



GO GREEN

Look around! A new liturgical season has started - Ordinary Time - and it is green and alive with wisdom and seeks to nourish body and soul. During this time we count (from the Latin, "ordinare," to put things in order) each Sunday from the last week till November and week #33. Settle into Ordinary time this summer and be open to the power of God's Word to enliven us. May we use all the added light and heat to EX-PAND and see more of God's wonders. Reconnect with the earth and treasure its bounty. Work in your garden. Even appreciate someone else's work as you savor fresh fruits and vegetables. Slow down. Take a deep breath. Know that God is with you. Let the Light Shine in all you do and grow in this Ordinary Time. It is a GIFT! Pray that week by week we are strong enough to grow as His faithful Disciples and put our world into God's order!

BABY BOTTLES

Members of the Respect Life Ministry will be handing out baby bottles after all Masses NEXT WEEKEND Father's Day weekend, June 19th & 20th. This fundraiser supports Women's Choice Network, which provides life-affirming pregnancy services. Would you please accept a bottle, fill it with your loose change (and bills) during the next several weeks and return your bottle to the collection boxes at the bottom of the church stairs? Thank you for your generous support.

NEW SEMINARIAN

My name is Ben Plazek. I recently finished my first



year at Saint Paul's Seminary and have been assigned to work at Assumption. Position sumption Parish for the summer under the tutelage of Father Jeff. I

am the fifth of seven children and my parents are lifelong parishioners of Assumption. I attended Assumption School for 1st through 8th grade before going to Aquinas Academy for high school. I have received all my sacraments at Assumption thus far and was privileged to serve as an altar server for many years. I worked as a flight instructor after high school before eventually becoming a commercial pilot. I flew small jet aircraft for a private company for 5 years before realizing the Lord had something more in store for me and entered Saint Paul's Seminary in Fall of 2020. I feel very blessed to be a part of this parish family and am happy to be back with you for the summer. I look forward to serving you and walking together as we all strive to grow closer to the Lord. Please pray for me and know of my prayers for all of you!

THANK YOU

Too short of a stay for sure but what a gift being with you this past year has been for me! I'm so grateful the Lord brought me

to our parishes and I honestly have been overwhelmed and inspired by your faith, love and support in my time here. I'll be living at St. Mary of Mercy at the Point (Divine Mercy Parish) downtown and doing evangelization for the diocese while being the chaplain at Oakland and Central Catholic. If you'd be interested in keeping a tab on what I'm up to, the best way would be to jump on the Dry Bones website drybonespqh.org (or simply google Dry Bones Pittsburgh). Once again just want to say how grateful I am to you. I'll miss you and I'll be praying for you.

- Fr. Joe

MASS CHANGE

Effective immediately, based on Mass attendance & priest schedules, we are eliminating our Wednesday evening Mass at 7 pm. Confessions remain at 6 pm.

MEN'S BONFIRE - JUNE 24



Join us at 7:30pm for a FISHERMEN night of fellowship and community at the fire ring (behind the upper parking Men of all ages are invited - BYO lot). chair and drinks. Sausages and light

snacks will be provided. Be sure to tell a friend! If you have questions, contact Jim (412-576-9286) by phone or text.



WEEKLY COMMUNION

If you are unable to come to Mass and would like someone to bring the Eucharist to you at home, please contact the parish office at ext. 10. We have a number of volunteers who will be happy to bring you communion.

NEW SANITIZATION MEASURES

As we transition to greater capacity, we have taken steps to minimize the spread of all airborne viruses and bacteria in our Church Building. We have installed Germicidal UV light units in our HVAC systems so that over 95% of all airborne bacteria and viruses are effectively eliminated from all of the air that flows through our heating, air conditioning and ventilation systems. We hope that minimizing risks will allow people to come & worship with less fear and concern.

GREAT NEWS! KIDS' CLOTHING DRIVE!



Thanks to the generosity of many of our volunteers and Amplify Church we have successfully collected donations for 17 kids we are working with - enough for about 5 outfits for each child, a pair of sandals, a swimsuit and a pack of underwear/diapers! The total cost of this project was over \$2,000.

Thank you so much for your generosity! As we pack up the clothes and deliver them out, please pray for each of these children and their parents. Pray for a safe summer, full of peace and joy. Each of these families came to us with a crisis this year - on top of a pandemic they had something hard happen in their family. Please pray for a time of rest this summer! Lale lvirostek@sinpittsburgh.org

STEPHEN MINISTRY -- 'AFTER' CARE



A Stephen Minister is available to you to provide confidential, one-to-one, Stephen Christian care (men with men, women with women) 'after' .. the death of a loved one, knowledge of a challenging

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CENTERING PRAYER

...will begin meeting twice a month on Thursday evenings from 7 - 8 pm in Conf. Rm. A. The next dates are June 17 and July 8 and 22. Call the Parish office (ext. 10) for more info.

NEW DIOCESAN DATABASE

The Diocese has moved to a new database platform called Virtus for all of their volunteers. It now has the ability to send out emails automatically to everyone that is an active volunteer. Some of you may have received an email stating that you need to recertify your Protecting God's Children class. This is a legitimate email and something that all need to do if it has been longer than 3 years since you have taken the class. The details of how to complete it are in the Virtus email but any questions can be directed to Sue Bodziach, our Safe Environment Coordinator. Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

IS SOMEONE'S DRINKING BOTHERING YOU?

Al-Anon may be able to help. Come for hope and understanding. We resumed meetings every Monday starting June 7 at 1 PM in the youth room next to the office. Church covid protocols will be enforced.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Our housekeeper at the rectory recently retired & we are looking for someone to help us with laundry. If you have an hour or so a week, to help us launder & iron the purificators & church linens, please call the parish office (ext. 10.) You can use the washing machine & dryer at the rectory or do it at your home.

JOIN US AS WE STUDY THE SUNDAY READINGS



The Sunday readings are looked at from the perspective of the time and how they relate to us today. There is a welcoming vibrant group waiting to meet you in Conference Rm. A at 10 am Thursday mornings. Con-

tact Lale at lvirostek@sinpittsburgh.org, for more info.

HeBrewsAM- Men's Weekly Bible Study

See the Sunday readings through first-century eyes.

Thursdays – 7:30 AM at St. John Neumann (Bovard Hall) or via Zoom https://www.sjnpittsburgh.org/ ministries/hebrews---men's-ministry.

MONEY COUNTERS NEEDED

We are looking for a few good men and women to help us with counting the Sunday collection after Mass each week. If you are willing to give a few hours of your time after the 9:30 Mass every couple of months, please call Mike Conroy at 412-364-7342.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



VBS IS ON! Although it will look a bit dif-**Vacation** ferent this year, we will still be offering lots of resources for you to plug into at home over the summer while learning about how Jesus'

power and love pulls us through everything! Anyone who registers for VBS this year will receive a ROCKY RAIL-WAY TAKE HOME package filled with crafts, experimental gizmos, interactive Bible memory buddies, a card from which you can download all the fun songs from this year's VBS, a Tracking with Jesus Bible Book full of Bible stories and access to online videos to help guide you through the Bible stories, crafts and music. In addition, for our little ones, a preschool package is available. Packets will be available for pick up beginning June 14th so you can learn about Jesus' power and love at your convenience throughout the summer! Visit the St. John Neumann website to register today!

PRAYERS OF THE MASS

Penitential Rite

I confess to Almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore, I ask Blessed Mary, ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, We give you thanks for your great glory.

Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, In the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made,

consubstantial with the Father; Through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

and by the Holy Spirit
was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day

in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

A Prayer to St. Michael

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.

Introductory Rites

Opening Hymn—The Kingdom of God The kingdom of God is justice and joy; for Jesus restores what sin would destroy. God's power and glory in Jesus we know; and here and here-after the kingdom shall grow.

The kingdom of God is mercy and grace; the captives are freed, the sinners find place, the outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share; and hope is awakened in place of despair.

Liturgy of the Word

Ezekiel 17:22-24

Thus says the Lord GOD: I, too, will take from the crest of the cedar, from its topmost branches tear off a tender shoot, and plant it on a high and lofty mountain; on the mountain heights of Israel I will plant it. It shall put forth branches and bear fruit, and become a majestic cedar. Birds of every kind shall dwell beneath it, every winged thing in the shade of its boughs. And all the trees of the field shall know that I, the LORD. bring low the high tree, lift high the lowly tree, wither up the green tree, and make the withered tree bloom. As I, the LORD, have spoken, so will I do.

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

2 Corinthians 5:6-10

Brothers and sisters: We are always courageous, although we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yet we are courageous, and we would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord. Therefore, we aspire to please him, whether we are at home or away. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.

Mark 14:26-34

Jesus said to the crowds: "This is how it is with the kingdom of God; it is as if a man were to scatter seed on the land and would sleep and rise night and day and through it all the seed would sprout and grow, he knows not how.

Of its own accord the land yields fruit, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the grain is ripe, he wields the sickle at once, for the harvest has come."

He said.

"To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them as they were able to understand it. Without parables he did not speak to them, but to his own disciples he explained everything in private.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation Song—Praise and Thanksgiving Praise and thanksgiving, Father, we offer, for all things living you have made good; harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard. hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.

Father, providing food for your children, by your wise guiding teach us to share one with another, so that, rejoicing with us, all others may know your care.

Then will your blessing reach every people, freely confessing your gracious hand. Where you are reigning no one will hunger, your love sustaining, fruitful the land.

Communion Song—At the Table of Jesus Refrain: At the table of Jesus we are nourished and fed By the blessing cup and heaven's living bread. At the table of Jesus earth and heaven are wed. To a hungry world, by our God we are led.

Concluding Rites

Closing Hymn—The Kingdom of God The kingdom of God is challenge and choice: believe the good news, repent and rejoice! God's love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross: our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.

God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal; in Jesus begun, in heaven made whole. The heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call; and all things cry "Glory!" to God all in all.

FIRST SACRAMENTS!



 ${f HOLY}$ If you think your child is ready to begin preparation for Reconciliation/ Communion next spring, we'd love to meet and help you. You are the trustcommunion ed one in your child's life so we need

you to open the way to trust the Lord in the sacraments. The church says that a child should be baptized, completed at least 1 year of religious education and be of the age of reason (usually 7 yrs. old) to properly receive these sacraments. A First Sacrament information meeting for children will be held in the September-October 2021 timeframe. These students have had 1 or more full years of catechesis in preparation for Eucharist and Reconciliation and are going into 2nd grade. If your child was not registered for any type of faith formation or did not attend one of the programs offered by St. John Neumann and you want them to receive First Sacraments here at St. John Neumann, please email Irind@sinpittsburgh.org for additional information for your child's situation.

MEAL FOR MIRYAM'S



Each month we, as a parish community, send a meal to Miryam's Day Program to feed approximately 60 women. The program, run by Bethlehem Haven, provides meals and sup-

portive services to homeless women in the city.

Our next meal is Thursday, July 15th. We need volunteers to prepare a side dish at home and drop it off in Bovard Hall. Please call Laurie Reese (724-816-6415) if you are able to prepare a side dish.

MASS INTENTIONS & SCRIPTURE READINGS Sunday, June 13, 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ez 17:22-24; Cor 5:6-10; Mk 4:26-34
8:00 Rosella Kolling (Lorraine Norris) 9:30 For the People of SJN Parish
11:30 Hixenbaugh's 60th Wedding Anniv.
Monday, June 14
2 Cor 6:1-10; Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4; Mt 5:38-42
9:00 Deceased Miller Brothers (Rosemary)
Tuesday, June 15
2 Cor 8:1-9; Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a;Mt 5:43-48
9:00 Charlie Jones (Judy Venditto)
Wednesday, June 16
2 Cor 9:6-11; Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
9:00 Rose Bilotta (Feely Family)
Thursday, June 17
2 Cor 11:1-11; Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8, Mt 6:7-15
9:00Marjorie O'Keefe (John & Iris Parks)
Friday, June 18
2 Cor 11:18, 21-30; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7;Mt 6:19-23
9:00 Pat Conroy (Mike)
Saturday, June 19
2 Cor 12:1-10; Ps 34:8-9, 10-11, 12-13;Mt 6:24-34
9:00Joe & Ann Schrall (Family)
5:30Rodger Kirsch (Dianna Harrold)
Sunday, June 20, 12th Sunday in Ord. Time
Job 38:1, 8-11; Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29,30-31; 2 Cor 5:14-17; Mk 4:35-41
8:00 Carl Giannelli (Ruth & Family)
9:30Art Olszewski (Keppel Family)
11:30For the People of Sacred Heart, Assumption, & St. John Neumann Parishes
Livestreamed at sjn.pittsburgh.org/mass-online

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The Knights of Columbus are collecting unserviceable & discarded flags now thru July 4. The collection box is in the lobby by the donation center.

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Baptism Preparation: Please call Lisa 412.366.5885 x. 12 to register for a ZOOM meeting or more information.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays @ 9:30 am, Weds @6pm.

Sacrament of Marriage: Arrangements must be made in person at least six months in advance. Please call the parish office.

Anointing of the Sick: If you or a family member is a candidate for the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick due to age, illness, upcoming risky surgery, or hospitalization, please contact our parish office.

Prayer Line: Need prayer for any reason? Call or text at 412.512.1536 or email to sinprayer@gmail.com. Prayer intentions for the month are listed at <a href="http://htt

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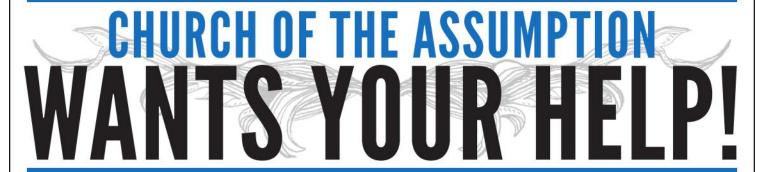
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