

## From the Pastor

## Dear Parishioners,

Last weekend I announced that Bishop Persico has appointed me the pastor of St. Anthony Parish, while remaining the pastor of St. Joseph Parish. As you may remember, St. Anthony Parish was previously sharing a pastor with Our Lady of Fatima Parish. Last year, their pastor, Father Matthew Ruyechan, who had been in poor health, died. Since Bishop Persico did not have a priest to replace him, Father Glenn Whitman was named administrator of both of those churches, while remaining pastor of Good Shepherd Church in West Middlesex. Now, I will be responsible for St. Anthony's Parish and Father Glenn will still be responsible for Our Lady of Fatima Parish. I am blessed that a certain retired priest who lives in our area, Father John Hindman, has been helping out at St. Anthony's Parish and wishes to continue to do so.

Bishop Persico would like this transition to eventually lead to cooperation between parish offices and a change in Mass times so that one priest would be able to cover both churches. There is no urgency, though, for these things to happen immediately. Right now, St. Anthony's only has a 10:30 AM Sunday Mass. This overlaps with our 11:00 AM Sunday Mass. It is my plan for me and Father Hindman to alternate who has which of these Masses.

While this is a bit more work for me to do, I am excited for the opportunity to collaborate with the people of St. Anthony's Parish. Please keep me in your prayers during this time of transition.

My announcement was not the only announcement that was made in our diocese this weekend. In fact, 23 different priests were affected by this latest round of changes. Among those changes was one affecting Notre Dame Parish in Hermitage and St. Bartholomew Parish in Sharpsville. Father Richard Allen, the pastor of those two parishes, is being moved to St. Joseph Parish in Oil City. Meanwhile, the current pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Oil City, Father John Miller, is going to become the pastor of Notre Dame and St. Bart's.

In Christ, Fr. Power



**June 14**. If you do not have online access or need assistance to block off your dates, please call the church office at 724-981-3232.

St. Joseph Church is looking for a new maintenance/ custodial person. Position is part time in the mornings. Inquire by calling Fr. James at 724-981-3232. Featured Item of the Week

"Boxed Potatoes"

Please place your donation in the shopping cart located in the Gathering Space or at the Clepper's entrance.

## **Upcoming Featured Items**

Mac-N-Cheese \* Pasta and Sauce \* Canned Fruit

For qualified individuals, upcoming June Food Pantry distribution dates are Friday, June 7th and 21st from 9:30-11:00 A.M.



Altar flowers are donated in thanksgiving to God and in memory of Deceased Members of the Parish

**2025 Mass Intentions:** The 2025 calendar for Mass Intentions will open June 3. Mass Intentions are on a first come-first serve basis along with a customary \$10 stipend. Mass intentions must be accompanied with the stipend at the time of scheduling. Please stop in the office Monday -Thursday between 9:00 am and Noon or call the office at 724-981-3232 to make other arrangements.

WEEKEND COLLECTION-May 28, 2024
Number of Adult envelopes sent 611
Number of Adult envelopes used <u>149</u>
Number of <u>unused</u> envelopes
Sunday Offertory\$ 6,623
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Father's Day is Sunday, June 16. The Father's Day Spiritual Bouquet card sets are in this week's bulletin.

To make the bulletin publication, we ask you to please, print clearly on the outer envelope and return it by Sunday, June 9.

You may return your envelope by either placing in the collection basket at Mass or dropping it off in the white mailbox outside the office door at any time. **PLEASE PRAY FOR**: Ford Bartle, Liam Rueberger, Peggy Heldorfer, Gene Pacsi, William Haroldson, Helen Donnelly, Msgr. Andrew Karg, Lois Trimble, Adele Ontko, Delbert Ontko, Beth Bottenfield, Rich Pannutti, Ed Doughty, Jean Hetrick, Barbara Burdick, Frances Rice, Marie Peterson, Ed Gursky Sr., Ed Gursky Jr., Joe Biro, Chuck H., Mary Ellen Luensman, Lorraine Penhos, Walter Zuhosky, Loretta Krutsch, Chris Samu, Lisa Dawson and Barbara LeMon.

Parenting Pointers

As summer vacation time comes, outdoor activities usually increase – but there are also rainy days. Be prepared with quiet reading areas and interesting child friend-

ly books, art & craft possibilities so they don't just revert to the TV or their phone.

One gets the impression there was always a lot of sharing, discussion and learning during the many meals Jesus and the disciples ate together. How does this compare to the meals in your home? Today's gospel challenges us to make our meals more than physical functions and more a time for sharing.



Mass Schedule for Weekend of June 8/9					
June 8/9	SATURDAY 5:15 pm	SUNDAY 8:30 am	SUNDAY 11:00 am		
Lector	J. Necastro	D. Rubano	G. Beshero		
Eucharistic Minister	C. Necastro	J. McLaughlin	V. Mulligan		
Altar Servers	D. Eller Volunteer	S. Schupp A. Jordan	C. Joseph C. McKnight		
Greeter Gathering Space	R. & S. Axtell	Volunteer	F. Giroski		



Monday, June 3-2 Pt 1: 2-7 / Mk 12: 1-12 +8:00 Joseph Hayden (Family)

\*6:30 Liturgy Meeting-choir room

<u>Tuesday, June 4</u>-2 Pt 3: 12-15a, 17-18 / Mk 12: 13-17 +8:00 Melanie Giordano (Mom and Dad)

Wednesday, June 5-2 Tm 1: 1-3, 6-12 / Mk 12: 18-27 +12:10 Doris DeForest (Dorothy Ogg and Family)

Thursday, June 6 - 2 Tm 2: 8-15 / Mt 12: 28-34 +8:00 Bill Collins (Pat Lasche Family)

Friday, June 7-Hos 11: 1, 3-4, 8c-9 / Eph 3: 8-12, 14-19 . Jn 19: 31-37 +8:00 Patrick McClimans (Mum)

Saturday, June 8-Gn 3: 9-15/2 Cor 4: 13-15: 1/Mk 3: 20-35 TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME +5:15 Irene May (Mary Ann Hennessy)

Sunday, June 9-Gn 3: 9-15/2 Cor 4: 13-15: 1/Mk 3: 20-35 TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME +8:30 Jean Hetrick (Jim & Ruthanne Black) +11:00 All Living Members of the Parish

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