

June 17 & 18, 2023 The 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Times and Intentions

<u>Week of June 17 &amp; 18</u>		
Saturday	6:30 pm	No Intention
Sunday	10:30 am	For the parishioners of St. Mary’s and St. Thomas
Monday	6:30 pm	Mass
Tuesday	6:30 pm	Mass at St. Thomas
Wednesday	8:00 am	Mass
Thursday	*****	
Friday	8:00 am	Mass at St. Thomas

<u>Week of June 24 &amp; 25</u>		
Saturday	6:30 pm	No Intention
Sunday	10:30 am	For the repose of the soul of Jeannine Lamb

Join us as we recite the Holy Rosary every Saturday evening at 6 pm and Sunday morning at 10 am.

† PRAYER CONCERNS †

For all our sick and shut-ins, especially Will Esmay, as well as our troops. For all who have died and all members of St. Mary’s & St. Thomas. For Prayer Chain requests please call Cathy Kennedy at 644 5073.



†Eucharistic Adoration† Wednesday mornings after 8:00 am Mass  
Reconciliation Wednesday’s after Mass/Saturday’s 6-6:20 pm

**2023 Bishop’s Appeal:** The Bishop’s annual appeal began last weekend with an in-pew pledge card request. The diocese has kept our goal the same as last year (\$7652.00). Pledge cards are still available in the pews. You may place your pledge card in the basket during our offertory collection or in the baskets at the doors after Mass. If you cannot give this year please fill out a pledge card just the same but with a 0. This will insure that you do not receive future mailings from the diocese this year for the appeal. Last year our Appeal contributions totaled 114% of our goal. Thank you for your continued support of this appeal!

**Baby Bottle Campaign:** Our Baby Bottle Campaign will end this weekend. Please place your bottle in the baskets at the doors. Thank you for your support of this important ministry.

Thank you for supporting the Cambridge Food Shelf !

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK
June 19 2 Cor 6:1-10 Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4 Mt 5:38-42
June 20 2 Cor 8:1-9 Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c- 7, 8-9a Mt 5:43-48
June 21 2 Cor 9:6-11 Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
June 22 2 Cor 11:1-11 Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8 Mt 6:7-15
June 23 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30 Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Mt 6:19-23
June 24 Is 49:1-6 Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15 Acts 13:22-26 Lk 1:57-66, 80
June 25 Jer 20:10-13 Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35 Rom 5:12-15 Mt 10:26-33

The Solemnity of the Nativity of John the Baptist, June 24

There are only two other times we celebrate a nativity in the church’s calendar year. Everyone knows that we celebrate Jesus’ birth at Christmas, but we also celebrate the Virgin Mary’s birth on September the 8th every year too.

Jesus, Mary, and John the Baptist were born without sin. Most people know that Jesus and Mary were conceived without sin, and therefore born without sin, but a lot of people don’t know that the Catholic church teaches that Saint John the Baptist was born without sin too. Christ sanctified John while he was still in the womb. When Mary visited Elizabeth, John the Baptist acknowledged him as the son of God, even before he was born. He leapt in his mother’s womb at the sound of Mary while she carried Jesus in her womb. The scriptures talk about the sacredness of human life, even before birth. The prophet Isaiah wrote: “The Lord called me from birth, from my mother’s womb he gave me my name. For now the Lord has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb.”

And Psalms speak of unborn life as well: “I praise you, for I am wonderfully made.” “Truly you have formed my inmost being; you knit me in my mother’s womb.

I give you thanks that I am fearfully, wonderfully made; wonderful are your works. My soul also you knew full well; nor was my frame unknown to you When I was made in secret, when I was fashioned in the depths of the earth.” These verses in scripture explain the value of all unborn human life, beginning right from conception. Aside from referring to the need to recognize abortion is a grave moral wrong, these scriptures also explain how precious and valuable all human life is. God is our creator, and He loves us, even before we were born. God creates each person with value and worth. We don’t need to earn God’s love. We are His children, and He loves us too, just because we exist. That is a wonderful thought.

When you read the scriptures about Saint John the Baptist’s birth, there is an overpowering sense of predestination. John the Baptist was predestined to serve God by announcing the arrival of His son. The gospel said that the people living in the hill country of Judea discussed what happened and took it to heart. The constant presence in John the Baptist’s life is Jesus. From his birth to his death, John the Baptist loved the Lord. His love for God and love for His son is what we remember about John the Baptist. Jesus said in the gospel that there was no man born from woman, who is greater than John the Baptist.

**Annual Diocesan Family Day:** The annual Diocesan Family Day Mass will be celebrated July 9 at 12:15 pm at St. Anne’s Shrine in Isle LaMotte with Burlington Vicar General Msgr. John McDermott as celebrant. The shrine will be providing a free-will donation barbecue after the Family Day Mass as in the past. Contact St. Anne’s Shrine at sas@sse.org or 802-928-3362 to RSVP by July 6.

**Padre Pio Relic Event:** Padre Pio relics will be touring the diocese, visiting four locations July 13-16. July 13– St. Mary Star of the Sea, Newport, Veneration 9am to 6:30 pm, Mass 6:30 pm; July 14– St. Monica, Barre, Veneration 7 am to 7 pm, Mass 7 pm; July 15– Christ the King, Burlington, Veneration 10:30 am to 6 pm, Mass at 10 am; July 16– St. John the Baptist, Bennington Veneration 10:30 am to 6 pm, Mass at 10 am.

PRAY THE HOLY ROSARY EVERY DAY!

"O MARY, CONCEIVED WITHOUT SIN  
PRAY FOR US WHO HAVE RECOURSE TO THEE"

<b>Offertory Receipts for 6/10-11</b>		
<b>FY23 Weekly Goal: \$1,098</b>		
Last Week	= \$	719.00
YTD Actual	= \$	48257.61
YTD Budget	= \$	52704.00
Over (Under)	= \$	(4446.39)