

Pastor's Corner

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

12 & 13 September 2020



We Must Forgive One Another in Exactly the Same Way that We Wish to be Forgiven. True Forgiveness Comes from the Heart.

We cannot say that we have not been warned! Can anyone honestly say that they have no need for God's mercy and forgiveness for the sins that we have committed? If the answer is an emphatic "No," then, what excuse do we have for not showing the same mercy to others? I mentioned in the Pastor's Corner last weekend that true forgiveness comes from one's heart! The measure with which we measure others will be doled back to us when it is our turn to be judged by God on Judgment Day. In other words, we will receive a dose of our own medicine! Beware!

I also mentioned that those who are Baptized become God's children through adoption into God's Family. We become adopted heirs to God's Kingdom through the Sacrament of Baptism. God the Father (our Daddy) teaches His children (us) in the exact same way that parents teach their young children. The same lesson is taught from many different angles, and in many ways, so that the young child will eventually comprehend and fully understand the lesson being taught. God's lesson, to each of us, about forgiveness is no different.

In the First Reading from the Book of Sirach, we learn that "Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight. The vengeful will suffer the LORD's (God, the Father's) vengeance, for He remembers their sins in detail. Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven." The meaning is crystal clear!

The Gospel passage from St. Matthew shows a clear example of forgetting how much our heavenly Father forgives us our sins, time after time, just because we ask Him to do so. If we receive such mercy, such compassion from God, what excuse do we have if we do not show the same mercy, the same compassion to our brothers and sisters who sin against us in some way? We would be lousy people indeed if we were to beg God to forgive us for sinning while refusing to forgive our brothers and sisters who have sinned against us! Obviously, such selfishness would and should incur God's wrath! Why? Because such an action makes the perpetrator "wicked." Beware!

In the Gospel of St. Matthew, Chapter 18 we read: "You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you? Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart." Indeed, we have been warned by God. Are we paying heed to what He says?

Prayerfully,

Fr. Ben



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

5:00 PM Mass at SJV

Peace

5:00 PM Mass at STA

+ Family & Friends of the Cokinos & Sullivan
Family / Nick & Kathy Cokinos

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

10:00AM at SJV

+ Noel Kingston / Cox Family
+ Ryan DeVito / Eileen Schmidt

10:00AM at STA

+ Patricia Hopkins / Carmela Houlihan
+ Rosemary McHugh / Pat & Joe Barile

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

7:30PM + John Zboraj, Jr. / his mom

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

8:00AM + Bill Barrett / Mary Buda

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

8:00AM + Lucia O'Meara / Pat Snouffer

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

8:00AM + Kathleen Ryan Peterson / Mary Buda

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

8:00AM + Matthew "Matt" Rugel
/ Deacon Jim & MaryLou Cammarano

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

5:00 PM Mass at SJV

Johanna Schnackenberg / her husband Lou

5:00 PM Mass at STA

+ Kathleen Ryan Peterson / Pat Snouffer

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

10:00AM at SJV

+ Charlene Barbagallo / Joann, Jay & Tonjano & Family
+ Special Intention / Skip & Judy Diller

10:00AM at STA

+ Rosemary McHugh / Pat Snouffer
+ Carol Honthumb / Bill & Donna Feuss

THANK YOU!

We ask for your help and as always your generosity is awe inspiring.

We thank everyone who has responded to Catholic Charities Hope House desperate need of the paper goods and household items, e.g. paper towels, toilet tissue, facial tissue, dish detergent and laundry detergent.

We are asking anyone that is able to give at least one item to do so. Any donation of any kind is always gratefully welcomed.

If you would like to drop off items for Hope House: *Just drop off them off at the STA Rectory Door under the overhang.* In order to ensure that social distancing is observed for both you, Fathers Ben & Dawid, you do not have to ring the door bell as the front Rectory door is checked throughout the day. The food doesn't stay there for long!

R.C.I.A (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS): There will be a course of instruction/discussion this fall, covering the fundamentals of the Catholic faith as revealed through Scripture, Sacred Tradition, and Authority. This course is ideal for those: Who are thinking of joining the Catholic Church. Non-Catholics married to or about to be married to a Catholic. Who are Catholics and have not completed all their sacraments.



Please email Gerry Geary gerryrcia@aol.com to learn more.



Saint Thomas the Apostle **WE NEED USHERS / GREETERS and CHURCH PREPARATION**

Several of our long time faithful ushers have decided to retire, or are taking a "sabbatical" due to age/health during COVID-19.

We need you! There are no collections and no contact. All that is required is walking people to their assigned seats, and then directing people getting up to receive Communion or leaving Mass.

We need you! We need people to spray down the pews after Mass. All we need is about 15 minutes of your time and your ability to use a spray bottle.

SAINT JOHN VIANNEY

08/30/2020: \$2,681.00 22nd Sunday in OT

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 09/06/2020

27 Envelopes:	\$ 917.00
4 Loose Checks:	\$ 395.00
Loose Cash:	\$ 30.00
<u>20 Online Giving:</u>	<u>\$ 800.00</u>
Total	\$2,142.00

Last Year: \$2,618.00 - 23rd Sunday in OT

SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE

08/30/2020: \$6,977.00 22nd Sunday in OT

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 09/06/2020

66 Envelopes:	\$4,357.00
27 Loose Checks:	\$3,106.00
Loose Cash:	\$ 95.00
<u>43 Online Giving:</u>	<u>\$2,265.00</u>
Total	\$9,823.00

Last Year: \$7,530.00 - 23rd Sunday in OT



Lord God almighty,
 bless our grandparents with long life, happiness, and health.
 May they remain constant in your love
 and be living signs of your presence
 to their children and grandchildren.
 We ask this through Christ our Lord.
 Amen

A Grandparent is one who strengthens you with prayer, blesses you with love and encourages you with hope.

In 1969, nine-year-old Russell Capper sent President Nixon a letter suggesting that a day should be set aside in order to celebrate grandparents. On June 12, 1969, he received a letter back from Rose Mary Woods — Personal Secretary to the President — reading, “Dear Russell, Thank you for your letter to President Nixon. Your suggestion regarding a Grandparent’s Day is appreciated, but the President ordinarily issues proclamations designating periods for special observance only when a Congressional resolution authorizes him to do so. With best wishes, Sincerely, Rose Mary Woods Personal Secretary to the President.”

Following this letter, Marian McQuade was recognized nationally by the U.S. Senate and by President Jimmy Carter as the founder of National Grandparents Day. McQuade wanted to educate the youth about the importance of seniors and the contributions they have made throughout history. She urged the youth to “adopt” a grandparent and learn more about their lives, challenges, and desires for the future.

In 1977, Senator Randolph, with the help of other senators, introduced a joint resolution to the senate requesting the president to “issue annually a proclamation designating the first Sunday of September after Labor Day of each year as ‘National Grandparents’ Day’.” Congress passed the legislation, proclaiming the first Sunday after Labor Day as National Grandparent’s Day. On August 3, 1978, Jimmy Carter signed the proclamation, and the day was finally celebrated the following year.



**1-8 GRADES RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
UPDATE**

An email has gone out from Debbie Wickham, D.R.E. About the 2020/0021 program. If you have not received an email you can go on our website www.ststthomasjohn.org to read the email.

Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

- Monday:** Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
- Tuesday:** 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
- Wednesday:** 1 Cor 12:31—13:13; Lk 7:31-35
- Thursday:** 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 7:36-50
- Friday:** 1 Cor 15:12-20; Lk 8:1-3
- Saturday:** 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Lk 8:4-15



**"TO EVERYTHING
THERE IS A SEASON"
A TIME TO BE
HEALED**

Prayers for the sick: Brennan McCoy, Kathy Brennen, Aaron Alonzo, Sal D 'Arco, Kevin Wickert, Fumiko Lutz, Patricia Carapola, Courtney Sanchelli, Danny Scillieri, Gail Brennan, Rich Day, Richard Lavelle, Marion Coleson, Chris Osborne, Rose Kelly, Stephen Vecchiotti, Vincent Ottani, Ernie Sudo, Penny Sorokach (nursing home), Brandon Wozniak, Darlene Kolakovic, Fr. Dan Kelly, Fr. Joseph Farias, Helen Turosky, Joey Dyl, Don King, Kenny Miscisak, Emily Fleming, Emily Schmidt, Ethan Rodriguez, Carol, Mary Swerzenski (nursing home), Deacon Milt, Jessica Taylor, Tim Lambert, Nancy, Hazel Voiner, Tony Bonfiglio, Lynn Snouffer, Sebastian Drelick, Bill Horowitz, Frank Weber, Nick Dewar, John Ferreri, and Carole DeCepoli.

A TIME TO MOURN

Prayers for the deceased: Louise M. Addotta, William E. Williams, Charles Stoveken, Jesse Bisbal, Luigi Russo, Nereida Addotta, Andrew Dolinich, Betty Klein, Joe Endlicher, George Christ, Mildred Einreinhofer, Devon Carbery, Joseph Florio, Fr. Thomas Rainforth, Ralph Albano, Sr., Cveta Szugzdo, James Ford, Carol Perrucci, Jean Farrell, Mary Anne Allender, Jason Free, Joyce Kerr, Mary Strangia, Jean Farrell, Don Ciuppa, Msgr. Brendan Madden, Raymond Angelucci, Stephanie Perrotta, James France III, Louise Anne Sincaglia and Rose Schilacci, Dolores Daly, Nancy Barbieri, Rich McLeod, Marlene Blahut, Rev. Stanley Kostrzomb and Phyllis Bonfiglio, Beverly Bierbaum, Louis "Louie" Panetta, Jack Van Antwerp Raymond Hirsch, Francis Marinello, Bill Barrett, Lawrence (Lorenzo) Guarino, Lester King, Mary Dick, Rick Baxter, Charles & Elizabeth Mylod, Richard Bay, Msgr. Charles Cassidy, former pastor of Our Lady of the Lake, Sparta, Magdealena Szieber, Eileen & William Carbery, Martin Addison, Carmela Mediterro, Theresa Marie Wickham, Herb Fisher, Matthew Cusa, Gladys Kot, Rev. Richard Colgan, C.S.P., Patricia Hopkins, Rosemary McHugh, Patrick P. Marttine, John Koslowski, Father Hugh Murphy, Kathleen Peterson, Matthew (Matt) Rugel, Ralph Agovino, Frank Murphy and Elizabeth Marren, Rev. William Cantwell, C.S.P. and George Damerel.

A TIME FOR PEACE

We pray for those in our parish who are currently serving in the armed forces especially: PFC Jonathan Cuervo, USMC, PFC Anthony Imperato, USMC, Michael Guarino, US Army, Cpl Sebastian Geary, USMC, USAF, Airman James Perez, Sgt. Antoino Lettizia, USMC, OSSN(SW) Anthony S. Gambuti, US Navy, Lance Cpl Ryan Leyden, USMC, USAF Airman Matthew Cannarozzi, 2nd Lt. Andrew Verdes, Haley Kerrison Lt1, Army, Clara Shurtless, USMC.

In honor of the Military serving our country at home and abroad, we invite you to recite three (3) Hail Mary's for their safety.

BAPTISM



Baptisms are held at both parishes. To ensure compliance to the mandated social distancing guidelines, no more than two Baptisms will be allowed during each Mass. You will also have to sign up in advance just like parishioners already do for Saturday Vigil and Sunday Mass.

If you wish to participate in a Saturday 1pm Baptism, no more than two Baptisms will be allowed at each 1pm Baptism Service. A grand total of 24 people maximum will be allowed in the Church for the 1pm Saturday Baptism Service, including the people to be Baptized, the parents and the godparents.

Just as we do for Sunday Mass, each participant must notify the office, in advance, in order to attend the 1pm Saturday Baptism Service in either parish.

CONFESSIONS

Confessions by appointment only. Confessions will take place in the church sanctuary. Masks and Social Distancing will be enforced.

MARRIAGES

Prior to your booking of the reception, please call the Parish Office 1 year in advance of the wedding date to allow for proper pre-marital preparation.



Knights of Columbus ~ Council Meetings

St. John Vianney Council #12649

meets at Saint John Vianney Church Hall the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month.

Joseph Lamb Council #5510

meets on the 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month at Wiegand Farm – Department for Persons with Disabilities' meeting room. Both meetings start at 7:30 p.m.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Saint John Vianney/Saint Thomas the Apostle
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PARISH MEMBERSHIP: A parishioner is one who belongs to the parish family. As such, he/she is registered and is committed through participation in the life of the parish. Marriages to be administered and Sponsor Certificates, recommendations, etc. to be issued by the office, the person requesting such must be registered and an active member of Saint John Vianney Parish or Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish community. We request that you register at the rectory when you move into our community so that we may be of service to you.