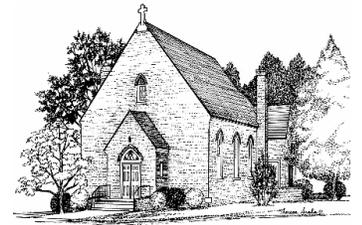




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12th Sunday of Ordinary Time June 21st, 2020

Dear friends:

Jesus spoke often about his Father. *“For the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have come to believe that I came from God. I came from the Father and have come into the world. Now I am leaving the world and going back to the Father.”* (John 16:27-28)

Especially as he is about to give his life for the salvation of all of us, on the night before He died, Jesus prayed fervently to the Father that we may be one. The unity that He prayed for is first a unity in the Faith. He prayed that the unity that is enjoyed by the Father and the Son might be shared with those who would believe in Him. Without faith in the Word of God, this unity is not achievable.

There is a natural unity that we can strive for with those who do not believe in the revealed Word of God. And we should seek to form that unity for the sake of the common good. Whether our neighbors are Catholic or not, we are encouraged by the Lord to love them and to seek their good.

But the Lord prayed for much more than that. *“I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for the ones you have given me, because they are yours, and everything of mine is yours and everything of yours is mine, and I have been glorified in them. And now I will no longer be in the world, but they are in the world, while I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are.”* (John 17:9-11)

Unity then comes from the Father. Jesus prays that the Father will “keep them” in His Name. There is a tradition in some cultures that the wife and the children adopt the father’s last name. This is a unifying principle. God the Father does not have a “last name” but when we acknowledge the paternity of God revealed by Jesus Christ, it is by the grace of the Father that we are kept in His Name. We as Christians claim God as “Our Father” as Jesus taught us to pray.

Our society is in decline in large part because fathers are no longer held to their responsibilities. Boys and men are being told to reject the traditional role of the father. This is all over our media. If traditional marriage makes a return to our culture, then our nation and society can heal.

Holy Family pray for us. Fr. Martin Flum

Offering Mass “TOWARD THE EAST”

Let us reflect on what Pope Benedict has taught about the “direction” of our prayer at Mass. He wrote, *“It seems all the more important to promote the kind of liturgical education that will enable people to participate in a proper inner manner, involving them in that movement, that direction, which is of the essence of the Eucharist.”* (Collected Works, vol. 11, p 388)

So, he is emphasizing that the liturgy, the Mass in particular, is something that we must be taught to do. What we do at Mass is not our own creation, but a participation in the life of the Trinity! There is a need for education and our Mother the Church is the Teacher of what the liturgy is, how we are to carry it out and what the purpose of our ritual is.

The Pope is saying that liturgical education will enable people to participate in a “proper inner manner”. That last statement is enlightening – the purpose to the liturgy will be accomplished if we participate in a *proper inner manner*.

This leads to the question, “Why do we go to Mass?” There are lots of reasons why people go to Mass or choose not to, but there is only one who can claim the authority to establish the purpose. The purpose of the Eucharist as Jesus instituted it is to define and inaugurate the new and eternal Covenant. The worship of the Church is led by Christ the Bridegroom.

Since the worship of God is led by Jesus Christ the God-man Himself, the Church sees that our participation will necessarily have certain characteristics which are modeled on the eternal worship taking place in heaven. And since it is led by Jesus, it is a movement that is primarily Trinitarian or divine. As Pope Benedict teaches, *“There is only one inner direction of the Eucharist, namely, from Christ in the Holy Spirit to the Father.”* (ibid.) How can this eternal timeless reality best be expressed in time and space? (Continued next week...)

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	06/20/20	5:00 PM	<i>Father’s Day Intentions</i>
Sunday	06/21/20	8:00 AM	Rebecca Brown +
Sunday	06/21/20	10:00 AM	Parishioners
Sunday	06/21/20	11:30 AM	<i>Father’s Day Intentions</i>
Monday	06/22/20	7:00 AM	Ann Proctor +
Tuesday	06/23/20	8:00 AM	Clarence “Dick” Burch +
Wednesday	06/24/20	7:00 AM	Ann Proctor +
Thursday	06/25/20	8:00 AM	Barbara Boswell +
Friday	06/26/20	7:00 AM	Ann Proctor +
Saturday	06/27/20	8:00 AM	Rev. Thomas Morrow

Spend an Hour with Jesus Challenge

Now that you have signed up for a weekly holy hour, you are committed to having at least one family member in the Church adoring Jesus for the entirety of that hour.

Here are some things to know:

- 1) Take home a "What do I do in adoration?" sheet from the back of the Church to learn about how to spend your time with Jesus in adoration.
- 2) If ever you are unable to cover your hour, ask another family member or friend to be there for you. If you are unable to find a substitute, call the parish office to let us know (a day before if possible).
- 3) **DO NOT leave Jesus alone in the Church exposed on the altar.** If your hour is done and the next adorer has not come yet, stay until they come in the Church. If no one comes and you need to leave, go to the back of the Church and call the numbers on the door signs to let us know.

May God reward you! You will be richly blessed by spending this time with the Lord, we guarantee it!

The Clothing Closet

Kathy Fisher, the stalwart leader for *The Clothing Closet* is calling for help. She recently has suffered some health issues which have curtailed her ability to guide this parish ministry. So, we are seeking new parish volunteers for when we will reopen, but we are also looking for a new interim coordinator! Contact Fr. Flum at the parish office.

Vacation Bible School NEWS

Due to the on-going public health restrictions, **ROCKY RAILWAY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** has pulled away from the station without any passengers! The train will return to the station next summer! There will be no fundraising this year.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

For those who suffer from chronic illness, especially Austin Aley, Joe Aviles, Angela Farmer, Madison Brady, Arlene Bloom, Ann Canter, Aldrin Castillo, Charlene Cardwell, Tom Cardwell, Jayne Cassella, Joyce Chambers, Thomas Chambers, David Dixon, Dorothy Dunston, Kathy Fisher, Mabel Hamilton, Florence Henderson, Amanda Hubbard, Crystal Johnson, Bernice Kirby, Marie Knobel, Wanda Langley, Betty Lindsay, Kenny Lindsay, Adam Lumpkins, John Martone II, Michael Mohun, Ralph and Regina Nasatka, Fannie Newman, Yvette Parker, Joyce Pickeral, Rev. Robert Pittman, Betty Proctor, Dawn Russo, Dee Smith, Geraldine Stewart, Willie Stewart, Stuart Children, Patricia Stuart, George Thomas, Ken Wilson, Terry Wilson and Belinda Windsor, may their crosses be joined to the Cross of Jesus.

YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS

June 21, 2020

St. Michael	Offertory Collection	\$ 6,137.00
St. Dominic	Offertory Collection	\$ 699.00

May God reward your generosity!

Prayer for Life - June 2020

Intercession - "May expectant mothers be supported by the fathers of their children in welcoming new life."

Pray: *Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be*

Reflection: "Fatherhood is first a spiritual reality, because fatherhood has its origins in God who chose to reveal Himself to us as Our Father, sending his only Son for the sake of our salvation. Fathers therefore have a special and unique role 'in revealing and in reliving on earth the very fatherhood of God' (FC 25).* Fathers have a vital, unique, and important role to play in the personal and spiritual development of their children, and in reflecting the love of God the Father himself. Fathers are called to show the world the virtues of a tender protector, while living out the virtues of humility and courage.

In all circumstances, but especially in difficult circumstances, a father needs to be encouraged to faithfully accept the role entrusted to him by God and support the mother of his child. Through our prayers and through the intercession of St. Joseph, patron of fathers, may fathers come to know the irreplaceable role they hold in the lives of their children, and the responsibility they share in welcoming God's gift of new life!"

Acts of Reparation (*Choose one.*)

- Pray a decade of the Rosary, followed by a Prayer to St. Joseph for all expectant mothers and fathers, especially those who are in difficult circumstances. May they be guided and inspired by the example of Mary and Joseph in welcoming new life.
- Choose one of your favorite foods, beverages, snacks, or treats to fast from for one day for this month's intention.
- Offer some other sacrifice or prayer that you feel called to do for this month's intention.

One Step Further - Create a spiritual bouquet of prayers for the fathers that you know, seeking the intercession of St. Joseph, patron of fathers, on Father's Day and include the intercession listed above.

THE FOOD PANTRY is always in need of staple foods such as canned tuna and chicken, canned soup, peanut butter, jelly, and spaghetti sauce. Your donations are greatly appreciated!

The daily Mass schedule has changed:

Mon/Wed/Fri - 7am

Tue/Thu/Sat - 8am