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**ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
JUNE 18, 2023**

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Mass Schedule
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Saturday Vigil: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 8 am, 10 am, noon

Daily Mass:
Monday-Saturday, 8:30 am

Confession
Saturday: 9-9:45 am or by appointment

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**The month of June
is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.**

We invite you to join us for adoration
7-8 pm on June 21
at St. Thomas of Canterbury Church.

During June, look for posters in the church from the work of Blessed Carlo Acutis that document over 100 Eucharistic miracles.

Welcome, Father Tony! Father Anthony Worae (pronounced wry) just arrived to help us this summer. Father Tony is from the Diocese of Techiman in Ghana. He is presently the pastor of Holy Family Parish, as well as the chaplain to Holy Family Hospital and School for Nursing and Midwifery. Father Tony worked with Father Rees for almost five years at St. Ann Parish in Nyack. (His luggage finally arrived!)

The St. Marianne Cope Outreach **Sunday Sandwich program** is looking for families or individuals to help make sandwiches one Sunday during the summer, 11 am-noon. There are plenty of dates still available for an hour of fun and a rewarding experience knowing you've personally fed the homeless. We look forward to hearing from you. If interested, email outreach@stmariannecope.com or call John at 914.953.0047.

Did you register your child for 2023-24 Faith Formation Classes?! Classes begin in first grade. For information about our programs, email Faith Formation Director Mary Ellen Tiernan at metiernan@stmariannecope.com.

Inquiry and the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) and Teens (RCIT): Classes begin in the fall but now is a time for "inquiry". Email Mary Ellen with questions or to sign up at metiernan@stmariannecope.com.



AMELIA HARPER LERNER
was baptized on
June 4, 2023.

The **Wednesday Prayer Group** gathers in the St. Thomas old school building on Wednesdays at 6:15 pm to pray for priests, church, vocations, and community. All are welcome.



THE PASTOR'S CORNER

SAINT JOSEPH, FATHER IN TENDERNESS

THE GOSPELS ATTEST THAT JESUS always used the word “father” to speak of God and his love. Many parables have the figure of a father as their protagonist (Cf. Mt 15:13; 21:28-30; 22:2; Lk 15:11-32; n. 5,19-23; 6,32-40; 14,2; 15,1,8). Among the most well known is certainly the one of *the merciful Father*, recounted by Luke the Evangelist (cf. Lk 15:11-32). This parable emphasizes not only the experience of sin and forgiveness, but also the way in which forgiveness reaches the person who has done wrong. The text says: “While he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him” (v. 20). The son was expecting a punishment, a justice that at most could have given him the place of one of the servants, but he finds himself wrapped in his father’s embrace. Tenderness is something greater than the logic of the world. It is an unexpected way of doing justice. This is why we must never forget that God is not frightened by our sins: let us fix this clearly in our minds. God is not frightened by our sins, he is greater than our sins: he is the father, he is love, he is tender. He is not frightened by our sins, our mistakes, our failings, but he is frightened by the closure of our hearts — this, yes, this makes him suffer — he is frightened by our lack of faith in his love.

There is great tenderness in the experience of God’s love. And it is beautiful to think that the first person to transmit this reality to Jesus was Joseph himself. Indeed, the things of God always come to us through the mediation of human experiences. Some time ago — I don’t know if I have already told this story — a group of young people who do theatre, a pop theatre group, ahead of the curve, were struck by this parable of the merciful father and decided to create a pop theatre production on this theme, with this story. And they did it well. And the story is that, at the end, a friend listens to a son who is estranged from his father, who wanted to return home but was afraid that his father would kick him out and punish him. And the friend, says to him: “Send a messenger to say that you want to return home, and if your father will receive you, he should put a handkerchief in the window, the one you can see as soon as you take the last stretch of the path home”. And this was done. And the work, with singing and dancing, continues until the moment that the son turns onto the last stretch of the road and sees the house. And when he looks up, he sees the house filled with white handkerchiefs: filled with them. Not one, but three or four in every window. This is what

God’s mercy is like. He is not deterred by our past, by the bad things we have done; he is only frightened by our closure. We all have things to come to terms with; but coming to terms with God is a beautiful thing, because we begin to talk, and he embraces us. Tenderness!

So, we can ask ourselves if we ourselves have experienced this tenderness, and if we in turn have become its witnesses. For tenderness is not primarily an emotional or sentimental matter: it is the experience of feeling loved and welcomed precisely in our poverty and misery, and thus transformed by God’s love.... He takes our weaknesses by the hand and places himself by our side. And this is tenderness.

The experience of tenderness consists in seeing God’s power pass through precisely that which makes us most fragile.... “Tenderness is the best way to touch the frailty within us”. Look at how nurses touch the wounds of the sick: with tenderness, so as not to hurt them further. And this is how the Lord touches our wounds, with the same tenderness.... “We know that God’s truth does not condemn, but instead welcomes, embraces, sustains and forgives us” (*Patris Corde*, 2). God always forgives: keep this clearly in your head and your heart. God always forgives. We are the ones who tire of asking for forgiveness. But he always forgives, even the worst things.

It does us good, then, to mirror ourselves in Joseph’s fatherhood, which is a mirror of God’s fatherhood, and to ask ourselves whether we allow the Lord to love us with his tenderness, transforming each one of us into men and women capable of loving in this way. Without this “revolution of tenderness” — there is a need for a revolution of tenderness! — we risk remaining imprisoned in a justice that does not allow us to easily rise up again and that confuses redemption with punishment. This is why today I want to remember in a special way our brothers and sisters who are in prison. It is right that those who have done wrong should pay for their mistake, but it is equally right that those who have done wrong should be able to redeem themselves from their mistake. There cannot be sentences without a window of hope. Any sentence must always have a window of hope. Let us think of our brothers and sisters in prison, and think of God’s tenderness for them, and let us pray for them, so they might find in that window of hope a way out towards a better life.

From Pope Francis’ General Audience, January 19, 2022



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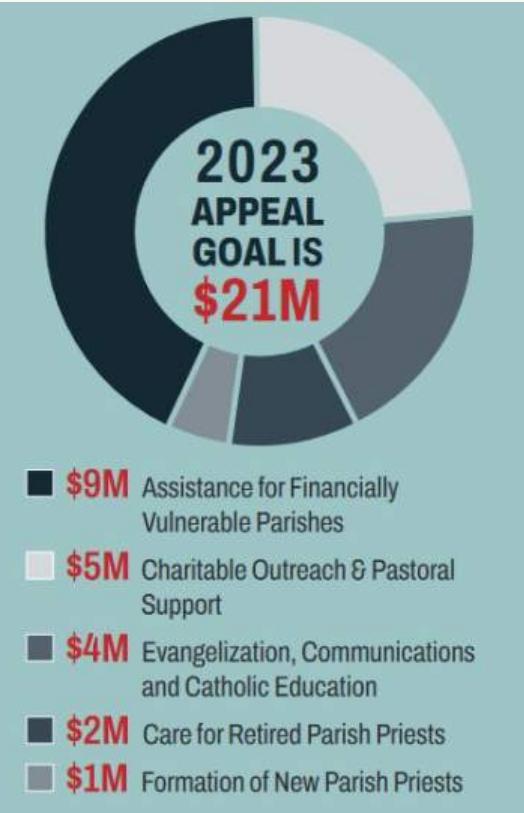
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St. Marianne Cope Parish's Goal is: \$72,000.

Amount raised to date: \$47,115. Donors: 129 families.



READINGS FOR THE 11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reading I — Exodus 19:2-6a

Israel encounters Yahweh at Mt. Sinai. Moses receives the Lord's rules for the people to observe as part of a covenant with Him.

Reading II — Romans 5:6-11

The justified Christian, having been reconciled with God, will also be saved and share in the hope derived from Christ's risen life.

The Gospel — Matthew 9:36-10:8

Jesus shows His compassion for the people. Then He chooses the Twelve Apostles and commissions them to announce the kingdom of heaven as being at hand.

To watch a live streamed Mass from St. Patrick Cathedral, visit catholicfaithnetwork.org/masses.

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Scan the QR code to visit the **Worship Aid** page for the readings, antiphons, and music for the Sunday Mass at stmariannecope.com.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, Jun 19: St Romuald

8:30 Father's Day Novena

Tues, Jun 20

8:30 +Linda Accilli by Steve and Hannah Accilli

Wed, Jun 21: St Aloysius Gonzaga

8:30 Liv/Dec CDA by CDA

Thurs, Jun 22: Sts John Fisher and Thomas More

8:30 +Father's Day Novena

Fri, Jun 23

8:30 +Ian Sousa by family

Sat, Jun 24: The Nativity of St John the Baptist

8:30 Father's Day Novena

4:30 +Patrick Kane by Kathy Kissel; +Fred and Hattie Ferraiuolo by Deacon Tony and Shirley Ferraiuolo

Sun, Jun 25: Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 +William Hughes by Steve and Hannah Accilli

10:00 McGovern family by Carole McGovern

12:00 The People of the Parish

Two intentions will be accepted at the Saturday, 4:30 Vigil Mass. The Sunday Mass at noon will ALWAYS be offered only for the People of the Parish. The offering for an unannounced Mass is \$10; for an announced Mass: \$15.

The parish offers Mass every first Saturday of the month at 8:30 am for the deceased who will be remembered in our Perpetual Mass Enrollment. These Holy Souls will be included in the prayers of the liturgy for a period of one year. The offering is \$30 and includes a leatherette memorial Mass folder.



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