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 Know someone who needs a prayer, or maybe you need a prayer? Call the **St. Canice Prayer Lines** - Margie Wagner at 273-4397 or Patti Favetti at 432-0665. We're praying for you!

St. Canice Catholic Church
JUNE 18, 2023
ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Alleluia, alleluia.
 The kingdom of God is at hand.
 Repent and believe in the Gospel.

Ministry Update
News from the OPENING DOORS MINISTRY
 We are a Faith Formation and Sacramental Preparation Program for adults who have special needs or developmental disabilities. We have just completed our 38th year serving those in St. Patrick and St. Canice parishes. Our lessons this past season focused on the family tree of Jesus from the Old Testament, and on the Holy Seasons of the Church. Music, storytelling and prayer are an important part of this program. Our "doors" are always open to both Catholics and non-Catholics.
 The class will be starting up again in September 2023, Meeting on Sundays from 10am-11am. If you are interested, or know someone who is, please contact Helen Albano,(530)210-1721.



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Mass Schedule
 Weekday (M-F) 7:30 AM
 Saturday Vigil 5:30 PM
 Sunday 9:00 AM
 Immaculate Conception Church 11:30 AM

Mass Live-Stream
 Sunday 11:00 AM from St Patrick Church

Confession
 Friday 8:00 AM
 Saturday 4:00 PM (or by appt)

Eucharistic Adoration
 Fri 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

Rosary
 Wednesday 8:00 AM

LITURGICAL MINISTERS				
June 24-25,2023	Ushers	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat 5:30 pm	Mike Blake, Mike Cartan	Aidynn Salter	Meghan Salter	Christine Strohm & Judy McBride
Sun 9:00 am	Scott McIntosh, Ray James	Elizabeth Grizard	Doris Balog	Lillian Glaeser & Karen McDonald

✠ ALTAR LINENS ✠	
Thank you Ladies Guild!	
June 11 & June 18	Judy Steffens
June 25 & July 2nd	Elizabeth Grizard

Our Mission, as the Parish of Saint Canice Catholic Church, is to proclaim the teaching and wisdom of Jesus Christ throughout our entire Community, by our life and participation in the Sacraments and Traditions of His Holy Catholic Church.

Dear Family,

On June 3 we had the ordination of Fr. Eric Patrick. A good number came from our parish which was a delight to see. I typically serve as the Master of Ceremonies for the Ordination of priests, an unseen job is ushering the new priest to the reception so he can give first blessings. I also become the security guard to ensure the priest's family are the first to get his blessing. Since I often have to come back to the parish shortly after I use this special role to receive his blessing before the crowds rush the hall.

This I made me think about the concept of blessing; what it means and why we do it. It is almost instinctive to bless things that are used for devotion and the liturgy but there are countless formal prayers of blessings. Grace before meals, blessings for farms and fields, flocks and herds, butter and bacon, beer and wine, herbs and flowers.

The first thing a blessing does is it calls to mind God's gracious generosity in the use of created things for our good, how and what God created was intended to do good. This is meant to be a thanksgiving, a reminder that it is only by the providential and merciful hand of our Heavenly Father that we have anything good in this life, that we are meant to be grateful recipients of His goodness. Our modern culture attributes good things to one's ability and success to one's efforts, blessings remind us of the words of the Psalmist "If the Lord does not build the house, in vain do the laborers toil" and "prosper the works of our hands, O Lord, prosper the works of our hands."

Along with that is a petition for a greater grace to be granted in the use of the object. The blessing of a car asks for God to bless the car and send His holy angels to be with those who ride in it. It recalls how the Ethiopian reading Scripture in his carriage came to faith and was baptized by the Apostle Philip and then asks His servants be shown the way to salvation and be intent on good works so as to arrive to the happiness of life everlasting. The blessing uses the image of traveling and journey inherent to what a car is used for, and asks for something greater-the joy of eternal happiness. A blessing reminds us that we and the created things we enjoy are meant to be used for our good and God's greater glory. We ask the grace to conform ourselves and all aspects of life to God's holy will and law.

Lastly, a blessing takes something ordinary and reserves its use for building up the Kingdom of God. Just as we don't drink orange juice from a chalice, we shouldn't use our bodies or the things we have in ways that are contrary to our ultimate goal, purpose and desire: life with God in heaven. Whether we ask a priest for his blessing for ourselves or for something we own, it is a reminder that the God who loves us is present to us at all times and places.

Your Father in Christ,
Father Estrella

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Our Return to God

Last week Reg collection \$ 2,173
Church envelopes \$ 641

Upcoming Collections

June 17-18 School of Religion

June 24-25 No 2nd collection

July 1-2 Peter's Pence



Readings for the Upcoming Week

Mon	2 Cor 6:1-10	Mk 5:38-42 (365)
Tues	2 Cor 8:1-9	Mk 5:43-48 (366)
Wed	2 Cor 9: 6-11	Mk 6:1-6 (367)
Thurs	2 Cor 11:1-11	Mk 6:7-15 (368)
Fri	2 Cor 11:18,21-30	Mk 6:19-23 (369)
Sat	Acts 13:22-26	Lk 1:57-66,80 (587)
Sun	Jer 20:10-13 Rom 5:12-15 Mt 10:26-33 (94)	

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Without cost you have received; Without cost you are to give."



In today's gospel, Jesus is moved with compassion as He sees the crowds who are like sheep without a shepherd. He commissions His disciples, empowering them to continue His mission of healing and preaching the Kingdom of God. Like the Good Shepherd and His disciples, we christian stewards are also called to have hearts filled with empathy and concern for those who are suffering or in need. Stewardship challenges us to extend a helping hand.

By living a life of stewardship and discipleship, which recognizes that our faith is not just a set of beliefs, but a way of life, we are challenged to move beyond our comfort zones. Rather, we embrace the call to serve and witness to the transformative power of Christ's love. This requires a willingness to step out in faith, be empowered by the Holy Spirit, and to be instruments of God's grace and healing.

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A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS

Wednesdays Morning June 28th to August 16th 9:30-11:30
At St. Canice Hall

Thursday Evenings June 29th to August 17th 6:00-8:00
At St. Patrick's Hall

Registration online at St Patrick Parish Website or contact Deacon Rick at 530-273-2336 or 310-626-5673

Registration Fee \$35 paid at first class



CULTURE OF LIFE



Happy Father's Day

The Good: Dads are most ordinary men turned by love into heroes, adventurers, storytellers, and singers of song." - unknown

The Bad: In 1950 94% of America's children lived in a home with a father. Today it is only 60%. In fact, the United States is the world's leader in fatherless families.

The Indispensable and Irreplaceable: Fatherhood is "society's most important role for men" according to David Blackenhorn, author of Fatherless America: Confronting Our Most Urgent Social Problem. Pediatric Associates of Franklin state that, "Fathers play a role in every child's life that cannot be filled by others. Children look to their fathers to lay down the rules and enforce them. They also look to their fathers to provide a feeling of security, both physical and emotional. Children want to make their father proud, and an involved father promotes inner growth and strength."

Dear Jesus, we thank you for and ask you to bless our fathers, grandfathers and sons who are now fathers. Guide them, protect and encourage them. And for the young men in our families and community who are not yet fathers, we ask that their hearts will be open to marriage and fatherhood. Help them to recognize that family is a masterpiece of God and children are a reward from Him. Amen



MONDAY, JUNE 19, 7:00-8:30 P.M. - ST. PATRICK CHURCH
~Hosted by St. Patrick Youth and Young Adults~

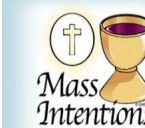
YOU ARE INVITED TO SPEND AN EVENING IN PRAYER AND ADORATION OF OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.

THIS IS OUR 14TH ANNUAL ILLUMINATE GATHERING OFFERED TO ST. PATRICK PARISHIONERS and THOSE OF SURROUNDING PARISHES. PLEASE BRING OTHERS.

OUR PRAYER WILL CONSIST OF BEAUTIFUL MUSIC, SPECIALLY SELECTED SCRIPTURE READINGS AND REFLECTION BY FATHER ALEXANDER ESTRELLA.

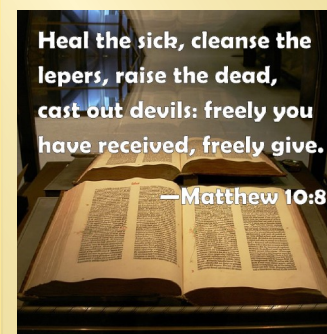
Confession will be available

Mass Intentions



Mon.	06/19/23	7:30 am	Ellena Glaeser (SI)
Tues.	06/20//23	7:30 am	Dorothy Churchill (D)
Wed.	06/21/23	7:30 am	Brendan Cordell(SI)
Thurs.	06/22/23	7:30 am	Dan & Sharon Cordell (SI)
Fri.	06/23/23	7:30 am	Jacobs Family (SI)
Sat.	06/24/23	5:30 pm	John & Bernie Delgado (SI)
Sun.	06/25/23	9:00 am	Reparation for sins and sacrilege (SI)

Reflecting on the Gospel



God wants the Israelites to stay close. "Hearken to my voice and keep my covenant," God tells the Israelites through Moses. At the time, the Israelites had pitched camp right at the foot of the mountain where God dwells. They believed they were in close proximity to God in a special way, perhaps similar to how we feel when we

gather in church for Eucharist. The Israelites journeyed toward God and God journeyed toward the Israelites. The relationship between God and God's beloved people goes two ways. Just as we desire closeness with God, God also desires closeness with us. God delights when we carve out time for prayer, serve our neighbors in need, advocate for justice, and take part in the myriad of other ways we keep the divine covenant.

God delights in us. Savor that truth for a moment. God lifts us toward God's very self. God embraces us just as God embraced our ancestors in Israel. God draws us close and then remains with us as we go into the world to labor the divine love into being.

Today's gospel tells of Jesus calling disciples to help enact the gospel work of curing the sick, raising the dead, cleansing the lepers, driving out demons, and proclaiming to the lost: "The kingdom of heaven is at hand." Jesus calls disciples to labor for the harvest of the Lord. The Son of God is all powerful and could take care of everything on his own. But like God the Creator, Jesus wants his people to be part of the mission too.

St. Joseph Men's Guild Scholarship



Applications for the annual St. Joseph Men's Guild scholarship are now being accepted. This scholarship will be awarded to a 2023 high school graduate who attends St. Canice Church. To receive an application, or if you have additional questions about the scholarship, please contact Mike Blake at (530) 273-7162 or mjbnu@yahoo.com. The deadline for submitting an application is June 30.