



Greeting

There is so much information this week to share about what is going on in the Parishes, so please bear with me.

So, this week the Governor announced that schools will be able to be reopened this fall with special considerations. Based upon the announcement, the Faith Formation Programs will proceed based upon the recommendations from the Dioceses.

I also note that some families still may be considered about returning to a classroom setting. I will be taking this into consideration when planning the programs. It is important that I hear from the families regarding your concerns about returning to a in person classroom setting versus virtual or a combination of both. To those families which have responded back to me, thank you for input. Everyone input will be taken into consideration, along with the mandate from the State of New York and the Syracuse Diocese mandates

Please note that St. Patrick's and Sacred Heart/St. Mary's will both have different programs due to the make of each Parish. I am working with Kathy Poupart for St. Patrick's. For Sacred Heart/St. Mary's I will be presenting a plan to Fr. Arthur for his approval.

This week's newsletter has information from the Dioceses. One is in regards to the recent AP news feed regarding the Catholic Church receiving PPO loans. Cardinal Dolan. Attached please find a response from Timothy Cardinal Dolan regarding this recent article

On that note, as always, I am looking for people who are willing to share their faith with the children of our Parishes. It is such a rewarding ministry. I started 20 years ago as a catechistic with Kindergarten children and have loved every minute. If anyone feels like would like to join this ministry, please contact me. Virtus training is required.

Children who were to make First Communion this past May. I have heard from a number of you regarding the banner material and thank you for letting me know the child's favorite color. These will be passed out at the meeting in August TBA along with letters for the names on the banner. If you have not sent this to me, please let me know no later than August 1st so I have everything available for the meeting.

The Easter Region continues with the Summer You program Teens Night Out for all 7th Grade and above. These will be held Sunday Evenings from 5-8pm, 19th, 26th and August 2nd. Food, Music and Open Rec will be provided. This will be hosted at the Sacred Heart/St. Mary's Church. Registration is required @ summerprogram@syrдио.org. Last week there were about 20 teens and they had a great time. Come and enjoy.



This week Bishop Lucia will be both Parishes celebrating Mass with Fr. Arthur. Please come and celebrate Mass at the Lord's Table.

Here is the Sunday Mass schedule for both Parishes. As per Fr. Arthur Mass capacity is now @ 50%. As indicated in my last newsletter all are still required to wear a mask, including children if attending. Communion will now be distributed during its normal part of the Mass. All are required to wear a mask. The mask should be taken off before receiving Eucharist and placed back on when returning to your pew. It is time to return home to the House of the Lord.

St. Patrick's/St Anthony's: Sunday 10am

Mass to be held in the parking lot weather permitting

Sacred Heart/St Mary's

Saturday 4pm Mass

Sunday: 8:15am, 9:15 AM-Polish & 11:15AM

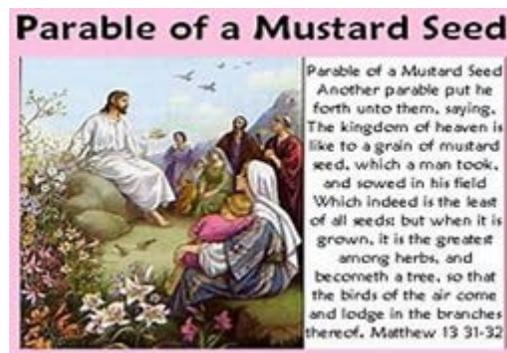
This Sunday -Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time-Lectionary 106

First Reading Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

Responsorial Psalm: 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 (Lord, you are good and forgiving)

Second Reading: Romans: 8;26-27

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:24-43 or 13: 24-30



As Fr. Arthur stated in his Homily last week, the next 3 weeks Gospels are parables from Jesus. This week is the Parable of the Mustard Seed. In the Gospel of Matthew, it provides us with the most peripheral information, as it includes one parable before and after the mustard seed parable, each teaching on the same subject. Each of the three parables: the weeds among the wheat, the mustard seed, and the yeast have six common elements in them, providing structure which helps us to interpret the individual parables. The common elements are (1) a similitude about "the kingdom of heaven," the earthly sphere of profession both true and false; (2) "a man," Christ; (3) "a field," the world; (4) "seed," the Word of God or its effect; (5) "growth" or "spreading," church growth; and (6) the presence of evil, symbolized by weeds, birds of the air, and yeast.

So what is the picture that Jesus is painting with this parable. The picture painted in the Parable of the Mustard Seed by Jesus is of the humble beginnings of the church experiencing an explosive rate of growth. It grows large and becomes a source of food, rest, and shelter, for both believers and false professing individuals that seek to consume or take advantage of its benefits while residing or mixing among what was produced by the seed. In other words, Jesus predicts that, while the church will grow extremely large from just a small start, it will not remain pure. While this is not a condemnation of the "bigness" of modern Christianity, it does show us the greatest burden that comes with it. The Parable of the Mustard Seed is both a prediction and a

warning. May we listen to its message.



Please keep in your thoughts and prayers James Hecht and Kirk Lallier who will be ordained as Deacons in the Church on Tuesday July 21st @ 6:30pm at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. The liturgies will be livestreamed on the diocesan YouTube channel WWW.youtube.com/syrdio. Let us keep them both in our prayers.

Heavenly Father, bestow Your abundant blessing on Jim & Kirk, their ministry and their families. Grant that they may be filled with grace and power as they work among people. Be Your love and grace, continue to renew the spirit of Your servants, Jim and Kirk whom You have anointed. Amen

CHILDREN CHAPEL



Mrs. DeGironimo has provided a wonderful activity for the children to have fun completing on the Parable of the Mustard Seed.

The activity reflects on how we are all different and good or bad but we are all welcomed into God's kingdom by choosing to live as Jesus taught us, putting our love for God and one another before everything else. This is related to the parable about the wheat in the farmers' garden that grows alongside weeds. Then he separates out the weeds from the good vegetables. Which is why the vegetables are being used for this activity since some grow normally and others grow differently even among the weeds. And if we bear the fruits of God's love in a rich harvest, then we will reap the reward for our goodness at the end of time. The vegetables can be cut out., I usually use cardstock then use a hole puncher for arms and legs and then use pipe cleaners for the arms and legs then eyes for a face and construction paper for the hair.

As like last week, I found a Summer Solstice Blessing. Prayer is so important in our lives. Let us remember to thank the Lord for all the blessings he bestows on us.



Attached also please find the buildingfaith@home for your families

Anyone wishes to call with any questions or concerns, the door is always open. Simply call me.

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