

Parish of Blessed John XXIII

St. Lucy and Sacred Heart - Two Churches - One Family



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8:30AM - 4:00PM

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Sacrament of Baptism

Baptism Celebration is held at 12:00PM on the 2nd Sunday of the month at St. Lucy's and the 4th Sunday at Sacred Heart. Baptisms ordinarily are not held during Lent. Pre-Baptism instruction (workshop) for new parents is required and is held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00PM. Call the office to register.

Sacrament of Marriage

Arrangements must be made one year in advance. Matrimonial preparation is required. Please call the parish office to make an appointment with a priest.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

This sacrament should be administered to those seriously ill from sickness or old age. Holy Communion will be brought to the home of any person permanently or temporarily homebound. Please call the parish office.



Mass Schedule

Saturday Evening 4:30PM Saint Lucy
Sunday: 8:00AM Saint Lucy
10:30AM Sacred Heart

Weekdays: 7:15AM (Monday & Friday)
9:00AM (Tuesday & Thursday)
Saint Lucy

Holydays: Check Bulletin

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays 3:30 - 4:00PM at Saint Lucy's Church or by appointment with a priest.

New Parishioners/Registration

We welcome new parishioners and invite you to become an active member of our Parish Family. Registration helps us to serve you more efficiently, especially in matters such as testimonial letters, sponsorship in the sacraments and school registration. All parishioners should be registered.

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 21, 2009

OPEN TO GOD'S WORD



Today the Church begins a stretch of Ordinary Time that will last for five months. The liturgical vigor of the Easter Season and the feasts of the Holy Trinity and the Body and Blood of Christ settles down into this long stretch that opens before us. During Ordinary Time the life of Christ is broken open for us by one of the Gospel writers. This year we have been hearing the Gospel of Saint Mark. We begin this week by listening to his account of the Lord Jesus calming the stormy seas. Through this miracle Jesus tests the faith of his followers. As we settle into Ordinary Time let us be open to the power of the word of God to effect change within us. Let us pray that our faith will be strengthened as we grow more and more into faithful disciples.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Lord said to Job: Who shut within doors the sea? And who said: Thus far shall you come but no farther! (Job 38:1, 8-11).

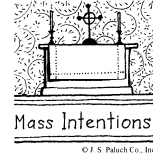
Psalms — Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting (Psalm 107).

Second Reading — Whoever is in Christ is a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:14-17).

Gospel — Who is this whom even wind and sea obey? (Mark 4:35-41).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 12:1-9; Mt 7:1-5
Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18; Mt 7:6, 12-14
Wednesday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71; 1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17
Day: Is 49:1-6; Ps 139; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80
Thursday: Gn 16:1-12, 15-16 [6b-12, 15-16]; Mt 7:21-29
Friday: Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22; Mt 8:1-4
Saturday: Gn 18:1-15; Mt 8:5-17
Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24; Ps 30; 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mk 5:21-43 [5:21-24, 35b-43]



Saturday, June 20, 2009

4:30PM *People of the Parish*

Sunday, June 21, 2009

8:00AM *People of the Parish*

10:30AM *Francesca Vetrano (Filomena DiVentura and Family)*

Monday, June 22, 2009

7:15AM *People of the Parish*

Tuesday, June 23, 2009

9:00AM *Sick of the Parish*

Thursday, June 25, 2009

9:00AM *People of the Parish*

Friday, June 26, 2009

7:15AM *Sick of the Parish*

Saturday, June 27, 2009

4:30PM *David Graff, Sr. (The Family)*

Sunday, June 28, 2009

8:00AM *People of the Parish*

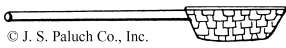
10:30AM *Francesco Vetrano (Filomena DiVentura and Family)*



Roger Mauro, Marie LaCourt, Gloria Dappolone, Felix Napolitano, Selma Petters, Veronika Weis, Michael Kelly, Sue Grieco, Katherine Bradley, Caroline Goetz, Rosemary Volpe, Eleanor Whisler, Floss Maccarella, Joe Caromano, Florence & John Watson, Maura McCartan, Dennis Williams, Genevieve Daly, Marie Puglisi, Florence Matsinger, MaryPat Purcell, Susan Liberta, Christina Capecci.

KEEPING IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS
ALL victims of wars, for those in harm's way, and for our military, at home or overseas, especially for: Joseph Beahon, Maj(Dr)Catherine Dunleavy Shoff, Ed Heacock.

The candle will be lit before St. Joseph, from June 21-28, in prayerful celebration of Joe and Terry Bank's 30th year anniversary



FINANCE CORNER

June 13-14

Offertory: \$1964.00

**A
LETTER
FROM
OUR
PASTOR**



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Thank you to all who generously contribute each week to the Offertory collection. As you are aware, we are not receiving very much money these

days. I know there are certain factors contributing to this decline in collection: namely, the poor economy and perhaps a lack of enthusiasm because our churches will be closing, and a significant drop in attendance. The bills still keep coming in as they do at your home. We are trying to keep two churches and a rectory on a limited budget.

Our fuel bill is basically over, but our electric bill for the air conditioning is increasing. We just were told we need a new roof on St. Lucy's church, which will cost around \$9200. Our septic had to be dug up for which we have not received a bill yet; Sacred Heart Church had to have a fire alarm system installed, at the request of the Township. This will cost approximately \$2500; and the wrought iron rails on Sacred Heart's front steps must be replaced. These bills were not anticipated. They come on top of all our other expenses.

I ask that you give a bit more consideration to contributing to the parish. If you could perhaps give just a couple of dollars a week more, it will be most appreciated.

You know in my four years here, it is on rare occasion that I talk about money, but I am concerned. Thank you for all you have done and continue to do for your parish.

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THANK YOU

RCIA Anyone who has not been baptized, or has not received the Sacrament of Eucharist is invited to become part of the RCIA Program beginning in the Fall. Classes will held at The Assumption Parish. Please call our office if you are interested.



There are specific requirements for those who wish to be a godparent at Baptism or Confirmation. You must be a registered, practicing member of this parish; be 16 years old; have received the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation; and be married within the blessing of the Church.

Applications for the Assumption School in Atco are now being accepted for the 2009-2010 school year. If anyone is interested in registering, or has questions, call Tina Kennevan at 856-767-1143 or visit website www.assumptionschoolatco.com.

ASSUMPTION SCHOOL ALUMNI -
Please send your updated contact information, including name, married name, address, e-mail address and graduation year to Loretta Clements at loretpc@aol.com or call 856-767-3836.



The apostles in today's gospel were amazed at the power of Jesus. Children are amazed at our lack of fear of dark rooms or monsters in closets or under beds. As the apostles depended on Jesus, children depend on us to restore quiet to their lives. Getting out of bed in the middle of the night to quiet a child's fears is the stuff of holiness.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

In the spirit of learning new skills, try trading homemaking tasks for a day. It can bring new appreciation for the other. Even if the job doesn't get done as well, it can provide (a laugh). Insight and promote understanding of each other.

PARENTING POINTERS

(Father's Day) "Our Father, who art in heaven..." Note that we say "Our" Father, not "My Father, since God is God only to me but to all the children of the earth. Yes, remember your own father today, but also remember those children whose father is absent, unemployed, deployed in a foreign land, abusive, or in some other way not present. Can you be like a father to someone who needs you?

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

The thought of stewardship terrifies some of us. We may feel that we cannot afford to give God a grateful share or to give the first fruits rather than the leftovers. It takes great faith and trust to believe that God will always provide us with all that we need, if we trust Him enough to give to Him first.

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 the 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 combined

These qualities...

When there was nothing more to add,

He knew His masterpiece was complete,

And so, He called it...Dad Anonymous

Happy Father's Day to all our Dads and Granddads.
We ask God to bless you in your great responsibility
of being a father. We pray also for our fathers who
have gone before us and are now being rewarded
for their hard work.



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