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✠ Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time ✠

June 16, 2024

THE MUSTARD SEED PRINCIPLE: Our Gospel for today features one of Jesus' most beloved parables: that of the mustard seed. How does God tend to work? What does the building up of the Kingdom typically look like? From the very small to the very great—and usually by a slow, gradual process. God, it seems, tends to operate under the radar, on the edges of things, quietly, clandestinely. ~ Bishop Robert Barron

POPE FRANCIS ON FATHERHOOD: A father knows how to wait and knows how to forgive from the depths of his heart. Certainly, he knows how to correct with firmness: he is not a weak father, submissive and sentimental. The father who knows how to correct without humiliating is the one who knows how to protect without sparing himself. ~ General Audience, February 4, 2015

WE HAVE A BISHOP! Pope Francis has named the 10th Bishop of Pembroke: Rev. Michael Brehl, C.S.s.R. His episcopal ordination will take place at the Cathedral of St. Columbkille on Thursday, August 15, 2024, the solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, at 10:00 a.m. More details on the bulletin board.

PASTORAL APPOINTMENTS FOR THE DIOCESE OF PEMBROKE: Reverend George Ryan Holly, diocesan administrator, announced a number of appointments on June 7, 2024, the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. They are posted on the bulletin board.

May the Living God bless fathers everywhere this day.

Eleventh Week of Ordinary Time

June 17 – 22

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. (*with Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions*)
+ Beverly Brotton by *Danny & Patsy O'Malley*
Friday 9:00 a.m. + Al Smaglini by *Tom & Gloria Bertrand*

+ Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time +

June 23, 2024

Saturday 4:00 p.m. + Teresa Sullivan by *Bruce & Karen Sullivan*
+ Ambrose & Martha Zilney by *Dorothy Prince*
Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass for the People

Liturgical Appointments

Readings

Communion

Offertory

June 22

Sean Conway

Beverly Glofcheskie

Barry Dombroskie

Richard Luckasavitch

June 23

Judy Fillion

Pierre-Paul Fillion

Jason Dombroskie

Jamie Prince

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday 3:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. in sacristy.
Weekdays – before weekday Masses in sacristy or by appointment during office hours.

IN YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER:

- our fathers who - in the image of God the Father - have given us life and love.
- that the Lord Jesus would anoint Fr. Michael Brehl with the gift of the Holy Spirit as he prepares to shepherd our diocese.
- for parishioners and friends who are sick, especially: *Carmel Rumleskie*
- for those who have died, especially: *Martin Byrnes; Margaret Kauffeldt; Francis 'Frank' Anderchek; Lucinda Jane (Hartwick) Jessup.*

ROMAN CALENDAR:

Wednesday - St. Romuald, abbot

Friday - St. Aloysius Gonzaga, religious

Saturday - St. Paulinus of Nola, bishop and St. John Fisher, bishop

MEN AS HUSBANDS AND FATHERS: In his 1981 exhortation, *Familiaris Consortio*, Pope John Paul II gave this reflection:

“Within the conjugal and family communion-community, the man is called upon to live his gift and role as husband and father.

In his wife he sees the fulfillment of God's intention: "It is not good that the man should be alone, I will make him a helper fit for him," and he makes his own the cry of Adam, the first husband: "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh."

Authentic conjugal love presupposes and requires that a man have a profound respect for the equal dignity of his wife: "You are not her master," writes St. Ambrose, "but her husband; she was not given to you to be your slave, but your wife.... Reciprocate her attentiveness to you and be grateful to her for her love." With his wife a man should live "a very special form of personal friendship." As for the Christian, he is called upon to develop a new attitude of love, manifesting towards his wife a charity that is both gentle and strong like that which Christ has for the Church."

Love for his wife as mother of their children and love for the children themselves are for the man the natural way of understanding and fulfilling his own fatherhood. Above all where social and cultural conditions so easily encourage a father to be less concerned with his family or at any rate less involved in the work of education, efforts must be made to restore socially the conviction that the place and task of the father in and for the family is of unique and irreplaceable importance. As experience teaches, the absence of a father causes psychological and moral imbalance and notable difficulties in family relationships, as does, in contrary circumstances, the oppressive presence of a father, especially where there still prevails the phenomenon of "machismo," or a wrong superiority of male prerogatives which humiliates women and inhibits the development of healthy family relationships.

In revealing and in reliving on earth the very fatherhood of God, a man is called upon to ensure the harmonious and united development of all the members of the family: he will perform this task by exercising generous responsibility for the life conceived under the heart of the mother, by a more solicitous commitment to education, a task he shares with his wife, by work which is never a cause of division in the family but promotes its unity and stability, and by means of the witness he gives of an adult Christian life which effectively introduces the children into the living experience of Christ and the Church.”

FATHER’S DAY TREATS: TODAY, after Mass, the Knights of Columbus will have popsicles and other cold treats for all parishioners.

DIOCESAN WEEKLY BULLETIN: There are various diocesan events scheduled for youth and young adults at <https://pembrokediocese.com/weekly-bulletin/> Be sure to check it out!

LAST WEEK'S SUNDAY OFFERINGS:

Correction of Total: June 9th - \$3,524.50 and E-transfers: \$710.00

Total: June 16th - \$3,397.05 (Envelopes: \$2,490.00; Loose: \$100.05; Visitors: \$75.00; Seminary Offering: \$65.00; Evangelization Project: \$10.00; Building Fund: \$457.00; E-transfer: \$200.00) [People at Mass: 4:00 p.m./91; 10:30 a.m./103]

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS FOR CHILDREN: Preparation for First Holy Communion and Confirmation in our parish is in accordance with diocesan policy which encourages a process of individualized family faith formation. Families who wish to have their children begin preparing for these sacraments are invited to speak to Fr. Burchat after Sunday Mass. Parents will also be invited to return to the practice of the faith with regular Mass attendance. The parish provides resources and catechetical assistance.

EVENINGS OF PRAISE, WORSHIP AND INTERCESSORY PRAYER: Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Lawrence O'Toole parish hall.

SCRIPTURE STUDY of the Gospel of Mark is taking a break for the summer and will resume in September continuing with Mark chapter 10 on forming disciples.

THE SECULAR ORDER OF DISCALCED CARMELITES: Would you be interested in discerning a secular (lay) vocation? Are you spiritually attracted to St. Therese of Lisieux or St. Teresa of Avila? Our group (not a prayer group) meets monthly at St. Andrew Parish in Killaloe. For more information call Patricia at 613-756-2267.

150th ANNIVERSARY OF THE ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO STE-ANNE-DE-BEAUPRE AND OUR LADY OF THE CAPE: From the Dioceses of Ottawa-Cornwall, Pembroke, Mont-Laurier/St-Jérôme, Kingston and Gatineau **on August 10-11, 2024.** If you are planning on attending time is running out as space is filling up. Departures from Pembroke, Renfrew, Arnprior, departing Pembroke at 4:00 a.m. Reach out at your convenience if you have questions. Mike @ 613-224-8110.

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ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD: Reverend Mr. Lukas Časta will receive Sacred Ordination to the Priesthood on the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, **Saturday, June 29, 2024,** at the Cathedral of St. Columbkille at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome to attend.