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12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 25, 2023



12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows." - Mt 10:31

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Mass Intentions

Monday June 26, 2023

8:30 a.m. Father's Day Novena
Ken Mersman

Tuesday June 27, 2023

8:30 a.m. Father's Day Novena
Paul Bruxelles

Wednesday June 28, 2023

8:30 a.m. Paul M. Nardozza, Sr.

Thursday June 29, 2023

8:30 a.m. Tony Jennings

Friday June 30, 2023

8:30 a.m. Edward Deely

Saturday July 1, 2023

5:00 p.m. Franny Twardus

Sunday July 2, 2023

7:30 a.m. John Iwasyk
9:30 a.m. Living Intention of Mr. & Mrs. Paul Wood
Parishioners
11:30 a.m. Living Intention of Kevin & Sarah Locke

The Rosary will be prayed at 8:00 a.m. before daily Mass

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"Sing to the LORD,
praise the LORD,
for he has rescued the life of the poor
from the power of the wicked!" (Jer 20:13)

Psalm:

Lord, in your great love, answer me. (Ps 69)

Second Reading:

But the gift is not like the transgression.
For if by the transgression of the one the many died,
how much more did the grace of God
and the gracious gift of the one man Jesus Christ
overflow for the many. (Rom 5:15)

Gospel:

"What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light;
what you hear whispered, proclaim on the
housetops.
And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but
cannot kill the soul." (Mt 10:28)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Christ promises to acknowledge us before his Father if we will acknowledge him. In what ways are we called to acknowledge Christ today? In what ways are we tempted to deny him, to distance ourselves from him?

Observances for the week of June 25, 2023

Sunday:	12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday:	St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Wednesday:	Saint Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr
Thursday:	Sts. Peter And Paul, Apostles
Friday:	The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church
Saturday:	St. Junipero Serra, Priest
Next Sunday:	13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*In your charity, please pray for all who have gone
before us and all the deceased
of St. Mary of the Assumption.*



Liturgical Life

"Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge. Even all the hairs of your head are counted. So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows."

- Mt 10:29-31

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

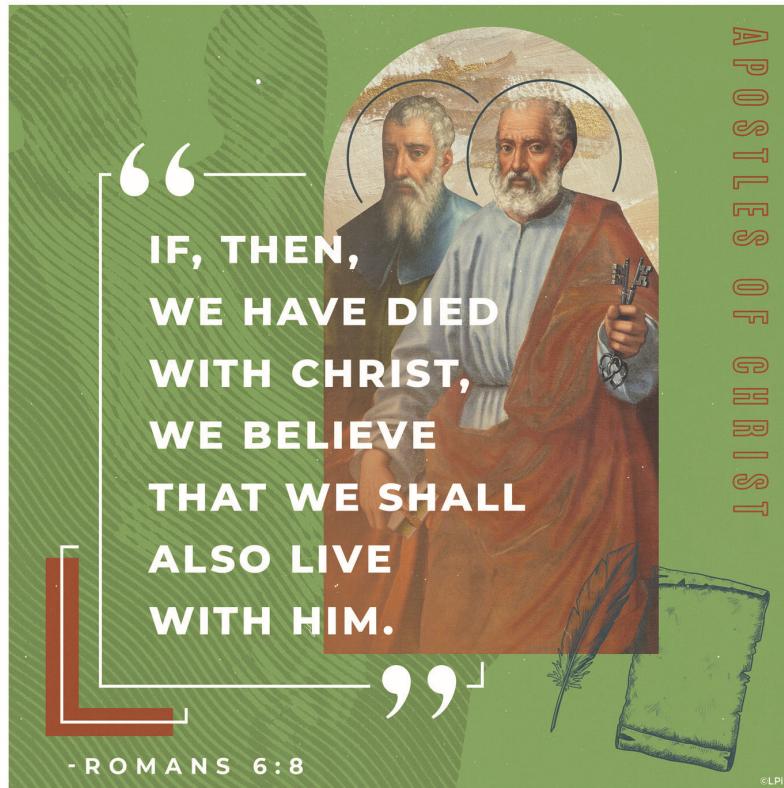
We hear how the prophet Jeremiah turned to God when he felt alone and attacked. What do you need to pray to God for this week?

Second Reading

Paul taught that through the grace of God, Christ reversed the sin of Adam, which brought death to all. When have you felt God's grace in your life?

Gospel Reading

Jesus encourages his disciples not to be afraid. What are some fears you have that you could turn over to God?



Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of June 25, 2023

Sunday:

Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35
(14c)/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33

Monday:

Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 and 22/Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday:

Gn 13:2, 5-18/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday:

Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 7:15-20

Thursday:

Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19 Day: Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

Friday:

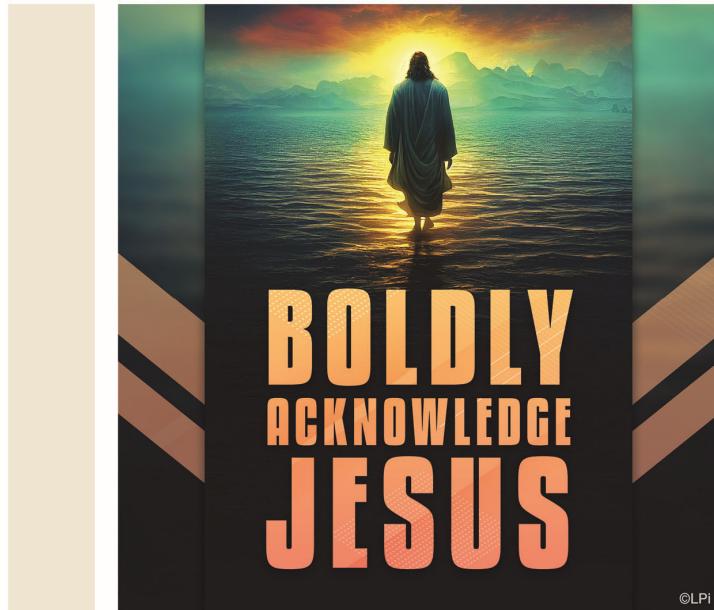
Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mt 8:1-4

Saturday:

Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 and 53, 54-55/Mt 8:5-17

Next Sunday:

2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19 (2a)/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42



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Gospel Meditation Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I was in middle school, there were times I didn't want my fellow students to see my parents drop me off or pick me up in the school parking lot. I was embarrassed of my parents. Why? I have no idea. Maybe it was our station wagon. Or I didn't want to look like a little kid. But in retrospect that was a silly thing to do. I was a kid. And I had two parents who loved me and had built a wonderful family. I was afraid of the other kids' judgment. How silly! I should have been afraid of forgetting or downplaying my family, which is where my identity had its deep roots.

This is a way to understand Jesus' words to his disciples this Sunday, when he says, "**Don't be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna.**" Fear, in this sense, refers to where we find our deepest identity and our highest love. That's why Jesus says next that when we acknowledge him before others, he will acknowledge us before the Father. It doesn't mean we're brash or boastful. But rather we unhesitatingly and humbly embrace our identity as followers of Jesus and children of God the Father. After all, if we love who we are and where we come from, who cares what the other kids think about us?

— Father John Muir

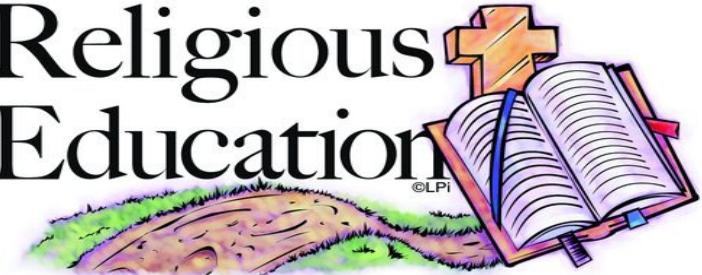
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Legion of Mary

LET CHRIST THINK THROUGH US If people have no capacity for thinking, then, of course, nothing can be done about it. As the saying goes, "blood cannot be extracted from a turnip." But who among us is prepared to accept the category of being a turnip. We may not all be geniuses, but one and all we have "the power of thought, the magic of the mind," as Byron says. It is the faculty which separates us from the animal, so we must apply it intensively to the field of religion. If we do not, then we are nor filling up what is lacking in the Thinking of Christ. This is a startling notion, one amounting to the suggestion that we are so to speak disfiguring Our Blessed Lord. We know the way He was brutally disfigured at the time of the Passion. In our own little way we, too, can diminish Him. We are supposed to be projecting Him, His actions, His qualities, His total likeness onto the screen of life. But if we do not think for Him and with Him, we are not casting on to that Christian screen the true image of Christ, whose "thoughts are more vast than the sea, whose counsels are more deep than the ocean." (Eccles. 24:39). He is the Eternal Wisdom in the form of a man. He wishes to assimilate us to Himself in that respect as in others. We are outlets of that Wisdom into the world, but so often we give Him no scope. We restrict Him in that particular department. We give Him rough energy, but not thought; so that we do not let Him think through us, or plan, or solve things, or otherwise manifest His genius. It is the very logic of the Mystical Body that we should make available to it every quality we possess. We must not omit the grand prerogative of intellect. When we give room to Our Lord to think in us, then important things must happen. If in that spirit we consecrate to Him our thinking, He assumes it into His own thought. His thought is potent. He shares in the creative power of the Trinity. The thought of God is omnipotent - He thinks the universe, and the universe with its billions of parts forthwith exists in all its vast diversity. Through the Mystical Body we are brought into touch with that process of eternal, omnipotent thinking. To the measure that we are in Christ and part of His operation, incredible though it may seem, we have somehow or other been taken into the very life of the Blessed Trinity. Of ourselves we are nothing, but through Our Lord we have been united to the Holy Trinity, and our little efforts of whatever kind are made part of the Divine force which arranges all things. "We are Christ's and Christ is God's." (I Cor. 3:23).

~From Gems of Wisdom by Frank Duff
Submitted by The Legion of Mary

Religious Education



UPDATE!!!! Effective July 1, 2023, the following changes will take place with the Religious Education Office: **Sandy Fiscella** will be taking over the Religious Education office as the Director of Religious Education (DRE), including PREP and the sacramental preparation programs for children. She may be reached at dre@smachurch.com or phone extension 18 at the parish.

Cindy Krebs will solely be the Preschool Director and can be reached at preschool@smachurch.com or phone extension #34.

All three of our in-person sessions need catechists!

Please prayerfully consider if God may be calling you to share your faith with the young people of our parish. We will train you, give you materials and support.

Three different sessions:

1. June Session:

June 20th - 23rd and June 26th-29th 6:00pm-8:00pm

2. August Session:

July 31st - Aug. 3rd and Aug. 7th - 10th 9:30am- 11:30am

3. Monday Session:

Monday evenings through the school year 6:00pm – 7:15pm

Call Sandy in the Parish Office or email PREP@smachurch.com

VBS Church Camp this summer!!! SMA invites your child, grades Pre-K—5th, to attend July 17th—July 21st; 9:00am—12:00pm

Registration is available at:
www.smachurch.com/youth Please consider volunteering. This can only happen if we have enough volunteers!





In the Gospel Jesus says: "Whoever fulfills and teaches these commands shall be great in the kingdom of God."

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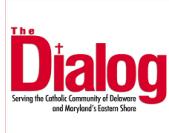


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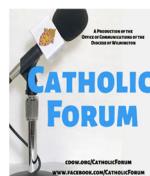
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Monday June 26, 2023

8:30 a.m. Mass
6:00 p.m. 2023 Summer June PREP

Tuesday June 27, 2023

8:30 a.m. Mass
10:30 a.m. Divine Will Group meeting (CF)
6:00 p.m. 2023 Summer June PREP

Wednesday June 28, 2023

8:30 a.m. Mass
10:00 a.m. Ladies Guild meeting (M)
6:00 p.m. 2023 Summer June PREP

Thursday June 29, 2023

8:30 a.m. Mass
6:00 p.m. 2023 Summer June PREP

Friday June 30, 2023

8:30 a.m. Mass
9:15 a.m. Legion of Mary (CF)
9:15 a.m. Mother's Prayer group (CP)

Saturday July 1, 2023

8:30 a.m. Mass
3:30 p.m. Confessions

Sunday July 2, 2023

7:30 a.m. Mass
9:30 a.m. Mass
12:30 p.m. Junior Praesidium (CF)
11:30 a.m. Mass

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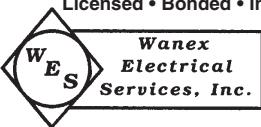
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