polycarp. The letter relates that following Polycarp's execution the Romans refused the Christians his body, deciding rather to burn it. The Christians then gathered together his bones, church fathers related, "being more precious than the most exquisite jewels, and more purified than gold." They put these bones in a place of distinction where they would gather together and revere them, especially on the anniversary of Polycarp's martyrdom. Remember the sacrifices of Christian martyrs and give yourself wholeheartedly to a life of faith.

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 11:1-7; Mark 9:2-13 (340). "They kept the matter to themselves, questioning what rising from the dead meant."



Saint Anthony Church

15 Church Street

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 17, 2019

Father Charles R. Danielson, Pastor
Deacon John P. Guarino

Bishop of Burlington: Most Rev. Christopher J. Coyne

Parish Office

Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
11:00 AM – 4:30 PM
Closed on Wednesday

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Mass Schedule

Weekend: Saturday 4:00 PM
Sunday 8:30 AM
Weekday: Monday & Friday 9:00 AM
Holy Days: Consult the parish bulletin

Rectory Chapel

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Religious Education

Coordinator: Mrs. Julie Hamilton, 295-3989, juliehamilton130@comcast.net

Sacraments

Reconciliation: Saturday from 3:15 – 3:45 PM
Baptism: Parents must come to the rectory to get the necessary forms at least one month in advance.
Marriage: Couples must contact the parish at least six months in advance.

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 16	4:00 P.M.	Elizabeth Radicioni by family
Sunday, February 17	8:30 A.M.	The People of Saint Anthony Parish
Monday, February 18	No Mass	
Friday, February 22	No Mass	
Saturday, February 23	4:00 P.M.	Dorilla LaRose by Fleury, LaRose & Kramer families
Sunday, February 24	8:30 A.M.	The People of Saint Anthony Parish



Pauline McCarthy	Nicole Pero "Aunt"
Bunny Hurst	Peter Dailey
Patrick Kendall	Richard Temple
Mike Temple	Anne Rule
Frank Klymn	Theresa Lund

Please also remember others who are in need of our prayers.

Names will be published in our bulletin for one month. If you would like to renew your prayer request after one month, please contact the parish office.

Sanctuary Lamps will burn for:

Roger & Rosanna Gillies
70th Wedding
Anniversary



Sacrificial Giving Report

To meet our expenses we need:	\$ 3,500.00
Offertory collection February 9 & 10:	\$ 4,742.00
Latin America:	\$ 710.00

**Thank You for Your Support
of Saint Anthony Church!**

Low Gluten Altar Bread: If you require a low gluten host for communion, come to the altar with the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. The celebrant will give you the consecrated low gluten host from a separate paten.

No Daily Mass: There will be no daily Mass this week on Monday, February 18 and Friday, February 22.

Haven: The most needed items this week are soup, cereal/oatmeal, black beans, canned tuna/chicken and pasta. Any non-perishable items may be left in the basket at the top of the stairs. Thank you!

St. Anthony Parish would like to welcome all those who are visiting with us this weekend.

Message from Fr. Rick:

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A bit of a departure from the usual bulletin format:

As you are all aware the Diocese of Burlington convened a Synod to both assess the current state of the Diocese and to identify the challenges we face and our response to those challenges. Three key priorities have emerged:

- 1) Evangelization
- 2) Building Vibrant Parishes
- 3) Communication

As part of realizing these priorities the Diocese is considering launching a diocesan wide Capital Campaign that will benefit both the Diocese as a whole and individual parishes Stay tuned.

As another piece of realizing the goals of the Synod the Diocese has partnered with the Catholic Leadership Institute out of Pennsylvania to conduct a Survey of Catholics in the Pews.

The survey can be taken "on line" or in person and takes about 10-15 minutes to complete. The survey should be filled out by any Catholic from high school age and up. (Not recommended for Catholics younger than high school age.) All responses will be confidential.

I as your Pastor will not be privy to individual responses. I will receive information only about the community as a whole.

The survey goes "live" (i.e. begins) Saturday, February 23rd and closes on Monday, March 25th. All paper surveys must be submitted (by the parish office) to the Catholic Leadership Institute by March 29th.

Fr. Rick

Parish Office Closed: The parish office will be closed Monday, February 18th for the holiday. The chapel will also be closed. We will open Tuesday, February 19 at 11:00 a.m.

Bazaar Results: Congratulations to all who helped with our Annual Christmas Bazaar, 2018. The results are in and show a net profit of \$18,970.58. This would not happen without the help of each and every one of you, including those who bought wreaths and all who made purchases here on bazaar weekend. Thank you.

Thank You: Thanks to all who attended the Chicken Cordon Bleu Dinner last Saturday evening to support the Knights of Columbus. We appreciate the time and effort of many people. Thanks to all who provided desserts, those who helped with publicity, those who served, set-up, clean up and especially our behind-the-scenes help. We hope that everyone enjoyed their meal!

Second Collection Next Weekend: The diocesan second collection next weekend is for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. From 1922 to 1991 the Ukrainian people lived under a repressive communist government that restricted both religious and cultural practice. The Catholic faith was illegal or restricted, so atheism grew stronger and family values deteriorated. Today the Church is working to rebuild these values. Your diocese's generosity to this collection has made it possible to create two homes for single mothers where they can live with their children. Not only have you helped these women choose life, but you also have given them the tools to create stable living and working situations for themselves and their children. For more information about the collection and who it supports visit www.usccb.org/ccee. We appreciate your generosity. **Please make checks payable to St. Anthony Church.**

Second Collection Last Weekend: Thank you for your generosity to last weekend's diocesan second collection for the Church in Latin America. Your support has helped young people in the Archdiocese of Panama build relationships with their peers throughout Latin America, and accept the challenge to grow in faith. God bless you.