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Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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What Makes a Man a True Father?

BY JOE ACCARDI, DIRECTOR OF ANNUAL GIVING AND ALUMNI RELATIONS



Father's Day is upon us once again and this is, like Mother's Day, probably the easiest Sunday Sharing to prepare. It gives me the great opportunity to share about my father, fathers in general, and of course everyone's favorite foster father, St. Joseph, my patron saint. While this Sunday's readings for the Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time aren't specifically aligned with our country's celebration of Father's Day, there are a number of themes that we can associate with the virtues of fatherhood in order to know what makes a man a true father. As we all know just being the biological father is not what makes someone a true father. We see true fathers who are sometimes the biological fathers and at times just good men that rise to the occasion to be those father figures for young people. We can find it in Sacred Scripture and from the examples God blesses us with. God the Father is seen in the first reading telling Moses of the promises of the covenant. Just as God the Father was with the wayward Israelites, a true father is patient and kind. It is reiterated in the Psalm as we hear of God as the Shepherd, the ever-watchful protector of the flock.

A true father is the defender and protector of his family.

In the Gospel though we have the verse from Our Lord that we often associate with the appeal for vocations: "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest."

Here I can relate with this and my father. I, as a teenager, explored the vocation of the priesthood entering the Holy Cross Fathers seminary program at the University of Notre Dame out of high school. I used to work for my father over the summers in the woodworking production shop for Paul Borg Construction where he was the foreman. At the end of the summer of my junior year of high school I had gotten news that my application to the seminary at Notre Dame was accepted. I was overjoyed at the first step towards the realization of what I thought at the time was God's calling for me. So on the car ride home from work I shared my happy news to my father who I could see was devastating news to

him. His only son now going off to study for the priesthood; what about the dream of his son having a family, of having grandchildren, and potentially a grandson to carry on the family name. All those things were of huge importance to my traditional Sicilian father. It was then that I began to see what kind of father my dad was. He, who hated the idea of his son becoming a priest, was going to help me seek out my dream, so in late August after high school graduation, he drove me to South Bend and my new home. He had never been to Notre Dame and was definitely impressed with the entire place. Right before leaving he gave me a letter telling me of his love and support, the first of many he would write to me while I was away. He also made sure he put in the letter spending money so I could take the South Shore interurban train back home whenever I wanted.

A true father is understanding and supportive of his children.

Those letters of love and support came from a blue-collar working man who never finished his high school education. He was not permitted to finish his schooling as the Second World War broke out in Europe in August of 1939. At the time my father's family had left Sicily and had been living in Casablanca in the French Protectorate of Morocco. All men who would not join the French Foreign Legion were considered a "security threat" and so at 14 years of age, he, his father, and all the men of Italian descent were sent to prisoner work camps. He wasn't able to see his dream fulfilled of finishing school and going into banking, instead he spent 6 years in the prisoner of war camp only to come out to rebuild his life with his family in Morocco. He learned the woodworking trade from his uncle and started his own business. Then only 6 years later his family would have to flee during the Arab revolution in 1952, and have to start all over again in Chicago. All these challenging times helped form him into the person he was.

A true father is resilient and hard-working.

One thing that got him through tough times was his faith and it provided a comfort during difficult experiences. My father made a point to always attend Mass every Sunday, no

matter if we were on vacation or doing other things like the extended family barbecues on Sundays up in Lake County. We would always drive back in time for the Sunday evening Mass that was offered at St. Rosalie's. My grandfather had imparted his great devotion to St. Joseph to my father, who was a carpenter, and so his patron saint. But my father always prayed to St. Joseph as the patron of a happy death. He'd seen many friends suffer because of stroke and other disabling diseases so he always prayed for a quick end instead of one where he might be a burden on the family. His prayers were answered as he did have a quick but massive heart attack

after coming home from work in May of 1989. Although we lost dad early at 63 years of age, there isn't a day since that I don't think of him or benefit from what he did or was for me. A true father is a man who sees a close relationship with his Creator as a blessing.

Learning what God is calling us to be can only happen through the experiences in life and mine was obviously not the priesthood as God had other intentions. Thanks to God I have been happily married for 29 years and the father of three wonderful children. I had a great example growing up, and am proud to call Angelo Accardi my father.



ANGELO AND JOE ACCARDI
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JOE AND ANGELO ACCARDI
8TH GRADE GRADUATION 2023

A true father is a man who leaves a legacy so the world can be a better place.

May God the Father continue to bless all our fathers with the graces necessary to be both good and true fathers. And may all of our fathers who have gone before us be enjoying the fruit of their labors in heaven.

Spotlight on Serving Joyfully at St. Ben's!

If you happen to see any of these people in the garden please let them know that their dedication to sprucing up the St Benedict Parish grounds is appreciated! These wonderful people worked hard last week to clean up and beautify our parish green space! Thank you Ann, Caroline, Kelly and Dave.



Justin Rivas played *Nessun Dorma*, a beautiful solo at the 10am mass last Sunday. Thank you Justin for sharing your talents with us!



The Little Sisters of the Poor who take care of seniors in need have asked for our help. They rely on the generosity of donors for all they provide to the sick and needy in their care. Currently they have asked if the parishioners of St. Benedict could donate the following items:

- body lotion
- body wash
- facial tissue boxes such as Kleenex or Puffs

Collection boxes are at the entrances of church.

The Sisters want you to know that you and your loved ones are remembered in their daily prayers and during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass celebrated at their convent each day. Collection will continue through the month of July.

For more information about this religious community of women and their ministry here on the north side of Chicago at St. Mary's Home in Lakeview, please visit <https://www.littlesistersofthepoorchicago.org>

JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOR THE SECOND SESSION OF INTO THE BREACH - JUNE 25TH.

The topic will be **Why Men Need To Pray**



We will meet in Beaven Hall after the 12pm Mass on June 25th. The whole family is invited. Refreshments will be served.

Contact 312-659-9840 with any questions.



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families, faculty and staff has a tremendous assortment of family favorites including 10 appetizer recipes, 8 soup and salad recipes, 10 breakfast recipes, 6 side dish recipes, 4 pasta recipes, 17 main dish recipes, and 17 cookie and dessert recipes. This hardcover cookbook includes color photos of our contributing families, dish close-ups, and student artwork. You can order one or more today online by scanning the QR code, or send in cash or check in an envelope marked Gala cookbook with your contact information on the envelope. The envelope can be dropped in the collection or at the rectory or school offices during regular business hours. Cost: \$50.

ST. BENEDICT GALA COMMITTEE PRESENTS THIS YEAR'S COMMUNITY COOKBOOK!



This wonderful cookbook with submissions from parishioners, alumni, school

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June 18, 2023

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 19:2-6a | Rom 5:6-11 | Mt 9:36-10:8

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

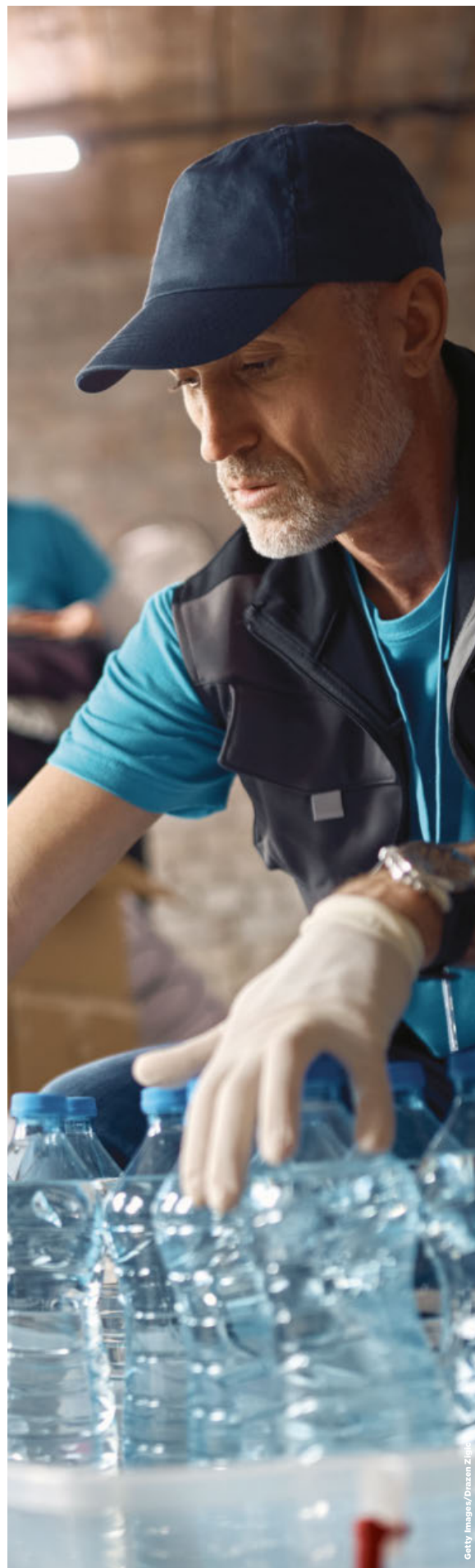
As a teenager, I was someone you might call “Suzy high school.” I played sports, was president of my class, had many friends, etc. But there were times I made some bad choices and ended up having to face my parents with the truth. I remember being afraid of what they would think, even wondering if my actions would make them love me less. Thankfully, I was blessed with incredible parents whose loving lessons throughout my life pointed me toward our Father’s love. St. Paul gives us a glimpse of how deep the love of our Father is in the second reading: “But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.” God loves us so completely that even before we approach him to ask for forgiveness, his arms are open wide. Look up at the cross and let that abundant, unending love wash over you. Reflect on what is said in the first reading from the Book of Exodus: “Therefore, if you hearken to my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my special possession, dearer to me than all other people, though all the earth is mine.”

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

How can we respond to this great love we have been shown by our heavenly Father? Jesus is pretty clear on this topic, isn’t he? “Love one another as I have loved you.” Not a lot of ambiguity or nuance there. Daunting? Doesn’t need to be. The words of today’s responsorial psalm proclaim: “Know that the Lord is God; he made us, his we are; his people, the flock he tends.” His flock is all of us - including the poor, the depressed, the lonely. Perhaps we can challenge ourselves this summer to step out in service to God’s flock by calling on someone in our own lives who may feel marginalized, frightened, or anxious, and be the hands and feet of our Father to them. Perhaps they do not know the depth of our Father’s love and we can reassure them of this. In today’s Gospel Jesus says: “Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give.” We have been blessed by the sacrifice of the Lamb, and it is our responsibility to share that blessing with others.

ACTION One of the ministries I enjoy contributing to in my area is a Foster Closet. It stocks blankets, clothing, backpacks, toys, and many other products to allow foster children to have quality shopping experiences. If there is one near you, you might find that supporting these vulnerable children is a simple way to let them know they are infinitely worthy of God’s love.



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Sunday, Jun 18, 2023

Your name here

At county fairs there always seems to be a stand where someone offers to write your name on a grain of rice. As novel a proposition as that is, perhaps there are better places to have our names inscribed. Scripture mentions a "Book of Life" eight times. It's described as the registry of the just—a desirable place to be listed. Martyrdom is one sure way to make the registry and promoting the gospel is another. Simply put, bring Jesus to others. Witness with your values, decisions, and resources. Add your name to the book.

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 19:2-6a; Romans 5:6-11; Matthew 9:36—10:8 (91). *"The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon called Peter, and his brother Andrew."*

Monday, Jun 19, 2023

Take your place in paradise

A thousand years ago, Italian monk Saint Romuald founded a religious order, the Camaldolese, that blended the Christian hermit tradition into monastic life. His monks lived in individual cells but participated in some communal activities. Romuald's rule of life put solitude and contemplation and meditation on the Psalms at the center of his order's spirituality. He wrote, "Sit in your cell as in paradise. Put the whole world behind you and forget it. Watch your thoughts like a good fisherman watching for fish. The path you must follow is in the Psalms—never leave it." Tap into this tradition and try finding a place of solitude and, with the Psalms handy, carve out some quiet time for contemplation in your busy day.

MEMORIAL OF ROMUALD, ABBOT

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 6:1-10; Matthew 5:38-42 (365). *"But I say to you, offer no resistance to one who is evil."*

Tuesday, Jun 20, 2023

We are one vast body in this one vast Lord

On this day in 1926, the 28th International Eucharistic Congress opened in Chicago, the first one held in the United States. Mass at Soldier Field attracted an estimated 400,000 people gathered in and around the stadium and featured a "Nuns and Women's Choir of 10,000 Voices." At its conclusion, 750,000 pilgrims joined a 40-mile eucharistic procession—on foot or by car, bus, and rail—to St. Mary of the Lake Seminary in Mundelein, Illinois. A logistical marvel of mass transit, this gathering was as important for Chicago as it was for the U.S. church. Let these words, from 2021's international congress, be your meditation today: "He is our Lord and our Master, our friend and our food, our healer and our peace."

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 8:1-9; Matthew 5:43-48 (366).

"They gave themselves first to the Lord and to us through the will of God."

Wednesday, Jun 21, 2023

Your mission

The brief life of Saint Aloysius Gonzaga (he died at 23) is instructive for all who hope to raise or nurture young faith. Though he was raised in royal privilege, a book about the experiences of Jesuit missionaries in India inspired Aloysius to leave his comfortable world behind and dedicate his life to God. As it turned

out, his mission field would be closer to home, as he gave his life serving the sick during a terrible plague in Rome in 1591. Young people are inspired by heroic examples of service. Be that inspiration.

MEMORIAL OF ALOYSIUS GONZAGA, RELIGIOUS

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18 (367). *"Take care not to perform righteous deeds in order that people may see them your Father who sees in secret will repay you."*

Thursday, Jun 22, 2023

Discipleship still can be costly

Sir (and Saint) Thomas More, the British humanist and statesman, stared down King Henry VIII and paid the price. He was beheaded in 1535 for refusing to support the king's desire to control the Catholic Church. The 1960 play (and later film) *A Man for All Seasons* kept alive More's considerable reputation as martyr and man of letters. More's final words affirmed that he was the "king's good servant and God's first." Most of us won't have to die for our faith, but many will pay a price for doing the right and faithful thing in a difficult situation. What has your faith cost you?

MEMORIAL OF THOMAS MORE, MARTYR

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 11:1-11; Matthew 6:7-15 (368). *"Your Father knows what you need before you ask him."*

Friday, Jun 23, 2023

'Tis a gift

The classic rock song "Simple Man" was written by two musicians who had recently lost loved ones: a grandmother and a mother. As the two were sharing stories and advice from these women, the verses of a song began to emerge. The women's advice was simple: Remember God, slow down in life, follow your heart, and find everything you need in your soul. Living simply was key for these women, and it is key for our life as Christians. As you encounter the gospels in your prayer and during Mass, what values of simple living do you hear woven into its verses?

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 11:18, 21-30; Matthew 6:19-23 (369). *"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth."*

Saturday, Jun 24, 2023

Find your voice

Zechariah, father of John the Baptist, stands in for all of us who fall silent when our doubt overcomes our faith. Along the path of life where we sometimes lose our way, it's difficult to trust that God is with us always. When Zechariah comes to his senses and realizes God is indeed active in his life through the wondrous birth of John, he is able to speak again. So it is with us. We find our authentic voice when we trust in God.

SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Luke 1:57-66, 80 (587). *"He asked for a tablet and wrote, 'John is his name,' and all were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened, his tongue freed, and he spoke blessing God."*

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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SCHOOL YEAR COMES TO A CLOSE

On the final day of school last week, St. Benedict Prep students gathered one last time to celebrate the end of the school year Mass. Father Steve gave a special blessing to students and faculty who are not returning next year. A special recognition was also given to Mrs. Betty Blazek for her 33 years of service to the St. Benedict community and Mrs. Christa O'Keefe for her 30 years of service to the St. Benedict community. Both are retiring at the end of the school year. Have a great summer, Bengals, and we will see you in August.



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Human Concerns

Fragmented Memories: How Trauma Can Cause Memory Loss

Our brains can be injured by both physical and psychological abuse

A domestic violence survivor calls the police after her abusive partner is violent. It isn't the first time. He's been doing this for years. Sometimes his abuse is psychological and sometimes it's physical. She's been hit, slapped and strangled before. This time, he shoved her so hard that her head collided with the wall. For a moment, she saw stars. Her ears were ringing.

Police arrive and ask for the details. How did the fight start? What room were you in? What did he say? What did you do in response? Suddenly, it's difficult to recall all of the details. They ask again. Her answers change slightly.

She's lying. She can't even keep her story straight, the abuser tells police. The police take a report, but she can tell they're skeptical. When the court date arrives, the details she gives the judge vary slightly again. She tries to remember, but her memories are fuzzy. The abuser is not charged and she's left feeling like no one believes her. She even begins to doubt herself—did that really happen? Why can't I remember everything?

It's a story that plays out with survivors of domestic violence time and time again—a repeated cycle of abuse by a partner, whether physical or nonphysical, results in trauma and affects the brain to such a degree that memories of that abuse become fragmented, like blurry photos or books with pages missing. Survivors are certain something bad has happened, but when asked for exact specifics and timelines, their memories seem to have lost those details. It's not only frustrating to the survivor, but it's also an easy way for abusers, the court system and anyone else who may hear about the abuse to discredit the survivor.

There are two explanations as to why this happens—one is chemical and one more physical.

Chemical: Our Bodies Can Freeze in High-Danger Situations

The sympathetic nervous system takes over when we're in danger. It's the part of the nervous system responsible for our fight, flight or freeze responses.

Physical: Traumatic Brain Injuries Can Erase Memories

Regardless of which response your sympathetic nervous system goes with, your brain's ability to hold onto memories of that trauma is most often affected by a traumatic brain injury, or TBI. Concussions are among the most common types of TBI which can occur when a survivor is hit or slapped, pushed down, hit with an object, strangled or suffocated.

What Should You Do if You Suspect a Concussion or Other TBI?

If you think you may have sustained a concussion or other brain injury after domestic violence or other trauma, there are three steps you should take immediately.

- Make sure you are somewhere safe until you heal from that injury. Another brain injury that occurs before the first one heals will compound and could possibly have irreversible effects.
- Get immediate medical care for injuries to the head and neck, confusion, neck swelling or difficulty breathing
- Follow up with your doctor

Reminder: Brain Injury can be invisible with no outward signs. Even if you feel generally OK after being physically assaulted—your head doesn't hurt or you didn't lose consciousness while being strangled or suffocated—it's still vitally important to take the steps above.

With thanks to domesticshelters.org



**Domestic Violence
Victim Services:**

**Catholic Charities Domestic
Violence Services:**

Various Locations:
Please call
1.312.655.7725

**Illinois Domestic
Violence Hotline:**

1.877.863.6338
(Toll-Free. 24-hour.
Confidential. Multilingual.)

**Childhelp National
Child Abuse Hotline:**

1-800-4-A-CHILD
(1-800-422-4453)

Coming Up at St. Ben's | JUNE AND JULY 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
18 11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Welcoming Weekend Mass at 8am, 10am, and 12pm in Church Dads Group Get-Together after 10am Mass Beaven Hall	19 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Summer Camp Session 1 9am Gym	20 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Summer Camp Session 1 9am Gym	21 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Summer Camp Session 1 9am Gym Advisory Board Meeting 7PM SS Library AA Group Meeting 8pm Beaven Hall	22 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Summer Camp Session 1 9am Gym	23 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Summer Camp Session 1 9am Gym	24 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Reconciliation 11am Church Mass at 5pm Church
25 12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Mass at 8am, 10am, and 12pm in Church Knights of Columbus 11am Sewing Room Into the Breach Session Knights of Columbus 1pm Beaven Hall	26 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Summer Camp Session 1 9am Gym St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting 6pm Sewing Room Knights of Columbus Assembly Meeting 7pm Beaven Hall	27 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Summer Camp Session 1 9am Gym	28 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Summer Camp Session 1 9am Gym AA Group Meeting 8pm Beaven Hall	29 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Summer Camp Session 1 9am Gym	30 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Summer Camp Session 1 9am Gym	1 Daily Morning Mass 8:30am Church Reconciliation 11am Church Mass at 5pm Church

Stewardship



SUNDAY & HOLY DAY OFFERTORY WEEK OF JUNE 4



GIVECENTRAL IS OUR PARTNER FOR SECURE ELECTRONIC GIVING. HERE ARE THREE EASY WAYS TO GET STARTED:

- > Visit GiveCentral.org and search for St. Benedict – Chicago under My Charity
- > Follow the DONATE links on our parish and school website: stbenedict.com
- > Text the keyword DONATE to our text-to-give number : 773.918.2366
- > Scan the QR code (above right) with your phone or tablet

WEEK OF JUNE 4

Electronic Giving: \$6,665
 Envelope: \$2,120
 Loose: \$2,086
 Holy Day: \$100
 Total: \$10,971 (84% of goal)
 Weekly Goal: \$12,990

QUESTIONS? Contact our Director of Operations and Finance, Jeanne Anderson, at 773.588.6484 x5109 or janderson@stbenedict.com.

Fiscal YTD: \$611,130 (96% of goal)
 Fiscal YTD Goal: \$636,510
 Above/(Below) YTD Goal: (\$25,380)

CONSIDER ASSISTING PRIESTS?

Priests have dedicated their lives to the ministry of God's children, serving our needs as Catholics without asking for anything in return. Now, it is our turn to show our love and care for their ever-faithful support. Please consider including a legacy gift for Priests' Health and Retirement to support the healthcare needs of our active priests, as well as the medical and housing needs of our retired priests.

For more information, please call Priests' Health and Retirement at 708.449.8026. If you would like to make a gift today, please visit prmaa.org.

Masses for the Week

Saturday, June 17 - The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30AM Glorieta Gaston - *Lucy Consing*
5PM Duke Egan and Anna Sikora - *The Egan Family*
Gabriel Rebello - *The Mendes Family*
Special Intention for Bernard Philip
Sue Parsons - *Jan McNeill*

Sunday, June 18 - Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8AM Milagros Tolentino - *Teresa and Anthony & Family*
10AM John A. Hauser - *The Suh-Hauser Families*
Ilona Weber - *Family*
Corrine Zartler - *The St. Benedict Parish Community*
Jerome and Marianne Butler -
The Suh-Hauser Families
12PM William (Bill) Busler - *Rosemary McDonnell*

Monday, June 19 - Saint Romuald, Abbot

8:30AM Johnny and Hilda Gonzalez - *Leonora Llanes*
Monina S. Cortes - *Jorge and Aurora Cortes*

Tuesday, June 20 - Weekday

8:30AM Rodrigo Siao - *Family*
Charles, Bertha, and Carl Dominik - *Family*

Wednesday, June 21 - Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

8:30AM Kelley Halper - *Ed Halper*
Joanne Mickina - *Daisy*
Cecilia Vinzons - *Family*

Thursday, June 22 - Saint Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; Saints John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs

8:30AM Celia M. Baylon - *Jorge and Aurora Cortes*
Monina S. Cortes - *Jorge and Aurora Cortes*

Friday, June 23 - Weekday

8:30AM Dignidad C. Hofilena - *Family*

Saturday, June 24 - The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

8:30AM Juan Guevara-Luna - *Lucy Consing*
5PM Manuel D'Silva - *Angela Rebello*
John, Ann, Mary, and Barbara McDonagh - *Family*

Sunday, June 25 - Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8AM Living and Deceased Members/Benefactors of
St. Vincent de Paul Society
Luz Relles - *Family*
Monina S. Cortes - *Jorge and Aurora Cortes*
10AM John A. Hauser - *The Suh-Hauser Families*
Loretta Kelly - *B. Kelly*

10AM Patricia Ann King - *The St. Benedict Parish Community*
Sam Fazio - *The Hauser Family*
12PM Jose P. Cortes - *Jorge and Aurora Cortes*
Dan Williams - *The St. Benedict Parish Community*

Please Pray for Healing

Please call the Rectory at (773) 588-6484 to add your name or the name of an immediate family member for whom you would like the parish to pray for healing. The name of the person will appear quarterly unless otherwise instructed at the time the request is made.

Gloria Arsenia	Pepito Lim
Judy Bartley	Jackson James Limburg
Beverly Berganos Johnson	Giorgio Marconi
Suzanne Brewer	Ken McFadden
Isabella Sofia Casillas	Jose Orellana
Vincent Castellano	Corazon Pizarro
Carmen M. Clarin	Erlyn Publico
Mayden H. Eichendorf	Julie Raheja-Perera
Michelle Frank	Kevin Risten
Amy Joy Goldie	Marla Rizzutti
Tim Gollehon	Ann Ulrey-Ryan
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Insaf Hijazin	Cecilia Fell Schott (Class of 72)
Nashat Hijazin	Bill Shaver
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Art Hundrieser	Eden Sobrepena
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Charlene Johnson	Audrey Venkatesh
Patricia Keating	Leda Wildner
Sidney Kennedy	
Barbara Laber	

Baptisms

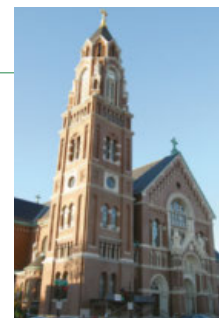
Eloise Margot, daughter of Matthew and Elizabeth Harris
Josiah Augustine Mendoza, son of Dexter and Alane Malicay
Theo James, son of Michael and Francesca Menoyo
Grayson William, son of Andrew and Kate Miller
Joseph Harvey, son of Martin and Jennifer Stempniak

Wedding Banns

I - Hannah Maria Rajkovich and Partick Springmire



Parish Information



If you are visiting, we hope you enjoy your stay. We're glad you decided to join us in this celebration. If you are new to the St. Ben's community, welcome home! To become a registered parishioner, complete a Registration Form on our website: parish.stbenedict.com. One of our Ministers of Hospitality will be glad to assist you. If you are a former parishioner or a graduate of our schools, we are glad to see you back home. We hope you will return often. Contact Joe Accardi, Director of Alumni Relations at jaccardi@stbenedict.com. Our weekly bulletin, The Steward, tells you about parish life. Submissions for the bulletin are generally due by Friday at 9 am of the week previous to publication. Electronic submissions are preferred via e-mail to bulletin@stbenedict.com. Flyers should be submitted in camera-ready format and will be used if space permits. If you would like to receive our online weekly newsletter-"The Block", please contact the rectory to be placed on our emailing list. If you have any questions, please call the rectory at (773) 588-6484. We look forward to hearing from you.

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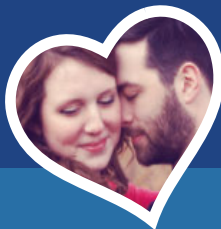
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