

TWELTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 21, 2020

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 20th The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 am - St. John – Priest Intention
 9:00 am - 9:30 am – Confessions at St. John
 3:45 pm - 4:20 pm – Confessions at Queen of Peace
 4:30 pm - Queen of Peace – Paul Dineen by his wife & family

Sunday, June 21st Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am - 8:20 am – Confessions at St. John
 8:30 am - St. John – Virginia Fortin by the St. Anne Mortuary Fund
 10:30 am - St. Elizabeth – Mass for the people
 3:15 pm - 3:50pm – Confessions at St. John
 4:00 pm - St. John – Francis & Alice Goyette by Lorraine, Carol & Paul

Monday, June 22nd St. Paulinus & St. John Fisher

8:30 am - St. Elizabeth- In Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
 & the Immaculate Heart of Mary by Amy Marcinko

Tuesday, June 23rd

8:30 am - St. John – Healing of Catherine Bernier by her daughter

Wednesday, June 24th The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm – Holy Hour of Adoration with Confessions at St. John
 5:15pm - St. John – Intentions of Fr. Robert by St. Vincent de Paul

Thursday, June 25^h

8:30 am - St. John – Special Intention by Roger & Cynthia DeKett

Friday, June 26th

8:30am - St. Elizabeth – John Wall, Jr by his estate

Saturday, June 27th St. Cyril

8:30 am - St. John – Priest Intention
 9:00 am - 9:30 am – Confessions at St. John
 3:45 pm - 4:20 pm – Confessions at Queen of Peace
 4:30 pm - Queen of Peace – Jules & Mary Chatot by the family

Sunday, June 28th Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am - 8:20 am – Confessions at St. John
 8:30 am - St. John – Francis Quatrini by M/M Bill Young
 10:30 am - St. Elizabeth – Mass for the people
 3:15 pm - 3:50pm – Confessions at St. John
 4:00 pm - St. John – for all Souls in Purgatory by M/M Pierre Berube

Please keep our parishioners in mind who are ill & in need of your prayers, especially: Charlene Chase, Connie Lapage, Martin Fortin, George Thurston, Charlie Weis, Randy Thomas & Jerry Prevost.

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

There are now half as many daily Masses for intentions available. Please call early to schedule Masses for particular dates. Please Note: The intention for the Saturday Morning Mass is available on a week to week basis, as this Mass may need to be canceled due to funeral etc., in which case the intention would need to be rescheduled. Thank you for your understanding.

The **FORMED** program is available to everyone in our parish. To start enjoying this free gift, please visit the FORMED website:

1. Go to: nekatholic.formed.org
2. Click on REGISTER to create a personal account

PARISH EVENTS

All Parish events are cancelled until further notice.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Fiscal Year: 7/1/19-6/30/20 Budget: \$282,000 (\$6,000 needed per week)
 Reg. Collection Year-to-date: \$215,698.05+ On-Line: YTD: \$56,243

Collections and Receipts: June 4, 2020

Regular Offertory: \$5,111.05

Many thanks to those who are able to mail in their Collection Envelopes.

FUEL COLLECTION THIS WEEK.

This weekend we will be having our biannual fuel collection. We were blessed to lock in with Dead River at \$1.45 per gallon for the next heating season; your donation will go further than ever!

Please consider using the Online Giving tool for your weekly offertory donations. Visit our website at: nekatholic.com and click "Give Online" to sign up!

Leave your checkbook at home, and save the parish the expense of envelopes!

Because of the Bishop's protocols we won't be passing the basket for the offertory. Instead there will be offertory buckets in each church where you can deposit your donation either before or after Mass. Please deposit your donations into the "bucket" for both collections. Thank you for your generosity!

Corpus Christi Parish is resuming weekend Masses!

As a reminder: The obligation to attend holy Mass on Sundays remains suspended until further notice, especially if you are part of a vulnerable population and/or do not feel safe attending.

The new Mass schedule is as follows:

Saturday

4:30 pm Queen of Peace

Sunday

8:30 am St. John

10:30 am St. Elizabeth

4:00 pm St. John

Also, for those staying home, times for receiving Holy Communion outside of Mass will be offered at:

Queen of Peace on Saturday from 5:45-6pm

St. Elizabeth on Sunday from 11:45am-Noon

St. John on Sunday from 3-3:15pm

Catholics in a state of grace may receive Holy Communion, but should prepare themselves with prayer at the time of Holy Communion by making a good act of contrition and praying the Our Father with a desire to be conformed and united to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

Congratulations to those who made their First Holy Communion on June 14th:

Kirabelle Gutzmann
 Alexander (TJ) Haggett
 Madeline Heath
 Seraphina Leafe
 Liam Lovett

Please continue to pray for them as they grow in their faith.

St. Vincent de Paul

There are oftentimes when we are in need of help. If you are finding it hard to get by please call Bob Gessner 626-5400 or Patrick McWilliams 274-3542.

Congratulations to Good Shepherd Catholic School Graduation Class of 2020!

Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

On June 13, 1917 at Fátima, Portugal, Our Lady told Lúcia that she was to remain on the earth for two specific purposes: (1) she was to make Mary known and loved, and (2) Jesus wanted to establish in the world the devotion to her Immaculate Heart. Our Lady assured Lúcia: "my Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the way that will lead you to God." Thus, if we devote ourselves to her Immaculate Heart, Mary will lead us to her Son, Jesus Christ and we will be on the way to Heaven. Finally, she showed her Immaculate Heart, encircled and pierced by thorns and with flames to the three shepherd children. They understood that the Immaculate Heart of Mary is outraged by the sins of humanity and seeks reparation.

On July 13 of the same year, Our Lady told a secret to the children. This secret consists of three distinct parts, all of which are related to each other. The first part is the vision of hell. The second part is the need and urgency to establish the devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. After showing the children hell, she said: "You have seen hell where the souls of poor sinners go. To save them, God wishes to establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart." So let us not hesitate to wear the Brown Scapular as Our Lady of Mount Carmel told St. Simon Stock: "Whoever wears this scapular shall not suffer eternal flames." Also, we need to make sacrifices to convert poor sinners. Besides the vision of hell, the second part shows the urgency of devotion to her Immaculate Heart: wars, famine, persecutions of the Church and of the Holy Father. To prevent this, Our Lady made two specific requests: (1) the consecration of Russia to her Immaculate Heart, and (2) the Communion of Reparation on the First Saturdays.

June 22nd: Feast of Saint Paulinus of Nola

Paulinus was born c. 352. He married a Christian noblewoman, and he was baptized. Around 394, after some resistance from Paulinus, he was ordained a Priest on Christmas Day. His wife died sometime between 408 and 410, and shortly afterwards Paulinus received episcopal ordination. Paulinus died at Nola on June 22nd 431.

St. Gregory the Great recounts a popular story that alleges that when the Vandals raided Campania, a poor widow came to Paulinus for help when her only son had been carried off by the son-in-law of the Vandal king. Having exhausted his resources in ransoming other captives, Paulinus said, "Such as I have I give thee", and went to Africa to exchange places with the widow's son. There Paulinus was accepted in place of the widow's son, and employed as gardener. After a time the king found out that his son-in-law's slave was the great Bishop of Nola. He at once set him free, granting him also the freedom of all the captive townsmen of Nola. According to Pope Benedict XVI, "...the historical truth of this episode is disputed, but the figure of a Bishop with a great heart who knew how to make himself close to his people in the sorrowful trials of the barbarian invasions lives on."

June 24th: Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist

From a sermon by St. Augustine: The Church observes the birth of John as a hallowed event. We have no such commemoration for any other fathers; but it is significant that we celebrate the birthdays of John and of Jesus. This day cannot be passed by. And even if my explanation does not match the dignity of the feast, you may still meditate on it with great depth and profit. John was born of a woman too old for childbirth; Christ was born of a youthful virgin. The news of John's birth was met with incredulity, and his father was struck dumb. Christ's birth was believed, and he was conceived through faith. Such is the topic, as I have presented it, for our inquiry and discussion. But as I said before, if I lack either the time or the ability to study the implications of so profound a mystery, the Spirit who speaks within you even when I am not here will teach you better; it is the Spirit whom you contemplate with devotion, whom you have welcomed into your hearts, whose temples you have become. John, then, appears as the boundary between the two testaments, the old and the new. That he is a sort of boundary the Lord himself bears witness, when he speaks of "the law and the prophets up until John the Baptist." Thus he represents times past and is the herald of the new era to come. As a representative of the past, he is born of aged parents; as a herald of the new era, he is declared to be a prophet while still in his mother's womb. For when yet unborn, he leapt in his mother's womb at the arrival of blessed Mary. In that womb he had already been designated a prophet, even before he was born; it was revealed that he was to be Christ's precursor, before they ever saw one another. These are divine happenings, going beyond the limits of our human frailty. Eventually he is born, he receives his name, his father's tongue is loosened. See how these events reflect reality. Zechariah is silent and loses his voice until John, the precursor of the Lord, is born and restores his voice. The silence of Zechariah is nothing but the age of prophecy lying hidden, obscured, as it were, and concealed before the preaching of Christ. At John's arrival Zechariah's voice is released, and it becomes clear at the coming of the one who was foretold. The release of Zechariah's voice at the birth of John is a parallel to the rending of the veil at Christ's crucifixion. If John were announcing his own coming, Zechariah's lips would not have been opened. The tongue is loosened because a voice is born. When John was preaching the Lord's coming he was asked, "Who are you?" And he replied: "I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness." The voice is John, but the Lord "in the beginning was the Word." John was a voice that lasted only for a time; Christ, the Word in the beginning, is eternal.

“He who receives Communion is made holy and Divinized in soul and body in the same way that water, set over a fire, becomes boiling ... Communion works like yeast that has been mixed into dough so that it leavens the whole mass; ... Just as by melting two candles together you get one piece of wax, so, I think, one who receives the Flesh and Blood of Jesus is fused together with Him by this Communion, and the soul finds that he is in Christ and Christ is in him.”

– St. Cyril of Alexandria. His Feast Day is June 27th.