

WEEK OF June 16 & 17, 2018

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND LITURGIES

Sat. June 16—*Vigil: Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

4:00 PM - Special Intentions for Joan & Roger Depue (20th Wedding Anniversary)

Sun. June 17 - *Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

10:00 AM — People of our Parish

11:00 AM *Recitation of the Rosary*

2:00PM Special Intentions for Father George

Tuesday, June 18

9:00AM Special Intentions for Jeanne Lavallee and family

Tuesday, June 19

9:00 AM Bob Luikey—wife

Sat. June 23 - *Vigil: Nativity of St. John the Baptist*

4:00 PM - Mae Casey (35th Ann.) - Rosemary Belsito

Sun. June 24~ *Nativity of St. John the Baptist*

10:00 AM Thomas Anctil—The Lorusso family

11:00 AM *Recitation of the Rosary*

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**11th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

"This is how it is with the kingdom of God." What is a kingdom? Is it the brick and mortar that build up the castle? Is it the expanse of land a king can reasonably defend? Our notions of kingdoms may be romanticized in the modern era, but for the Israelites, a kingdom held deep historical meaning. Thousands of years before the birth of Christ, the Israelites had asked God for a king. After the reigns of David and Solomon, the united kingdom dissolved into factions, and the land was conquered by the Assyrians, Babylonians, and, finally, Romans. For the Israelites, a kingdom was something to build, both structurally and civilly. While this had ended in ruin for their ancestors, many of Jesus' contemporaries longed for the restoration of an earthly kingdom.

Jesus' words in today's Gospel are a radical departure from this perspective. He compares the Kingdom of God to a field, but it appears that the farmer has little to do with its progress. "The seed would sprout and grow, he knows not how. Of its own accord, the land yields fruit." Jesus introduces his followers to a new sort of kingdom, a kingdom where God provides the growth.

There is work to be done, of course. "When the grain is ripe, he wields the sickle at once, for the harvest has come." But for the Kingdom of God to flourish, there are certain things that are outside of our control. We sow seeds of kindness, justice, and integrity? and then we must be patient. As shoots of faith appear, we nurture the growth with encouragement. As Christians, our task is not to build the Kingdom of God under our power alone, but to trust in the life-giving movement of God.



(As of Monday)

Saint Vincent Hospital at Worcester Medical Center:  
**Mary Quill & Denise Firman.**

We will not be calling UMass Memorial as they don't have an system to give us the information we need. If you or a loved one is in one of those hospitals please let us know so we can be sure to visit them and pray for them.

Please continue to pray for all of our service men & women who serve to protect us.



(Please arrive at least 15 minutes before Mass)

**Saturday, June 23**

Lector: Deb Durnin

Commentator: Kathy Hannon

Minister of Holy Communion: Catherine Darensborough, John Harrington & Eileen Lohnes

**Sunday, June 24**

Lector: Michael Boover

Commentator: Michael Buffone

Altar Servers: Rafael Albino & Elisabeth Villa

Ministers of Holy Communion: Jean Dawson, Rose Kempton, Elaine Halpin, Patti Taylor, Ben & Kerri Sulminski

**Father's Day Blessing**

Single fathers usually sit in the back row of their children's school performances. Fathers who are married usually sit as close to the front of the audiences, with their spouses. Why is this?

Well, we all know how important mothers are to the well-being of a family. However, we as a culture look at single fathers with a bit of suspicion. Fathers are as important as mothers are, but offer a different perspective on life and bring a much needed role in bringing up children. Let us welcome all fathers today to the front row of our lives and acknowledge how important they have been, and continue to be in our lives.

Let us pray...

Gracious God and Father, our first father,

You are the One who has brought us to life in this world you created. You created us and everything around us.

We turned away from you and only after disappointing you did we return your love. Look with favor on our earthly fathers.

They helped create us in your image. We have disappointed them, but have come to realize just how important they are to us.

Bless all our fathers, living and deceased, with comfort and health. We bring all their needs to you and ask for strength so they may live worthy lives. We ask all this in the name of your Son, our model of what it means to reverence our fathers.

In Christ's name. Amen

Amen.

# BINGO

June 22, 2018

**Team # 4—Judy Keenan, Michael Burgraff, Donald Ducharme, Dan Fullen & Sonny Collins**

## **The Every –Week Crew and Early Shift Workers**

Theresa Courtney, John Harrington, Lisa Hickory, Emma Lusignan, Patricia Wassel, Joan Lorusso, Pat Markiewicz, Ed Corrigan, Carole Nourse, Jeannine Corrigan, Debra Diaz, Donald Ducharme, Fran Peperato, Debbie Plant, Ed Wall, Julie Carrigan & Michael Burgraff

**Ladies Guild Kitchen Crew:  
Beverly Farrar & Jeanne Lavallee**

\*\*Vision statement is located on the cover of bulletin\*\*



All are invited to join us as we welcome Fr. Asante to the parish. We will have a greeting and welcome on July 1st after the 10am Mass in the parish hall.

## **Peter's Pence Collection**

Next week, we will take the Peter's Pence Collection, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression and disasters. Please be generous.

## **Scholarship Applications**

The Sacred Heart-St. Catherine of Sweden Parish Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce that scholarship applications are now available. We are offering \$500.00 scholarships to Catholic Elementary and Catholic High School students as well as to students who are enrolled in or entering college. Applications can be picked up at the rectory. Please contact Lynn at 508-752-1608.

**Deadline to submit an application is June 21st.**

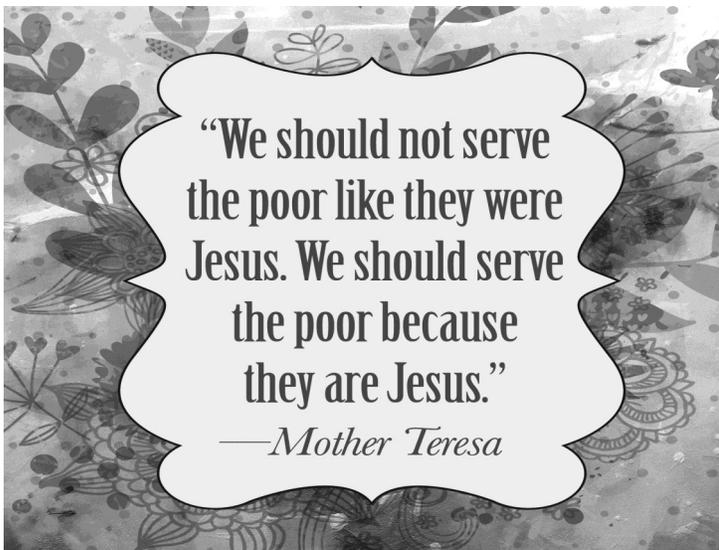
## **Religious Freedom Week**

**Religious Freedom Week** (the successor to the Fortnight for Freedom which was held from 2012 - 2017) will be celebrated in dioceses nationwide from **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 "**Serving Others in God's Love**" reminding us that religious liberty allows people of faith to serve God and others freely in ministries like healthcare, adoption and foster care, education, and migration and refugee services to name a few.

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](http://www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek) to download the "Pray-Reflect-Act" one-pagers 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 can be found at [www.worcesterdiocese.org/religiousfreedomweek](http://www.worcesterdiocese.org/religiousfreedomweek).



## **OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING**

June 10, 2018

CCC \$10.00, Sunday Offering \$2005.00

### **Partners in Charity**

Goal \$28,700

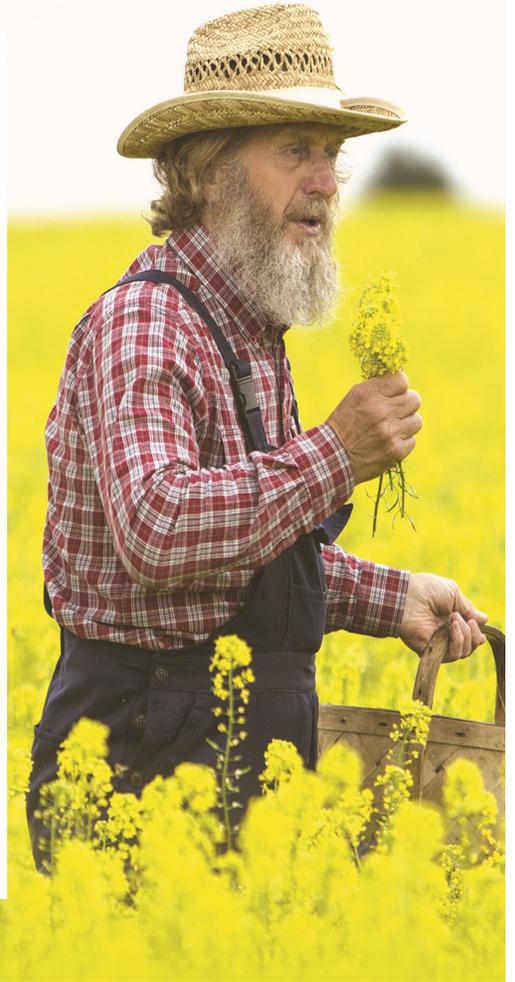
Raised \$25,920

Balance to Raise \$2,780

11<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# GROWTH

"To what shall we compare the kingdom of God? It is like a mustard seed ... once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants." - Mk 4:30a, 31a, 32



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Parish Vision Statement:

We, as Christ's disciples, are the hands, minds & voices which lovingly glorify God by serving Each other as a Christian family.

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**Food Pantry: 508-753-2555**

Food Pantry Hours: Thursday 9:45am—2:30pm,  
Saturday 10am—1pm

**Prayer Shawls Ministry** call the rectory

**Bingo:** Every Friday 6:30-10pm lower church hall

## **SCHEDULE OF MASSES**

**Lord's Day:**

Saturday 4:00 PM, Sunday 10:00 AM

**Weekday:**

Monday-Tuesday, Thursday- Friday 9:00 AM  
(No Mass on Wednesday)

**Blessed Sacrament Adoration/First Friday:**

9:30 AM - 5:30PM

**Confessions:**

Every Saturday 3-3:30 PM