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**ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JUNE 14 2015**

What's Happening?

Today
Second Collection
Clothing Collection

Next Sunday
Second Collection
Clothing Collection

Coming Up
Bereavement Mtg., June 24

Every Sunday
Pound A Week

Bereavement Meeting

The next Bereavement meeting is Wed., June 24 at 10 am in Nautilus Diner, in Madison.

Wanted: Sales Person

We are looking at a new communications venture to be funded with advertising. We are looking for one or two sales interested people to seek ads from local advertisers. Compensation by commission based stipend. Contact the parish office.

Sustainability Conference

STM has joined other churches, committed to assist neighbors should our area experience natural or other disasters. Consider joining this effort. Atlantic Health is sponsoring a conference at St. E's, October 21-22 with a wide variety of topics related to empowering adaptable communities and learning tangible skills we can apply in this work. Anyone interested should contact the parish office. Info: atlantichealth.org/adaptablecommunities.

Special Collections Next Two Weeks

Bishop Serratelli has asked parishioners to contribute to a special collection next week in support of education of the diocese's 47 seminarians.

There is a combined special collection the following weekend for the Church in Latin America and Catholic Relief Services. Monies will help evangelization efforts for the poor in Latino countries and support the work of CRS, offering humanitarian aid to people of developing countries and victims of war and natural disasters.

Apostleship of Prayer

The Apostleship of Prayer is a network of believers who pray daily with the pope for the mission of the church around the world, as apostles invited to collaborate with Christ in his mission of compassion in the world. This month the Universal Prayer is for immigrants and refugees, that they may find welcome and respect in the countries to which they come; and for vocations, that the personal encounter with Jesus may arouse in young people the desire to offer their own lives in ministry



WELCOME

To all our visitors this weekend



The prayer of faith will save the sick.
James 5:15

Please remember the sick and homebound of our Parish.

We are all called to prayer. As a faith community, let us keep in mind all those who have asked us to pray for them, that they may experience the healing power of our gracious God

Peter An, Elaine Bellock, Eric Braham, Pat Brennan, Maureen Brodeur, Jim Cavanaugh, Cheryl, Dan Doyle, Frank Falcone, Joe & Peg Farrell, Mary Finlay, John Flaherty, Hayley Kuhn, Maria Ludwig, Joseph Montgomery, Adalcina Antao Moreira, Fr. Charles Parr, Michael Papalos, John Pra, Christopher Raiola, Tom Warren, Diane Zadrozny.

If you know someone whose name should be removed, please keep us informed. To add a name, please fill out a form on the desk in the church vestibule or in the rectory.

< KID'S KORNER >
Gospel Today
Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mark 4:26-34
Cycle B

Like seeds planted in good soil, the Word of God grows quietly and powerfully in the hearts of His people.

It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade.

Mark 4:31-32

BIBLE WORD SEARCH Find all the words... left, right, up, down or diagonally.

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PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK'S LITURGY

Twelfth Sunday of the Year

First Reading: Job 38:1-11

The book of Job is a long parable which grapples with the question of why bad things happen to good people. In today's passage, God responds to Job and in effect says, "I created and I sustain the whole universe, including the mighty oceans. So answers to questions like why people suffer are beyond your limited knowledge."

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:14-17

Some members of the Corinthian community found it hard to accept Paul's teachings. They challenged his credentials as an apostle because he was not an eyewitness to the earthly life of Jesus. In this passage, Paul defends his ministry as an apostle.



Parish on a Journey

World Meeting of Families

Plans are underway for Pope Francis's visit to the area and the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia this fall. At its best, the family is a school of love, justice, compassion, forgiveness, mutual respect, patience, and humility even in the midst of conflict. In these ways, the family teaches what it means to be human. The following official prayer for the World Meeting of Families is offered to us to pray for all families, our own and others.

**God and Father of us all,
in Jesus, your Son and our Savior,
you have made us
your sons and daughters
in the family of the Church.
May your grace and love
help our families
in every part of the world
be united to one another
in fidelity to the Gospel.
May the example of the Holy Family,
with the aid of your Holy Spirit,
guide all families, especially those most troubled,
to be homes of communion and prayer
and to always seek your truth
and live in your love.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

God's Grace is Young Enough

For the Young and Young At Heart
Readings for this Sunday

Ezekiel 17:22-24; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10; Mark 4:26-34

Sprouting Seeds

Suggested Reflection Questions

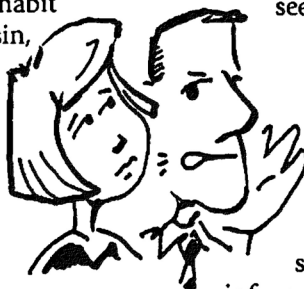
- How is the seed of your own faith life doing? Is it taking root? Is it flourishing? Does it need something to help it along (more water, shade, sun, etc.) What are you doing to nurture it?
- Read the psalm again and this time focus on the words that convey strength and vitality. What words did you choose? Take one word and discuss how it applies to your faith life right now.
- Ultimately, the growth of the seed (and of us) is in God's hands alone, though we may act as gardeners for God. Who in your life has tended the seed of your soul? Have you served as a gardener for someone?
- The second reading talks about being courageous. What does it mean to be courageous as a Christian in today's world?

Even nice people gossip

"Guess what I heard?" While this invitation to share may seem like innocent fun, it can precede the harmful habit of gossip. The Church has different names for this sin, including calumny and detraction.

Gossip comes in different forms. Every person has the right to a good name and reputation. Calumny occurs when another's reputation is damaged through lies, while detraction is someone revealing the hidden faults of another without an objectively good reason.

Gossiping doesn't just hurt the victim. Pope



Francis recently said "...At the beginning, (Gossip) seems to be something enjoyable and fun, like a piece of candy. But at the end, it fills the heart with bitterness and also poisons us." Spreading negativity about others drags us down as well as those about whom we snipe.

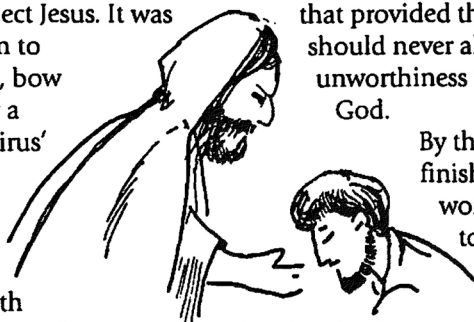
Fight the Good Fight. While the damage gossip causes can't be undone, we can curb the habit by asking one simple question before we speak: "What will I accomplish by sharing this information?" If the answer is "no good," don't.

from **Scripture**

Mark 5:21-43, Faith in action.

As the leader of the local synagogue, Jairus was probably pressured by the Pharisees to avoid or reject Jesus. It was a courageous act for him to publicly approach Jesus, bow before him, and beg for a cure for his daughter. Jairus' faith in Jesus was that strong.

On the way to Jairus' home, Jesus was delayed by a woman with a serious hemorrhage. According to Jewish law, her constant bleeding would have excluded her from most social contact. She thought Jesus wouldn't want to touch her and secretly grabbed his cloak believing that any contact would



cure her. In fact, she was cured, but Jesus told her that it was her faith that provided the cure. We should never allow fear of our unworthiness to keep us from God.

By the time Jesus finished with the woman, Jairus was told of his daughter's death. Jesus

simply said, "Do not be afraid; just have faith" (Mark 5:36), and Jairus' great faith was rewarded. No matter how desperate your situation may appear, trust Jesus to help. Even death is under his control.

Q & A

Is it possible to accidentally commit a mortal sin?

No. For a sin to be considered mortal, three conditions must be met: "Mortal sin is sin whose object is grave matter and which is also committed with full knowledge and deliberate consent"



(Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), #1857).

Grave matter means that it must directly conflict with the Ten Commandments. While all forms of sin are bad, the severity of the misdeeds committed, as well as how strongly they harm ourselves and others, decide whether the sin is mortal or not.

If the offense being committed is indeed grave, the perpetrator must be fully aware that the actions involved are sinful. Finally, knowing that the action is grave, the person must willingly choose to commit the sin of his or her own free will. These last two conditions make it impossible to sin by accident.

By using this knowledge, we can avoid actions that separate us from God.

Feasts & Celebrations

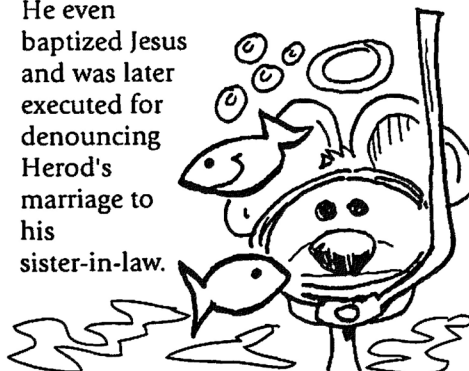
June 12 - Sacred Heart of Jesus. The image of Jesus with his heart exposed in unquenchable flame is a reminder of his intense and eternal love for us.

June 13 - Immaculate Heart of Mary. In response to a request by Our Lady of Fatima, Pope Pius XII consecrated the world to Mary's gentle and devout Immaculate Heart in 1942, and initiated this feast in 1945.

June 21 - St. Aloysius Gonzaga (1591). St. Aloysius prayed vigorously and fasted from age 7. Upon joining the Society of Jesus, he was ordered to cut back in order to study and spend

time with the other students. He died while nursing the sick.

June 24 - Nativity of St. John the Baptist. The only saint whose birth and death we observe, St. John was Jesus' cousin. He baptized and prepared the people for Jesus' coming. He even baptized Jesus and was later executed for denouncing Herod's marriage to his sister-in-law.



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We are glad you decided to celebrate with our Parish Family. If you have recently moved into the parish and would like to register as a parishioner, please take a parish membership form at the entrances of the church or email and we will send you a form. Hopefully we can set up an appointment to meet one another. Or you may call the parish office at 973-267-5330.

Whether you are new or a veteran, consider joining or helping in the various areas of parish life. Call the office. Interested in something you don't see, don't be shy, talk to Fr. Joe.

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Visit of Eucharist at Home. Communion may be brought to the home of any person permanently or temporarily homebound. For the confined, elderly and/or shut-in at home or in the hospital, our parish ministers make calls to homes and hospitals. Fill out the form below..

Moving In or Out? If you are relocating either in or out of the parish area please take a moment to help keep our records current. Contact the parish office or drop a note into the collection basket.



Daily Eucharists & Remembrances

Word of God this Week

Set time aside each day this week, with other members of your household, friends, other members of the parish or alone to listen to and reflect on the living Word of God. These passages from the Lectionary are assigned for Liturgy this week. Reflect on how the Lord is inviting you to a deeper union with him.

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 5:00 p.m John Carlin
- 9:00 a.m Linda Barrett, June DeSena, Thomas & Mary Applin
- 11:00 a.m Robert Maloney
- 7:00 p.m Joe Rooney, Frank Depkovich

Monday-2 Cor 6:1-10; Mt 5:38-42

John Zadrozny

Tuesday-2 Cor 8:1-9; Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday-2 Cor 3:4-11; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday-2 Cor 11:1-11; Mt 6:7-15

Friday-2 Cor 11:18-30; Mt 6:19-23

Saturday-2 Cor 12:1-10; Mt 6:24-34

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deceased and Living Men of the Parish

Stewardship of Treasure

Last Week's Collection: \$ 4840

May Online Donations: \$ 1565

Please sign up for electronic giving. Regularly scheduled donations through electronic giving help us budget better, and it provides donors with accurate records of their payments. Visit stthommore.weshare-online.org today to sign up for automatic donations and schedule your regular parish donations. It's that simple. If you need help, call the parish office. Thank you for your continued generosity!

Caring for the Sick

Morristown Hospital needs Extraordinary Ministers and Pastoral Visitors to assist in its ministry to the sick. Info: Sr. Jo Mascera, SSC, 973-971-5913.

Are you Registered?

Our parish invites all to participate fully in our spiritual and social life. Households wishing to join are asked to register as "official" members. Forms are in the vestibule and parish office. If you would like a form sent to you or you're not sure if you're registered, call the office or email info@stmnj.org.

Why register? For yourself to receive pertinent information; for us, so we can plan accordingly.

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Other times & days, call to see if office is open.

Sunday Eucharist:

Saturday 5 pm; Sunday, 9 am, 11 am, 7 pm

Weekday Eucharist: Monday - Saturday: 8:15 am

Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30 pm or by appt.

Holy Days - 8:15 am, 12:10, 7:00 pm

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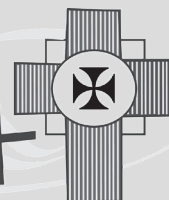
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