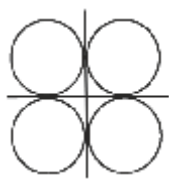


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June 20, 2021 Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mission Statement

St Paul's Parish Family exists for the purpose of witnessing and proclaiming the message of Jesus Christ, that message proclaimed in word, worship, service: love God, love your neighbor as yourself.



12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Quiet! Be still!"
The wind ceased and there was great calm. Then he asked them,
"Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?" - Mk 4:39-40

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Mass Times

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday, 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Confession

Saturday 2:00-3:00 p.m.
 or by appointment

Weekday Masses

No daily Mass or Adoration of the
 Blessed Sacrament in the
 month of June

Live Stream Mass via YouTube

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday, 11:00 a.m.

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Upcoming Events**Monday, June 21**

St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious
 No Morning Mass

Tuesday, June 22

Weekday
Religious Freedom Week
 No Morning Mass

Wednesday, June 23

Weekday
 No Morning Mass
 No Adoration of the Blessed
 Sacrament

Thursday, June 24

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
 No Morning Mass

Friday, June 25

Weekday
Parish Office Closed at Noon
 No Morning Mass

Saturday, June 26

Weekday
Peter's Pence - Holy Father Collection
 2:00P Individual Confession
 4:00P Mass - Fr. David Tedesche

Sunday, June 27

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Peter's Pence - Holy Father Collection
 9:00A Mass - Fr. Al Delmonte
 11:00A Mass - Fr. John Mulligan

Financial Snapshot

	May 2021	July 2020-May 2021
Collections	\$29,821	\$490,828
Donations/ other revenue	\$2,712	\$39,848
Expenses	\$19,375	\$497,401
Operating surplus/deficit	\$13,158	\$33,275

*"Expenses" include quarterly invoices paid.

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Seeds for the Journey

Introspection

Calming the Chaotic Sea

Water is one of those symbols that shows up again and again in the Bible, and in today's Gospel it emerges as a chaotic, threatening storm that causes the disciples to fear for their lives. In his book, *Breathing Under Water: Spirituality and the Twelve Steps* (which speaks of the universal experience of addiction to anything), Franciscan monk Richard Rohr explains that whenever we see the word "water" in the Bible, we should consider it a bookmark, a signal from God of an opening into a spiritual experience—examples include baptism, the Israelites crossing the Red Sea to freedom, Jesus transmuting water into wine and walking upon the sea, the teaching of living water as eternal life in the Spirit.



During the storms of life, the symbol of water holds for us the promise that if we just hold on, endure, and ultimately surrender to His care, we will be safe. But if we go a little deeper and open to the grace of the moment, we can actually be transformed interiorly in some way and brought a little closer to that union with God that the mystics talk about. It's something that we could not have seen or anticipated before the "storm" of the experience occurred, and it would not have happened without the experience. We are different precisely because we walked through that storm and opened our hearts to its grace.

When the disciples first got in the boat, they had no inkling that anything like the storm Mark describes was going to happen. When they leave shore the sea is calm, but then things get desperately out of control: While the boat is taking on water from waves crashing over its sides, Jesus is sleeping on a pillow in the stern. The disciples finally wake him with the rebuke that he doesn't seem to care about what happens to them, to which Jesus responds by calming the chaos and then asking, "Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?" He's inviting the disciples to look within themselves to find the cause and origin of their fear. The storm is not the actual cause of their fear; there is something spiritually amiss within them that needs transmutation.

Genuine introspection is necessary on the path of discipleship, and a good place for us to start is right where the pain is. In the kind of storm we're talking about, we start with our feeling of powerlessness in the face of what is causing our pain, and then we pray like our life depends on it—because in a sense it does, just as it did for the disciples in the sinking boat. And when we have been brought through the storm, our experience will leave us in a state of awe, as it did for the disciples, at the miraculous work God has accomplished through the Spirit and the openness of a willing human heart.

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St. Paul's Welcomes Back



Fr. Dan Holland

Weekend Mass Obligation

Hopefully everyone has read the letter to the faithful from Bishop Matano regarding the resumption of the obligation to attend Sunday Mass for the Upstate New York Dioceses.

Please note that in Bishop Matano's letter he does state that "Anyone who is frail or at risk due to advanced age or medical conditions is *always* excused from this obligation, and are encouraged to use your prudential judgment throughout this pandemic to determine if it is safe for you to attend Mass."

For those who are able to join us we are grateful that you are with us to unite with Christ in Eucharist at Mass.

What Makes a Dad

God took the strength of a mountain,
the majesty of a tree,
the warmth of a summer sun,
the calm of a quiet sea,
the generous soul of nature,
the comforting arm of night,
the wisdom of ages,
the power of the eagle's flight,
the joy of a morning in spring,
the faith of a mustard seed,
the patience of eternity,
the depth of a family need,
then God combined these qualities,
when there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece
was complete,
and so, He called it...Dad



The Most Reverend Salvatore R. Matano
invites the faithful to the
Diocesan Patronal Feast Day
Mass of Saint John Fisher on
Tuesday, June 22, 2021
at 7:00 p.m.
at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart

This Mass will begin Religious Freedom Week, June 22 – June 29, as the Diocese of Rochester joins all arch (dioceses) in the United States to "Pray – Reflect – Act" in promoting religious freedom.

For more information:
<https://www.usccb.org/committees/religious-liberty/religious-freedom-week>

Be a Witness of
Charity



Peter's Pence (Holy Father) Collection

Next weekend, June 26 & 27 is the collection for the Peter's Pence Collection, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters.

If you wish to support this collection, please make your check payable to St. Paul's, adding "Peter's Pence" in the memo. Please drop your check in the collection box or slot with your regular offertory donation. Thank you for your support.

Gospel Meditation

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

As we look at our lives and world events, do we ever find ourselves wondering if God is sleeping? After all, maybe God's patient, unconditional love has run its course and He is finally fed up with humanity's reluctance to accept the truth about who we are. God really can't be that patient! All throughout human history, many have prayed to God for intervention or for particular needs. Because their prayers were not answered in the way they wanted or anticipated, they felt that God may have abandoned them. Were they right? It seems that we are continuing, at a rapid rate, down a path of destruction. Do you not care, God, that we may be perishing? When the boats of our lives are rocking and the seas tumultuous, we want to know that we have God's attention. Even more so, we want God's intervention.

Maybe the storms and the waves are necessary. If we listen, they can teach us valuable lessons. Without them, we would never learn that we have the strength to endure, understand the uselessness of fear and worry, or develop the ability to really trust. If God immediately rushed in and simply calmed things down before they got difficult, what good would that really be? We would miss opportunities to learn how to drink more deeply of life, treasure its complexity, irony, and beauty and fully engage ourselves in surrendering to the love of our Creator. It is easy to walk on the surface of life without immersing ourselves in its messiness. Life has to burn its way through us in order to bring us to a place of secure trust. It's unfortunate that some prefer a shallower journey.

That's the balancing act that comes with faith. It is not God's job to prevent us from encountering the torrential rains and winds of life. Many believe that if faith is done the right way, that God will provide for smooth sailing. That's not how it works. God permits us to ride out the difficult stuff knowing that the storm will eventually be calmed. Do we not have faith that God will do this? True faith trusts in the steadfastness of God's love when the seas are calm and when they are choppy. God's unconditional loving presence shines through all of it and endures forever. Knowing this allows us to put our boats out into uncharted waters without hesitation. Knowing that we prefer the comfort and safety of what we know to be still waters, how do we feel when Jesus says, "Let us cross to the other side"?

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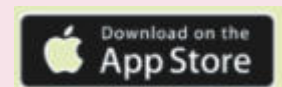
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SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

Thus far shall you come but no farther,
and here shall your proud waves be stilled! (Job 38:11)

PSALM:

Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting. (Ps 107)
Or Alleluia.

SECOND READING:

So whoever is in Christ is a new creation:
the old things have passed away;
behold, new things have come. (2 Cor 5:17)

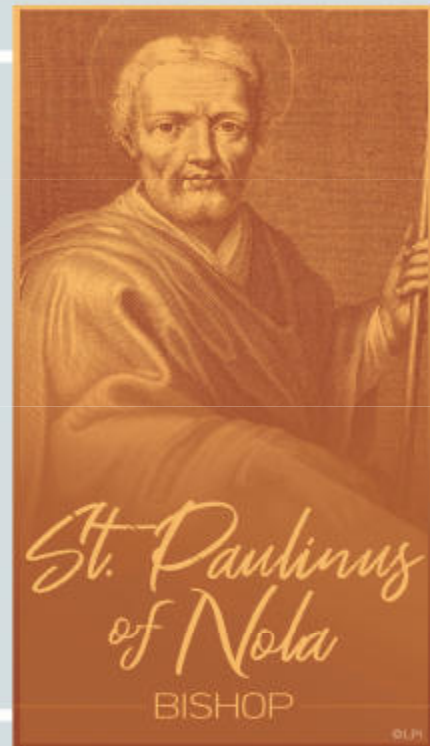
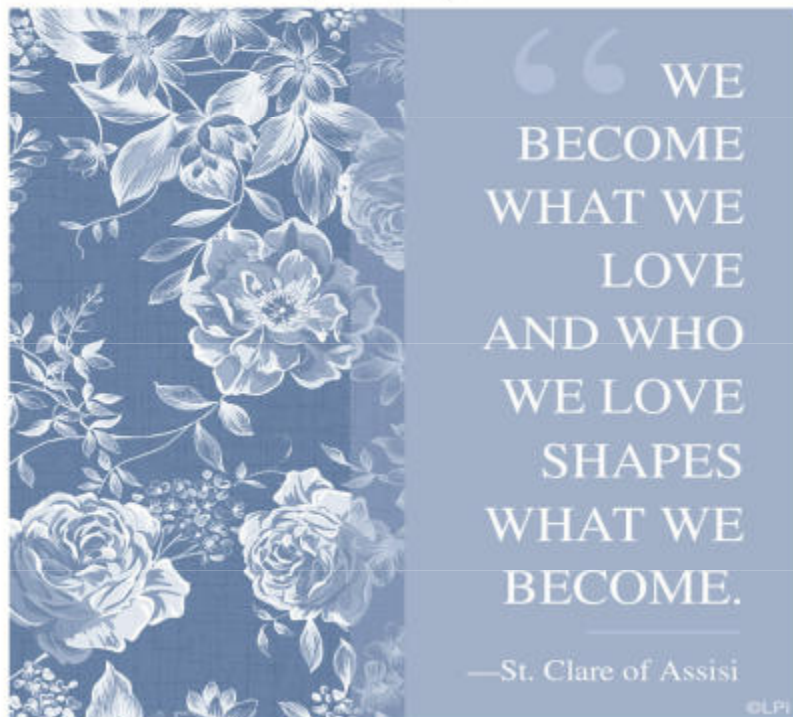
GOSPEL:

Then he asked them, "Why are you terrified?
Do you not yet have faith?"
They were filled with great awe and said to one another,
"Who then is this whom even wind and sea obey?"
(Mk 4:40-41)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 20, 2021

Sunday: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Refugee Day;
Father's Day
Monday: St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious
Tuesday: St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; Sts. John Fisher, Bishop,
and Thomas More, Martyrs
Thursday: The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
Saturday: BVM
Next Sunday: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time



REFLECT

FIRST READING

Much of the book of Job addresses the mystery of suffering and God's role in human affairs. Today we hear part of God's response to Job's questioning with images of the sea and raging waters, representing God's power and omniscience. What helps remind you it is God who governs the universe with purpose and fidelity?

SECOND READING

Paul encouraged the Corinthians to have the conviction of faith that since Christ died for all, believers should now live for him. In doing so, we become a "new creation." How have you seen this happen in your life as a person of faith?

GOSPEL READING

Early in their following of Jesus, the disciples' witness of the miracle of Jesus calming the storm at sea led them to ask: "Who then is this whom even wind and sea obey?" How would you explain to others who wonder about the divinity of Jesus?

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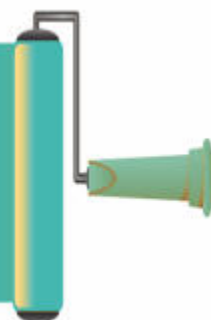
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