

Sunday, June 27, 2021 – Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Goal: As a community may we seek to be of one heart and one mind, to know, love and serve our Lord by Letting His love and light shine through each of us.

From the Cluttered Desk and Mind of Deacon Bob

Blessings to everyone here at St. John the Evangelist Church in Centerville-Saugerties. And welcome to the Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

The Book of Wisdom, which the first reading comes from, is an interesting book. It is in the middle of the Old Testament but was actually written only about one hundred years before Christ. It was written by an unknown author who was both very devout and very learned in Jewish history and teaching. His purpose in writing was to encourage the Jewish people to remain faithful to the teaching of the prophets and of the Law. He warns them against giving in to the world around them and forgetting what God has told them and promised them. Knowing that it was only one hundred years before Christ, it gives a better understanding of the world that Christ was coming into, and also that there were still people looking for the Messiah to come soon.

It also leads right into the second reading from Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians. Paul talks about the "gracious act" of Jesus, giving up His glory in heaven to come down to save us from our sin and our poverty of faith. He reminds them of what God has done for us, and encourages the people to show their love, care, and concern for others by giving of what they have to show their love for their brothers in Christ.

The Gospel today follows shortly after last week's Gospel, the storm at sea. When the boat arrived on the other shore last week, there was the possessed man, and Jesus sent the demons into the swine, who all then died. Then He gets back into the boat and comes back to where He was last week, and the people are still there waiting for Him. Jesus is approached to save a man's dying daughter, and He doesn't hesitate, but goes immediately to help. Along the way, He heals a woman of bleeding, without even intending to. But the woman's faith heals her. Because she believes in Jesus, His power, and that He is the Son of God, she is healed, just as Jairus' daughter is raised back to life. One by an intentional act, the other by the fact of a person believing that Jesus could help her.

Sometimes, we get too caught up in what's happening in our lives, too busy with this world, to remember that Jesus is always here with us, and, like the woman, He will heal us and care for us even when we think our issue or problem is too small to bring to Jesus. We are always important to Jesus, and He wants to come to Him with our struggles, our worries, our doubts, and ask for His help. If we believe that He is here for us, and that He can help us, and trust in Him, He will help us, maybe not by solving whatever problem we have right then, but by giving us the reminder that He is here for us, waiting for us to ask for His help and His presence in our lives. Take the time to turn to Him in prayer and ask for His help.

God bless you.

RESERVED MASSES:

Sat 6/26	5:30p.m.	Henry O'Bryan <i>Req. by family</i>
Sat 7/3	5:30 p.m.	Helen Krzywonos <i>Req. by Kevin Liston, Jr.</i>

COMMUNION SERVICES:

St. John's has a Communion Service every Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday at 8:30 AM. All are welcome. Morning Prayer is prayed immediately before the service at 8:15 AM. Please come.

Please call 845-217-3333 to reach Alison at the Parish Office or for Religious Education. To reach Fr. Chris in an EMERGENCY, please call 845-246-4913.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Assisting Fr. Chris this week will be JoAnn Tretutler. Next week, it will be Deacon Bob.

LECTOR

The lector this week is Mike Zollo. Next week, it will be TBD.

ATTENDANCE

Last week, we had 51 people at 5:30 mass.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

This sacrament is one of the seven sacraments. As St. James says in his Letter, "If someone is sick, let him call the priest to pray over him and to anoint him with oil." If you or anyone you know would like to receive the Anointing of the Sick, please let Deacon Bob know, and he will arrange a priest to come and anoint them and pray over them. Call him at 845-706-1035.

SAINT ANN NOVENA

Saint Ann's Church, Sawkill, is having a return of their Novena from Sunday July 18th through Monday July 26th, ending with a Mass for the Feast of Saint Ann on the 26th. All these will be held at 7PM. This year's Novena will be to give thanks for all of us who made it through the year and to pray for the special intentions of those who are sick or have died.

CONTACTING MISSING PARISHIONERS

I'm sure you are aware that many people have not returned to church after the shutdown because of COVID. I would like to try and reach out to those who are not here, and see if they need assistance, encouragement, or support. Please try to remember who used to sit next to you, on either side, in front or in back of you, and give me, Deacon Bob, their names. With the help of other parishioners, I would like to contact them, by phone or by mail, and let them know they are missed, they are cared about, and see if there is anything we as a parish can do for them. Thank you for your help with this.

SECOND COLLECTION JULY 4TH

Each year the Archdiocesan Office for The Society for the Propagation of the Faith sponsors the Missionary Cooperative Plan. This year, the Covid-19 Pandemic is still affecting the Missionary Cooperative Plans' traditional way of interacting. There will not be a speaker on the weekend of July 4th for the Missionary Cooperative Plan, however, the Second Collection on July 4th weekend will be in support of the Propagation of the Faith.

Pope Francis reminds us of the many challenges missionaries face daily which we might take for granted. The second collection on the weekend of July 4th will be sent to the Propagation of the Faith Office to support the needs of mission Dioceses and Religious Communities. Evangelization is at the heart of the Church's mission throughout the world, and we ask that you be as generous as your means allows in the second collection.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY, DEACON BOB!

Deacon Bob celebrates his 5th anniversary to the permanent diaconate today. Thank you for all you do, and may God continue to bless you in your ministry!

COMMUNION CALLS

If you or someone you know would like to receive Communion at home, either because of illness or infirmity, or because they don't feel safe in church, please call me, Deacon Bob, and I will arrange for someone to come and bring Communion to them or to you. Call me at 845-706-1035. I have been contacted by a couple of people who would like to receive Communion. I do not have the time to do this. If anyone is willing to bring Communion regularly to people or couples at their homes, please contact me, Deacon Bob, at 845-706-1035, and I will give you the details. If you are considering becoming an extraordinary minister of the Eucharist, please contact me. There is some instruction that is needed which I will be glad to provide. I had the joy of instructing two people a few weeks as ministers of Holy Communion at home. It is a most rewarding experience.

FOOD PANTRY ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

The Food Pantry is open on the First Saturday of every month between 10am – noon.

If you might be interested in helping with this corporal work of mercy, please let Gabby Baker know. She can be reached at g.baker1@ppcsd.org.

SUMMER CAMP at SMSJ Early Learning Center

July 5-August 20, 2021

Looking for a safe and secure environment where your child can have fun? Come join us for the summer at SMSJ! Offering age-appropriate activities including daily academics, crafts, cooking, tie dying, jewelry making, outdoor sports and more as well as an onsite playground, gymnasium and our very own Children's Garden! All rooms including gym is air conditioned to keep your child cool on hot days!

Create your own schedule; days and times are yours to choose! Open Monday - Friday from 7AM-6PM. FMI: Call 845-389-4568 or email us at:

SMSJlearningcenter@gmail.com.



YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

Vincent Saturn, Gene Woodruff, Jane Fiore, Peter Kandora, John Lynch, Nancy Dwyer, Claire Miller, "Smokey" Woods, Zac Swart, Ann Deacon, Debbie Lieberman, MaryLou Dengler, Anne Monfrini, Joan O'Leary, Dan Kelly, Richard Teitter, Ann Nelson, Vinnie & Hilda McDermott, Loretta Beisel, Joanne Sussman, Brittney Ruskie, Thomas Houlihan Sr., Frankie Cullen, Walter Johnson, Charles Bowls, Joe Font, Debbie Volkle, Mike Leung, Pam Murphy, Debra Trees, Fred Belfance, John Bechtold, Paul Donlon, Olivia Trees, Joe Nista, Carol Loesch, Bruce Meservey, Mark Moore, Richard Evans

To place or remove name from sick list, please call 217-3333