



SAINT ANNE PARISH

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We welcome all visitors to St. Anne Parish.
If you would like to join our faith
community, please call the Parish Office to
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*Would you like to receive a copy of the
bulletin via email every week?*

*Please send an email to:
stanne403@stannesouthborough.org with "St.
Anne Bulletin List" in the subject line.*



Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 13, 2021

*"For we must all appear before
the judgment seat of Christ, so
that each one may receive
recompense, according to what
he did in the body, whether
good or evil."
(2 Corinthians 5:10)*

We are all accountable for all of
the gifts God has given us – our
time, our talent and our treasure;
everything we have and everything
we are.

Each of us is accountable not only
for our own life, but for the lives of
others as well.

One day God will ask each of us
what did we do with the gifts we
were given.

How will you respond?

Lord's Day Mass Schedule:

Saturday ~ 5:00 pm
Sunday ~ 8:30 am and 10:30 am
No Sunday Evening Mass during
the summer.

Children's Liturgy of the Word will
resume in the fall.

Daily Mass Schedule:

Week Day Mass

Monday-Thursday: 9:00 am
First Fridays and Fridays in Lent:
9:00 am

Healing Mass:

First Wednesday of every month at
7:00 p.m.

**Please see Reopening Guidelines in
the ONLINE bulletin for protocols
for Sacraments.**

Confessions:

Saturday ~ 4:15 pm,
First Wednesday of each month ~
6:30 - 7:00 p.m.,
or anytime on request

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Wednesdays: 9:30 am to 6:00 pm

Sacrament of Baptism

Call the Parish Office to schedule a
Baptism. For the time being,
baptisms are will be celebrated
outside of Masses, rather than
during a scheduled Mass.

Sacrament of Marriage

Arrangements with a priest required
at least one year prior to the
wedding date.

Visitation of the Sick Fr. Albert is
pleased to bring Holy Communion
to parishioners who are unable to
join us for weekly worship. Call the

ST. ANNE PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We, the people of St. Anne Parish, Southborough, in the Diocese of Worcester are called
through Baptism to become one faith family. We commit ourselves to embody the
presence of Christ in Word and Sacrament; by using our ministries to welcome all who
are seeking Jesus and to share in the life and work of our Catholic faith. In the spirit and
truth of the Holy Trinity, we will use our time, talents and treasure to answer God's
command to love one another as He has loved us, in holy worship, prayer, Catechetical
formation for all, evangelization and service to others.

PARISH MASS INFORMATION AND MINISTRIES

St. Anne Parish Livestreamed Daily and Weekend Masses

Livestreamed St. Anne Masses (schedule subject to change):

ALL St. Anne Mass offerings will now be livestreamed: 5:00 p.m. Saturday, 8:30 a.m. Sunday, 10:30 a.m. Sunday, 5:30 p.m. Sunday, and 9:00 a.m. daily Masses through our parish website!

- Go to parish webpage: www.stannesouthborough.org.
- Scroll down to "ECatholic Live: St. Anne Southborough". See logo on right. Or click on Quick Link in box on the right of web homepage.
- Click on the arrow in the middle of the logo at 5:00 p.m. for Saturday evening Mass, 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., or 5:30 p.m. for Sunday Mass, and 9:00 a.m. for daily Masses Monday through Thursday.



An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Liturgical Minister Schedule

June 12 & 13 ~ Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

5:00 pm	Lector	Debbie Simon
In church, not Hall	Communion Ministers	Debbie Simon
8:30 am	Lector	Nancy Denardo
In church, not Hall	Communion Ministers	Elaine Yetman
10:30 am	Lector	Pat Draper
In church, not Hall	Communion Ministers	Joe Cruciani

June 19 & 20 ~ Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

5:00 pm	Lector	Roger Jolicoeur
In church, not Hall	Communion Ministers	Debbie Simon
8:30 am	Lector	Elaine Yetman
In church, not Hall	Communion Ministers	Doris Campero
10:30 am	Lector	Joe Cruciani
In church, not Hall	Communion Ministers	Pat Draper

*Grace is but glory begun,
and glory is but grace perfected.*

- Jonathan Edwards, theologian

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

with **MASS INTENTIONS (June 12 to June 20)**

To request a Mass Intention, stop in the Parish Office or call 508-485-0141.

SATURDAY 12	5:00 pm	For Bill and Nancy Deckin by Socorro Martin
SUNDAY 13	8:30 am	For Ranjitha Mary by Barbara and Matt Malloy
	10:30 am	For Marie McGue (5 th Anniversary) by her daughter Pat Draper
MONDAY 14	9:00 am	For Betty Holodak (Healing) by Socorro Martin
TUESDAY 15	9:00 am	For Margaret Ann Hostage
WEDNESDAY 16	9:00 am	For Pat Battles (Healing) by the Garden family
THURSDAY 17	9:00 am	For Claudia Webster (Healing) by the Garden family
SATURDAY 19	5:00 pm	For Roger and Rita Godbout by Linda Bradstreet
SUNDAY 20	8:30 am	For Tom Livingston (Healing) by Paul and Connie LeDuc
	10:30 am	For Sharon Lebeau (Healing) by the Garden family

William Palmer

will receive the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, June 13 at 1:00 p.m.

God bless William and his family!



Suspension of Sunday Evening Mass



The celebration of the Sunday evening Mass (5:30 p.m.) will be **suspended from Sunday, June 6 until Sunday, September 12.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

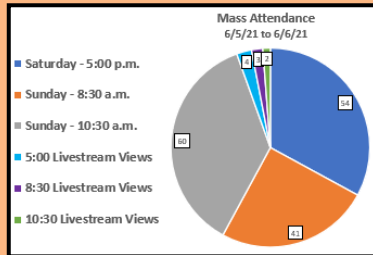
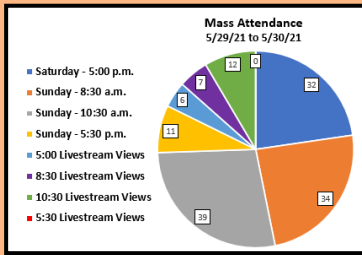
Sr. Yvette, Dianne Higgins, Millie Garden, Seminarian Alex Quach, Pat Moran, Fr. Thirburs F. Millot, Katie Kulik, Elaine Arrison, Jackie Di Buono, Rachel Attaway, Matthew, Susan Cioppa, Lillian Franco, Mary Hunt, Hans, Elisabel Borreani, Peg Nicosia, Dr. Malgorzata McMasters, Tom Livingstone, Bob Seariac, Pat Fitzgerald, Anne Meek, Paul LeDuc, Marie Martin, Sheila, Annie Lonzoria, Marilou Alvarado-Custodio, Janet Mattioli, Jane & Miles Gray, Zara Daniel, Julie Flanders, Karen, Fr. Ed, Bruce, Mike Allain, Mrs. Wallace (Holly Spicer's Mom), Reverend Deogratias Rwegassima, Helen Curran, Irudayasamy S. (Father Albert's Father), Pat Battles, George Stagno, Colby Morgan, Jeannine Godbout



Want to add your name or the name(s) of others to the Prayers for the Sick listing? Please email the names to the Parish Office at stanne403@stannesouthborough.org.

To have a name removed, please email the Parish Office.

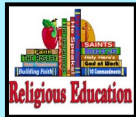
PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND STEWARDSHIP



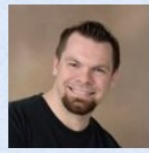
5/30/2021

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Saturday - 5:00 p.m.	32	Saturday - 5:00 p.m.	54
Sunday - 8:30 a.m.	34	Sunday - 8:30 a.m.	41
Sunday - 10:30 a.m.	39	Sunday - 10:30 a.m.	60
Sunday - 5:30 p.m.	11	5:00 Livestream Views	4
5:00 Livestream Views	6	8:30 Livestream Views	3
8:30 Livestream Views	7	10:30 Livestream	2
10:30 Livestream Views	12		
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From the Desk of the Director of Religious Education



Dan Doyle

2021-22 RE Catechist Interest?

Interested in sharing your faith with the young people of our parish during the 2021-22 academic year? If so, please contact Dan Doyle at dan@stannesouthborough.org or 508-485-0141 for more information, scheduling, and training information. Teaching teams for the 2021-22 school year are currently being assembled.

2021-22 Scheduling Commitment:

Two Sundays a month, hour long instruction, from September 2021 thru May 2022

2021-22 RE Registration

Registration for Religious Education classes in the fall is now available online at www.stannesouthborough.org or click [here](#). If you are signed up for Flocknote, you received an email with a link to the online registration as well. Paper copies are available in the Church and Parish Office.

Any questions? Please contact Dan Doyle at dan@stannesouthborough.org or call 508-485-0141.



New Sound System in the Church

A new Adtech sound system has recently been installed in the church. We hope you enjoy these improvements. We thank parishioner Laura Schroeder who secured the installation team and contributed in offsetting the costs.



PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORTS FOR through June 6, 2021

Regular Weekly Offering: \$3,953.00
Capital Improvement: \$ 570.00
Peter's Pence: \$ 80.00
Catholic Communications: \$ 395.00
Ascension of the Lord/Holy Day: \$ 10.00

Online Giving: St. Anne Parish partners with **WeShare** for on-line giving. WeShare allows both onetime gifts, as well as regular, scheduled donations. Please visit our Parish website www.stannesouthborough.org for the link to WeShare.com or call 1-800-950-9952 and use option 1 to answer any questions.

St. Anne's Website: With our website we have an **additional resource for online giving and online CE registration.** St. Anne Parish partners with **eCatholic and BluePay** for easy on-line giving. Our one-step on-line form allows both one-time gifts, as well as regular, scheduled donations. Please visit our Parish website www.stannesouthborough.org and select the Quick Link to the BluePay On-Line Giving page.



Thank you for your continued, generous support!



SUMMER IS HERE! *There will likely be a drop in attendance due to summer vacations. Please do not forget St. Anne while you are away. Please consider either "WeShare" or "BluePay" for online giving. We depend on your prayers and contributions to keep our parish running.*

United Parishes of Southborough Food Pantry

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

At this time the Southborough Food Pantry is well-stocked thanks in large part to your continued generosity.

Given current storage constraints, there is no food request listing. Please check back here as specific request listings will resume as needs warrant and storage allows.

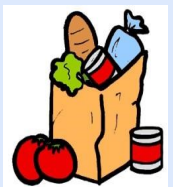
Donations may be left in the foyer of St. Anne Parish Hall. As most food items are date sensitive, please be sure that your donation is not out of date.

If you know of anyone who could benefit from the Food Pantry, please encourage them to contact the Food Pantry.

Pantry hours (located at Pilgrim Church) for CLIENTS returning to in-person shopping **starting June 10 and June 11** are
 Thursdays from 6:00-7:00 p.m. and
 Fridays from 9:00-10:00 a.m.

PLEASE NOTE: Donations also can be left in bins outside the pantry door at Pilgrim Church anytime other than client hours listed above.

Pat Draper, St. Anne Parish Coordinator



PARISH AND DIOCESAN INFORMATION AND EVENTS

Coffee Hour Jubilance

Parishioners came together on **Sunday, June 6** after the 10:30 a.m. Mass to reconnect with fellow parishioners, meet our summer seminarian Christopher, and wish Father Albert a belated happy birthday.

Thank you to all those that brought baked goods and good cheer!



Olive Wood Religious Articles Sale for Holy Land Families

Maysoon Khair representing Star of Bethlehem Handicrafts returns! She will be outside of St. Anne Parish before and after all Masses on **Saturday, June 12 and Sunday, June 13** selling beautiful hand-carved items such as nativity scenes, crucifixes, rosaries, Last Supper and other religious statues. Maysoon is representing School of Joy for slow learner children and over 100 Christian families who make their livelihood through the selling of their hand carved olive wood religious articles.

Please stop by to look over the carvings that are available and help support this self-help project of Christians living in the Holy Land.



Website: starofbethlehemhandicrafts.com

Ordination 2021 Schedule

The Diocese has been delaying setting dates for the ordinations, waiting to see how the pandemic continues to develop. While we certainly pray that conditions continue to improve, it has been decided that the best course of action is to have multiple ceremonies in the hopes that sufficient space is available for guests. The dates are:



May 15 at 10:00 a.m. - priestly ordination of Deacons Ardila and Carvajal

May 29 at 10:00 a.m. - diaconate ordination of three of our transitional deacons

May 29 at 2:00 p.m. - diaconate ordination of three of our transitional deacons

June 19 at 10:00 a.m. - priestly ordination of Deacons Laroche and LaRoche

Our parish Summer 2020 seminarian, Juan Parra, was ordained as a deacon on Saturday, May 29.

Please keep Juan in your prayers!



Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting

Prayer shawl members meet Mondays from 10:00 to noon in the **Parish Hall** to knit/crochet for anyone who is ill or suffering who might welcome a blessed prayer shawl.

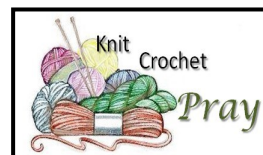
Interested in joining this ministry? Stop in the Parish Hall any Monday or call the Parish Office for more information.

Do you or someone you know need a prayer shawl? Please call the Parish Office to arrange a shawl pickup or delivery.

Donations collected for shawls are sent to our sister parish in Haiti to aid their rebuilding.

The Rosary portion of the Prayer Shawl Monday meetings will be live streamed via the parish website, stannesouthborough.org starting at approximately 10:30 a.m.

Password: shawls



Prayer Shawl Ministry celebrates Father Albert's Ordination Anniversary fully vaccinated and maskless!

Baby Crib Quilts

Parishioner Sandy Callinan has sewn beautiful baby quilts blessed by Father Albert which are available in the Parish Office for sick infants and children in need of healing prayers.



DIOCESAN OPPORTUNITIES AND YOUTH EVENTS



Volunteers Needed for Children in Homeless Shelters

Children living in more than 90 homeless shelters across Massachusetts count on Horizons for Homeless Children volunteers. Can they count on you?

Volunteer to play with homeless children at our Playspace in one of more than 90 family shelters. We have a high need for volunteers in Worcester.



A commitment of 2 hours a week for 6 months and an orientation are required. **Upcoming online volunteer orientation: Thursday, June 17 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

To find out more, view other orientation dates, or to apply, call 774.260.2612 or visit www.horizonschildren.org/playspace.

Seeking Minister of Faith Formation, St. Peter Parish, Northbridge

St. Peter Parish, Northbridge is seeking a Minister of Faith Formation to direct the program serving the young people of the parish in grades kindergarten through high school. This individual will oversee all aspects of the program, including resourcing the catechists and working with them directly during program hours (Sunday mornings and evenings, Tuesday evenings), and meeting with the pastor and Faith Formation Committee at their regularly scheduled meetings. The program currently serves 28 families with approximately

50 youngsters. This is a part-time position (20 hours per week). Interested applicants should possess a minimum of a bachelor's degree with relevant courses in religious education/theology, as well as experience in parish religious education.

To apply, please submit a resume and three references from experiences in ministry or from those responsible for your education/formation to:

Rev. Thomas Landry, Pastor, St. Peter Parish,
39 Church Avenue, P.O. Box 446,
Northbridge, MA 01534 or email
to parishoffice@stpeterrockdale.org.



Homemakers Wanted!



Catholic Charities, located at 10 Hammond St. in Worcester, is hiring homemakers and hosting walk-in

interviews **every Tuesday from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**

Homemakers and Home Health Aides are trained by our Homecare team to provide a variety of support services, which are essential in maintaining a disabled or dependent person's safety and wellbeing.

To keep this program alive, we need to grow our Homecare team to meet the increasing demands of the areas that we serve, which consists of Amherst, Athol, Leominster, Milford, Southbridge, Greenfield, Shelburne Falls, and Worcester.

Walk-ins welcome, or contact Paula, Homecare Supervisor: **508-414-9084**. Those interested may also apply online at ccworc.org.

YOUTH Events

Summer Youth Worship Nights

All high school youth are invited to attend our Diocesan summer worship nights!

The first worship night will take place on **Friday, June 18 from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at Holy Family of Nazareth in Leominster.**

The second will take place on **Friday, July 9 from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at St. Luke's in Westborough.**

These events are open to any incoming freshmen to outgoing seniors. Worship nights include icebreakers, witnesses, praise and worship music, and Eucharistic Adoration!

There is NO COST to attend!

To sign up a group from your parish go to www.neworchester.org/summer-worship-nights



Youth Aerial Adventure Outing



High School and Middle School youth are invited to join the Diocesan Youth Ministry Office for an afternoon at Boundless Adventures, an aerial adventure park in Berlin MA, on **Wednesday, July 21.**

Discounted tickets are available for our Diocesan group at a **cost of \$30/person** (general park admission is \$50).

All youth must attend with a parish group. If you are interested in signing up a group from your parish or would like more information, contact Tim Messenger at tmessenger@worcesterdiocese.org or go to neworchester.org/high-ropes-and-zipline.

Deadline to register is Tuesday, July 6.



Camp and Retreat for Catholic HS age young men

Quo Vadis Days is a four-day overnight retreat and camp **Thursday, June 24 - Sunday, June 27** for young Catholic men of high school age (those entering high school through recent graduates of high school) sponsored by the Diocese of Worcester and the Archdiocese of Boston.

It serves to connect them to other young men striving to live lives of virtue, to deepen their faith, learn more about what it means to be a Catholic man in our world today (whether single, parent, or priest), and better discern God's call in their lives.

This event will be both prayerful and a lot of fun, with everything from epic capture the flag games to daily Mass.

For more information, <https://www.quovadisboston.com> Financial aid is available for those who need assistance. For more information contact Fr. Donato Infante, Diocesan Vocations Director, at donato.infante@gmail.com.



DIOCESAN YOUNG ADULT AND MINISTRY EVENTS

YOUNG ADULT Events

Young Adult Weekly Pick-up Volleyball & Hangout

All young adults (ages 18+) are invited to join us for weekly pick-up volleyball at St. Christopher in Worcester!

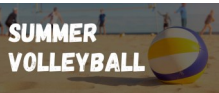
Join us **every Friday at 6:00 p.m.** beginning on **June 11 through the end of August.**

These gatherings are very laid back and open to any young adult (regardless of skill level!).

If you are looking for a fun way to meet up with other young adults in the area, then this is perfect for you!

There is no commitment or formal sign-ups, but if you would like to receive text or email updates during the summer, feel free to sign up at the following

link: www.neworchester.org/young-adult-summer-volleyball.



Young Adult Aerial Adventure Outing

All young adults (ages 18-39) are invited to join for a morning at Boundless Adventures, an aerial adventure park in Berlin MA on **Saturday, July 10.**

Discounted tickets are available for those who register in our group at a cost of \$35/person (*general park admission is \$50*).

To sign up for a spot or to get more information, go to neworchester.org/young-adult-aerial-adventure or contact Tim Messenger at tmessenger@worcesterdioecese.org.

Deadline to sign up is Monday, June 28.



Intellectual Retreat Opportunity

“Why College?” is a 3-day retreat being held at St. Mary’s Parish, Uxbridge on **Wednesday, July 7 - Friday, July 9, from 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.**

It’s an opportunity for young adults to address questions such as:

- Is higher education worth the cost?
- Can a reflective life lead to happiness?
- Are God, math, and politics related to literature, philosophy, and music?
- Does wisdom matter anymore?

If you are a rising high school senior, currently in college, or a recent graduate, you are invited to this great conversation about the purpose, fruit, and joy of the intellectual life.

There is no cost for the retreat.

Questions or want more information? Contact Michael Hoyer at hoyer@cua.edu. Click on <https://tinyurl.com/vvwhvtcj>. Mass, adoration, and confession available daily.



The Sanctuary Course for Catholics

The Sanctuary Course for Catholics is being presented by the CARE Ministry at St. Mary Church in Uxbridge on **Thursday, July 1 – August 19, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm**, in their Parish Hall.



This timely mental health video course will explore the intersection of faith and mental illness. This eight-part series is designed to increase awareness, reduce the stigma, and initiate conversation in the faith community regarding mental health. Each topic is presented through a psychological, theological and social aspect.

As Catholics, our mission is to love and care for all people through the message of Jesus Christ. According to the National Institute of Health, 1 in 5 people each year will deal with a mental illness with 1 in 17 having a serious illness.

Due to the stigma still associated with mental illness, those suffering can be very isolated and suffer alone. How can we as a church support them?

This course is designed for those suffering from mental illness, families and friends who support them, pastors and staff, and those who wish to open a dialogue on mental health in their parish. This is not a support group, but St. Mary’s CARE Ministry comprised of mental health and medical professionals will be facilitating the sessions.

There is no cost, but registration is required. You may learn more at www.stmaryuxbridge.org or by emailing Diane at dmoriarty@stmaryuxbridge.org.

All are welcome.

Religious Freedom Week - June 22 to June 29

Throughout the week we will focus on the importance of preserving the essential right of religious freedom, both now and in the future, for Catholics and all people of faith.

This year’s theme is “Solidarity in Freedom”. The significant feast days during the week (Saints Thomas More and John Fisher – June 22, Saint John the Baptist – June 24, and Saints Peter and Paul – June 29) inspire us to follow the example of these great saints who loved God above all and remained faithful in the face of adversity.

Please visit www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek to download the “Pray-Reflect-Act” pages for each day on various religious liberty topics. These excellent resources are intended to inspire us to learn more about religious liberty from a Catholic perspective, help us to pray about particular issues, and provide us with tools to act on what we learn.

Additional information and resources for parish and personal use can be found at www.worcesterdiocese.org/religiousfreedomweek.





REOPENING FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Answering Your Questions about Returning to Mass as of May 29, 2021 in the Diocese of Worcester

1. **Did Governor Baker lift the use of masks and other restrictions in churches, too?** As of May 29, 2021 fully *vaccinated* people are no longer required to wear masks or physically distance from others in our parishes, as in other public settings. This applies to attending Mass as well as other parish activities, but does not apply to schools and not to the office spaces.
2. **Will someone be checking whether I was officially vaccinated?**
We are not policing our parishioners. This is an honor system and we pray that people will be honest and avoid participating unmasked near other parishioners if they have not been vaccinated.
3. **What if I am not yet vaccinated? How can I safely return to Mass?**
You should continue to attend Mass as you have been over these past months during the pandemic. All parishes are being advised to have a section of the church available for people who want to wear a mask and remain physically distanced 6 or more feet apart. You can always wear a mask anywhere in the church even if you have been vaccinated but are still concerned for personal reasons about the pandemic.
4. **Will Mass feel like it did before the pandemic began?**
For the most part things will return to normal as your parish can accommodate it. Worship aids (e.g., missalettes and hymnals) can be used again and you will notice more congregational singing. The Diocese of Worcester is recommending waiting until the fall for choirs to resume. For the time being we will not exchange the sign of peace and Holy Communion will not be offered from the chalice.
5. **I heard that Bishop McManus is restoring the obligation to go to Sunday Mass. What if I am sick, or have compromised health or care for someone at home whose health is compromised?**
The obligation to be at Mass in person never applies to someone who is sick, or has compromised health, or caring for someone who is sick and at risk or infecting someone for whom they provide care at home. For this reason, parishes are encouraged to continue to stream Mass on their social media channels and the Diocese offers Sunday Mass from the Cathedral on select cable access stations and on the internet at worcesterdiocese.org.
6. **I've been away from Mass for a while. What if I'm just not ready to go back?**
We understand that for some people, you may feel uneasy for a variety of reasons to come back to Mass. All we ask is that you read the letter from Bishop McManus about going to Mass in which he reflects on what the Mass means for all of us as baptized Catholics.

MASS GUIDELINES FOR REOPENING

COMING HOME TO MASS

With the lifting of most pandemic gathering restrictions this week, Bishop McManus has announced the restoration of the obligation to take part in Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, effective **next Sunday, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, June 6, 2021.**

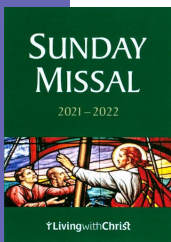
Bishop McManus has also modified those adaptations of liturgical practices which we have been observing for the past year in mitigation of the virus.

Beginning on **Saturday, May 29th**, masks and social distancing are no longer required of all parishioners. However, per CDC guidelines, non-vaccinated persons are still encouraged to wear masks and maintain social distancing. The tape has been removed but a segment of pews in the front-right section of the church has been reserved for those who wish to social distance.



The cleaning of most commonly touched surfaces may be reduced to once a week and limitations of the size of gatherings in non-liturgical spaces have also been lifted.

The singing of hymns and acclamations has been restored, although choirs will not return until the end of the summer.



Holy Water, Hymnals and Missalettes will, once again, be available. Processions will also be restored. The distribution of Holy Communion will return to its pre-COVID form, although the distribution of the Precious Blood will be restored in the fall.

We will also begin using the confessionals and rooms of reconciliation and visitation of the sick will return to its previous schedule.



All of this will take some time to get used to. Please be assured we will continue to carefully monitor the number of cases as we proceed to return to a “new normal.” Please join in praying that the success we have so far enjoyed in quelling the pandemic may continue throughout the summer and the months to come.

READINGS FOR THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

READING I Ezekiel 17:22-24

A reading from the Book of Ezekiel

Thus says the Lord GOD:

I, too, will take from the crest of the cedar,
from its topmost branches tear off a tender
shoot,
and plant it on a high and lofty mountain;
on the mountain heights of Israel I will plant it.
It shall put forth branches and bear fruit,
and become a majestic cedar.
Birds of every kind shall dwell beneath it,
every winged thing in the shade of its boughs.
And all the trees of the field shall know
that I, the LORD,
bring low the high tree,
lift high the lowly tree,
wither up the green tree,
and make the withered tree bloom.
As I, the LORD, have spoken, so will I do.

The Word of the Lord.

READING II 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

A reading from the Second Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters:

We are always courageous,
although we know that while we are at home in
the body
we are away from the Lord,
for we walk by faith, not by sight.
Yet we are courageous,
and we would rather leave the body and go home
to the Lord.
Therefore, we aspire to please him,
whether we are at home or away.
For we must all appear before the judgment seat of
Christ,
so that each may receive recompense,
according to what he did in the body, whether
good or evil.

The Word of the Lord.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16

R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praise to your name, Most High,
To proclaim your kindness at dawn
and your faithfulness throughout the night.

R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

The just one shall flourish like the palm tree,
like a cedar of Lebanon shall he grow.
They that are planted in the house of the LORD
shall flourish in the courts of our God.

R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

They shall bear fruit even in old age;
vigorous and sturdy shall they be,
Declaring how just is the LORD,
my rock, in whom there is no wrong.

R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower.
All who come to him will live forever.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.



The Parable of the Mustard Seed



GOSPEL Mark 4:26-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus said to the crowds:

“This is how it is with the kingdom of God;
it is as if a man were to scatter seed on the land
and would sleep and rise night and day
and through it all the seed would sprout and grow,
he knows not how.

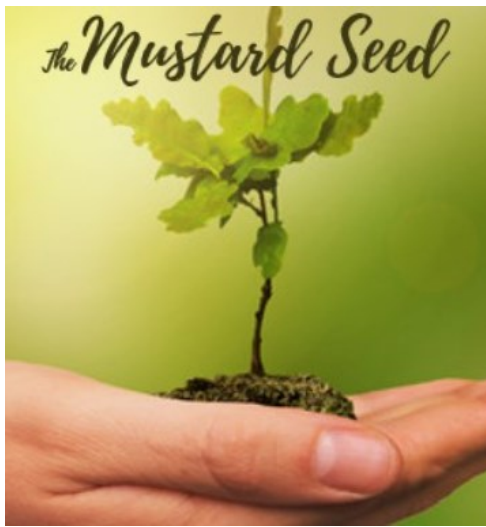
Of its own accord the land yields fruit,
first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear.
And when the grain is ripe, he wields the sickle at once,
for the harvest has come.”

He said,

“To what shall we compare the kingdom of God,
or what parable can we use for it?
It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground,
is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth.
But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants
and puts forth large branches,
so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade.”

With many such parables
he spoke the word to them as they were able to understand it.
Without parables he did not speak to them,
but to his own disciples he explained everything in private.

The Gospel of the Lord.



Small and Miraculous

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

June 13, 2021

Ann Naffziger

Reading I: Ezekiel 17:22-24

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16

Reading II: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

Both the first reading from Ezekiel and the Gospel reading point to God's power to turn small and seemingly insignificant things into works of great beauty, strength, and abundance. Ezekiel imagines this as God planting a tender shoot which becomes a majestic cedar tree. Jesus uses the image of the tiny mustard seed growing into a large plant that provides a haven for birds.

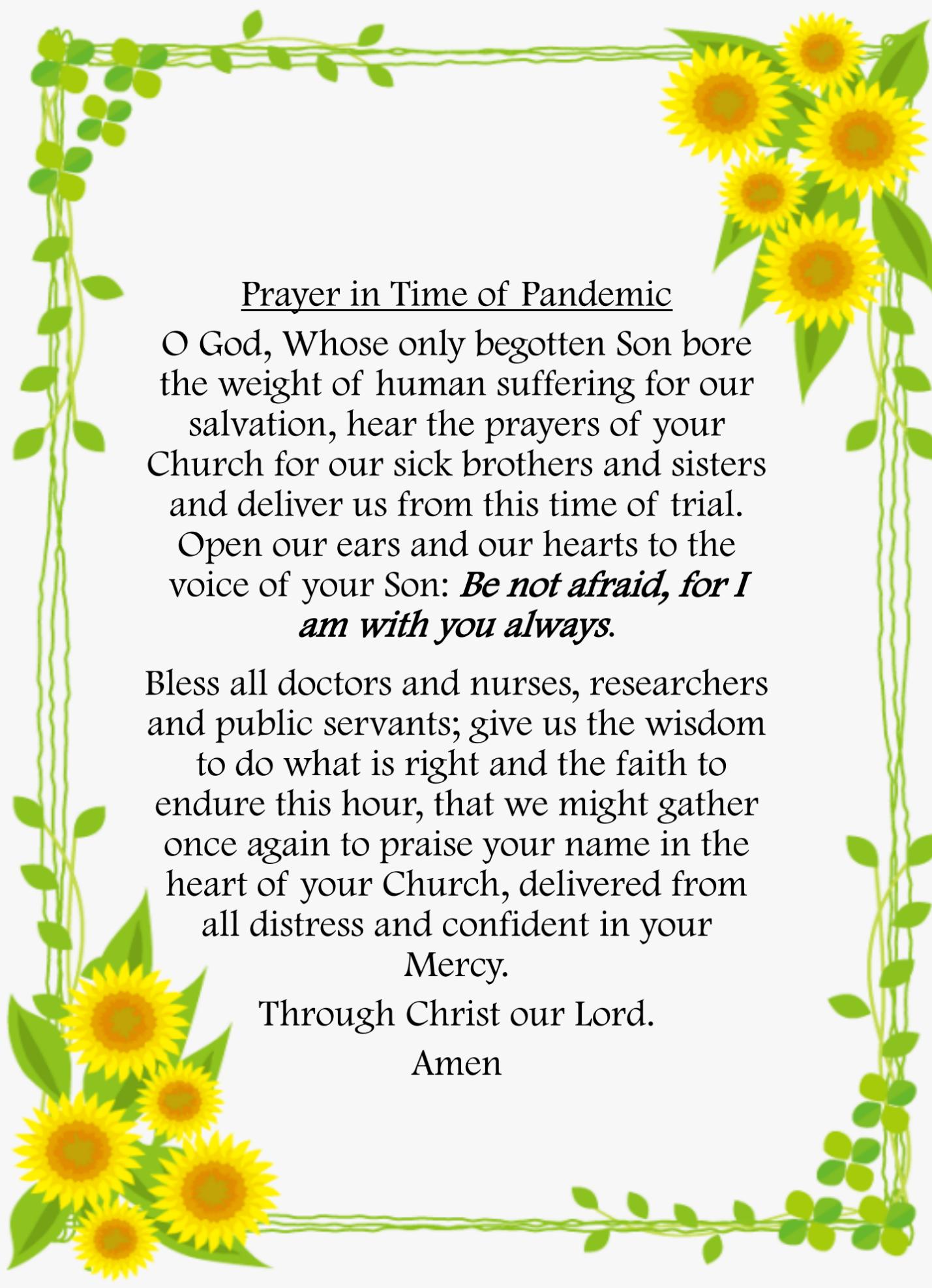
We don't have to be farmers or gardeners to experience how the Kingdom of God is slowly revealed. Parents have this experience when they conceive a child and are stunned by the miracle of their new baby at birth. Teachers (hopefully!) witness patience, compassion, and maturity gradually taking root throughout 180 school days in a year. Doctors and therapists have the privilege of seeing patients healing in expected and unexpected ways. Relatives and friends experience the satisfaction of watching a loved one find new life and passion in a courageous move to a second career.

As with seeds and plants, all growth takes time. The Kingdom of God doesn't appear instantaneously. Racism, sexism, homophobia, and economic inequalities still cause great pain and suffering. Because God respects human free will, He doesn't intervene and fix everything for us in a split second.

What God *does* do is surprise us by helping the smallest of seeds to grow and flourish in time. Our task is to plant those seeds and nurture them while we watch, wait, pray, and trust that God will grow them into people, communities, organizations, and locales of beauty and strength.

Questions of the Week

1. In what area of your life are you privileged to see God's work in progress?
2. How or where are you asked to plant the seeds of God's Kingdom?



Prayer in Time of Pandemic

O God, Whose only begotten Son bore the weight of human suffering for our salvation, hear the prayers of your Church for our sick brothers and sisters and deliver us from this time of trial.

Open our ears and our hearts to the voice of your Son: ***Be not afraid, for I am with you always.***

Bless all doctors and nurses, researchers and public servants; give us the wisdom to do what is right and the faith to endure this hour, that we might gather once again to praise your name in the heart of your Church, delivered from all distress and confident in your Mercy.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen

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Food Pantry

c/o Pilgrim Church

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Dear Food Pantry Clients,

We are opening for in-person shopping starting **Thursday, June 10** and **Friday, June 11**.

Thursday hours are now 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. and Friday hours are now 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.

We have to adhere to these new hours.*

Please park in the marked parking spaces when you arrive.

A volunteer will let you know when to enter the building.

Masks are still required.

Only seven (7) clients will be in the hall at any one time.

Six (6) clients will sit on safely spaced chairs in the center of the hall while one (1) client shops at the Pantry.

****Please fill out your grocery list with quantities before you come to the Pantry.**

One (1) client will shop at a time and will give their shopping list to the volunteer in the Pantry.

We have installed a full plexiglass window in the Pantry.

When the volunteer has completed bagging the order, the client will go to the Pantry door and get the shopping cart with their order.

Volunteers will direct you when it is your turn to shop at the Pantry or the tables.

IMPORTANT: For clients who are sick or personally unable to get to the Pantry, please ask about delivery to your outside door or patio.

Sincerely,

The Food Pantry Coordinators

****Please keep these times for Pantry Clients only. Donations can be made at any other time by leaving items in bins by the pantry door at Pilgrim Church (or at local parish collection sites). Please secure donation bin lid, especially during inclement weather.***

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SERVICES

we are still here to serve

While our building is closed to the public, SYFS is still available to the residents of Southborough.

Our need-based services are here to help all families affected by Covid-19. If you are worried about a bill, heat, a car payment or food, our Emergency Fund may be able to help you.

For more resources, check our website:
<https://www.southboroughtown.com/youth-and-family-services>

**For questions about how to apply for help,
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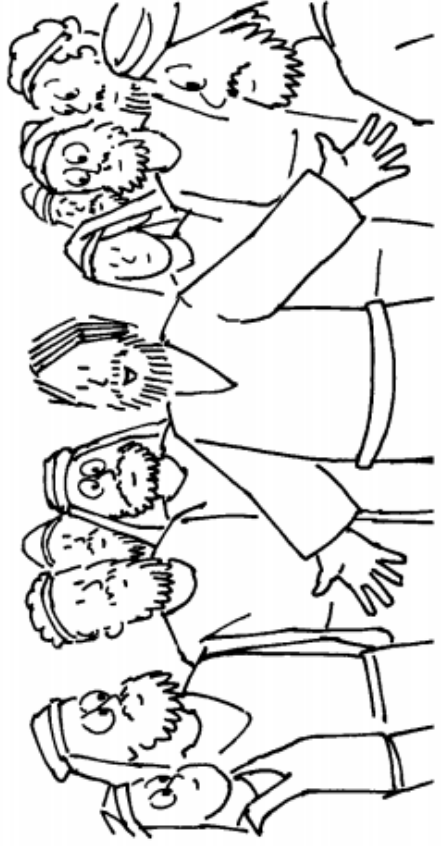
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STRENGTHENING OUR COMMUNITY BY SUPPORTING ITS FAMILIES



In general, how did Jesus speak to the people about the kingdom of God?

Fill in the missing letters of the words to spell out the word to complete the verse below.

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He did not say anything to them without using a _____.

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Jesus Tells Parables About Seeds

Jesus spoke about the kingdom of God using parables. What does He say about the seeds?

Unscramble the words in the seeds to fill in the blanks below.



"This is what the kingdom of God is like.
A man _____ seed on the ground.
_____ and _____, whether he sleeps or
gets up, the _____ and _____
_____ though he does not know how."

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What else did Jesus say?

Write the word that means the opposite of the one given.

The letters in the boxes spell the answers. Read left to right working down the left column, then left to right working down the right column.

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“All by itself the soil produces 1) _____ —

first the stalk, then the head, then the full

kernel in the head. As soon as the



1) _____ is ripe, he puts the

2) _____ to it, because

the 3) _____ has come."

What other parable does Jesus use to describe the kingdom of Heaven?

Use the code to fill in the blanks.

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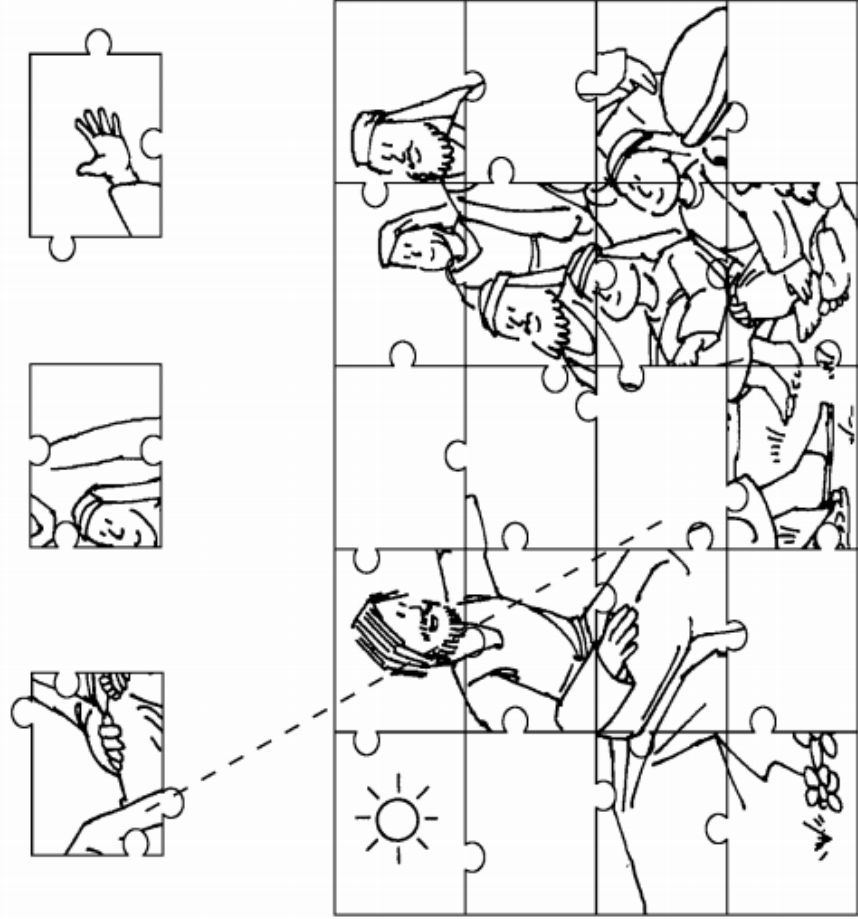
																																			
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Jesus told many parables.

Match puzzle pieces.



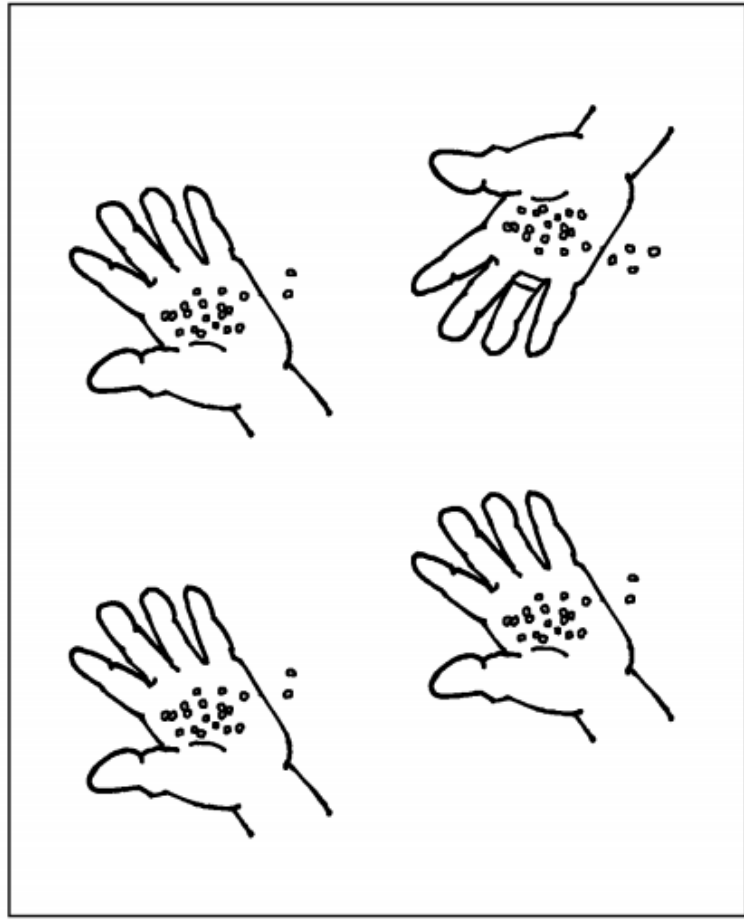
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Jesus Tells Parables about Seeds

Jesus told 2 parables about seeds.
 "This is what the kingdom of God is like."

Circle the picture that is different.



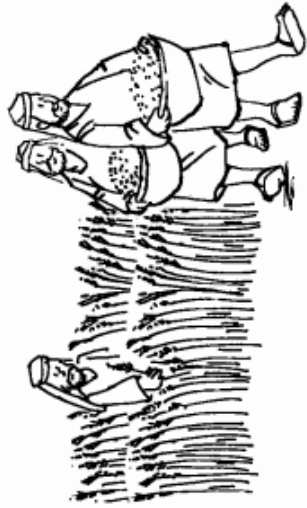
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Jesus tells ... "A man scatters seeds.
The seeds grow. As soon as the grain is
ripe he knows the ...

Fill in the letters.




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3.

The kingdom of God is like the small
mustard seed. It grows into a large plant.

Add these things to the tree.

		
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