August 18, 2019

20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to his disciples: “I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!” - Lk 12:49
The Prince of Peace wants to set the world on fire? This Sunday’s Gospel can sound more intense than what we may be accustomed to. It’s a passage of contradictions. Jesus so clearly prays for unity, yet here he speaks of division. Why would our God who comes as an offering of love speak so frankly about causing relationships to be torn apart?

The sobering truth is that Jesus is divisive. We see this throughout the Gospels, as the Pharisees critique him, the Romans condemn him, and not everyone in the crowd is enthusiastic about his words. Jesus has not come for the purpose of dividing, but what he does is so radical that it upends the status quo. And it doesn’t end with his preaching and miracles! “There is a baptism with which I must be baptized.” Jesus isn’t talking about his baptism at the Jordan River, which has already occurred, but the passing through the waters of death on the Cross and rising again to new life in the resurrection. This is divisive stuff! Christ’s spiritual fire turned the “fathers” - the Jewish people and Pharisees - against the “sons” - the common people. Not everyone wants the Gospel Jesus is preaching. Not everyone wants to be set on fire with the desire to love others. Some prefer to put on a warm sweater and curl up in front of the TV.

In living and loving as Jesus did, we, too, might ruffle some feathers. In disciplining our teenage child for sneaking out, we may cause some division (temporarily, we hope!). In standing up to gossip and the spread of cruel rumors in our workplace, we might cause division. In emphasizing the dignity of both the desperate mother and the unborn child, we might cause division. Not everyone wants the Gospel Jesus is preaching. Not everyone wants the Gospel we are invited to live. But that’s no excuse not to live it.
Mass Intentions for the Week
MONDAY, August 19, 2019
9:00 AM Edward & Josephine Allen R/B The Family

TUESDAY, August 20, 2019
9:00 AM Helen & Frank Byrne & deceased members of the Cleary Family

WEDNESDAY, August 21, 2019
9:00 AM Robert J. Alberetti R/B Robert & Mary Lou Alberetti

THURSDAY, August 22, 2019
9:00 AM Russ Butera R/B JoAnn Farrell

FRIDAY, August 23, 2019
9:00 AM Gabriel Talavera R/B Flo Jurek

SATURDAY, August 24, 2019
4:00 PM Suzanne McGovern R/B The Murrin Family
5:30 PM Deceased members of the Conrad Family R/B The Family

SUNDAY, August 25, 2019
7:30 AM Louise Creston R/B Karen & Joe Creston
9:00 AM Nancy Rizzotti R/B The Chanelli Family
11:00 AM Barry Cummins R/B The Family
5:15 PM Tim Burke R/B The Griffin Family

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn for Alice & Stanley Kozlowski requested by the Family. The Chapel Lamp will burn for Louis Mancuso requested by Mr. & Mrs. James Algozzini.

If you, or are a loved one is sick and would like to be on our prayer list please contact the parish office at 203-746-2200. Thank you!

The readings for next week:

READING 1: JER 38:4-6, 8-10
READING 2: HEB 12:1-4
Gospel: LK 12:49-53

Mass Schedule
Monday to Friday
August 9:00am daily Mass
Saturday Vigils- 4:00 and 5:30 pm
Sundays-7:30, 9:00, 11:00am & 5:15pm

Parish Summer Hours
Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Closed daily for lunch from 12:00-1:00
Fridays 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Closed Saturdays

Marriage:
The proper time of preparation for Marriage is one year prior to the wedding. Please contact the Parish office as soon as possible.
No Sunday Weddings

Baptisms:
1st & 3rd Sundays/
2nd & 4th Saturdays 12:30pm
Reconciliation: Saturdays 3:15-3:45pm

St. Edward's Parish Picnic
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St. Edward’s Marriage Jubilee will be on Sunday, September 8th with a blessing at the 11:00 Mass for all couples celebrating an anniversary in 2019 which ends in “0” or “5” (starting with 10 years). A light reception will follow in the hall. Please contact the Parish Office to RSVP by Mon. Sept. 2nd for the reception.

(Jesus: Cause For Division)

“I came to cast fire upon the earth; and would that it were already kindled! I have a baptism to be baptized with; and how I am constrained until it is accomplished! “

Reflection:
Jesus pulls out all the stops, holds back no punches and says it like it is. Some say Jesus was using a typical Hebrew hyperbole of His time; well whether He was or He wasn’t, He was spot on with His disciples. There will be division indeed because our faith is a relationship with Jesus; that must be prioritized above and beyond even that of even our own family members. So simply saying that alone would cause division. Living it certainly will cause even more division.

Bottle and can truck will be here the weekend of Sept. 6 – 8. A great way to clean up after your Labor Day Festivities! Please remember to separate glass from plastic. Thank you for your support of the Adult Education Program!
Please pray for those who have died and have been laid to rest in the month of JULY: Kathleen Coppola. We also pray for their grieving family.

Let us remember to pray for those who lack faith. May the spirit of the Holy Spirit spark a flame within them.

The Ladies Guild will host a Bake Sale to benefit St. Edward’s on Sat., Aug. 31st & Sun. Sept. 1st (after all morning Masses) in the gathering space. We need bakers! Please donate a baked good. Drop off prior to Mass or on Friday Aug. 30th to the kitchen in the hall and label it “Bake Sale”. Thank you!

The Men’s Fellowship invite all men of the parish to the 12th Annual CT Catholic Men’s Conference “Forge Your Path To Holiness” which will take place on Saturday, October 19th from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at St. Paul Catholic High School in Bristol, CT. Tickets for the conference which includes lunch are $45 ($30 for students) and can be purchased by going to www.ctcatholicmen.org.

For more information contact: Otis Shelton at 203-312-4885 or Don at 203-546-7581

Parish Counseling Dr. Dan Joynt Ph. D. is a WCSU professor and a CT Licensed Professional Counselor working with individuals, couples and families. Specializing in Anxiety, Depression, Grief, Stress, Relationship & Communication issues. He can be reached either at 860-354-9164 or by a message to the Parish Office 203-746-2200. There is no cost for a first session. Special consideration is available for subsequent services.

What a great resource right in our parish!!

Please get your registrations in!! Classes are being formed. If you are new to the program please, contact the Faith Formation office. Payment plans are available and full payment is not due at the time of registration.

Faith Formation Volunteers Needed
Please prayerfully consider becoming a Faith Formation Catechist or volunteer for the next school year. We have changed the schedule on our class dates so the commitment isn’t as demanding for you-ALL classes are held in the church hall and the most is twice per month! You CAN make a difference in the faith journey of our parish children! All adult volunteers must be Safe Environment Trained; please call the office for more information 203-746-4270.

Regina Caeli
Admissions- Join our exciting mission to form the next generation of Catholics! Regina Caeli Academy (www.rcahybrid.org) provides a classical, hybrid education in the Catholic tradition. For enrollment information, please contact admissions@rcahybrid.org or (470) 239-0259.

Saturday Mornings- 8:00am- Miraculous Medal Novena/Chapel
Saturday Mornings- 9:00am- Rosary Prayer Group/Chapel
Mondays- 5:30pm - Intercessory Prayer Group/CR A
Tuesdays- 7:00pm- Awakening Prayer Group/Cry Rm
With creator and host Bishop Robert Barron, you will learn what Catholics believe and why, while being immersed in the art, literature, beliefs, and practices of the Catholic tradition. Filmed in 50 locations throughout 15 countries, the Catholicism DVD series is on-location and in the streets illustrating the splendor of the global Church.

Bishop Robert Barron, video presenter  
Wednesday Afternoons
Sept 25  Amazed and Afraid: The Revelation of God Become Man
Oct 2  Happy Are We: The Teachings of Jesus
Oct 9  The Ineffable Mystery of God: That Than Which Nothing Greater Can Be Thought
Oct 16  Our Tainted Nature’s Solitary Boast: Mary, Mother of God
Oct 23  The Indispensable Men: Peter, Paul and the Missionary Adventure
Oct 30  A Body Both Suffering and Glorious: The Mystical Union Of Christ and the Church
Nov 6  Word Made Flesh, True Bread of Heaven: The Mystery of the Church’s Sacraments & Worship
Nov 13  A Vast Company of Witnesses: The Communion of Saints
Nov 20  The Fire of His Love: Prayer and the Life of the Spirit
Dec 4  World Without End: The Last Things

CATHOLICISM - Wednesday Afternoons
Name _______________________________________
Email:______________________________________
Phone ____________________________________
Register by 9/18/2019 - $45 for entire series

Catholicism - A WORLDWIDE TRAVELOGUE OF CHURCH SPLENDOUR
This course is a Favorite!

To help each person better understand Jesus, become more familiar with Scripture, and realize your own priestly, prophetic, and kingly mission.

Bishop Robert Barron, video presenter  
Thursday Afternoons
Sept 26 – Introduction
Oct 3 – Adoratio 2:30 – 4:00 pm
Oct 10 – The High Priest In the hall
Oct 17 – Challenging False Worship
Oct 24 – The Word Made Flesh
Oct 31 – Ordering the Kingdom
Nov 7 – King of Kings

Priest, Prophet, King - Thursday Afternoons
Name:_____________________________________
Email:_____________________________________
Phone: ____________________________________
$40 registration includes course materials and refreshments.
Check included? 

(Please return with your check by 9/18/19)

GENESIS TO JESUS
What is the Bible, where does it come from, and what is its purpose? How are Catholics supposed to read the Bible and what story does it tell? These are the ever-important questions answered in Genesis to Jesus, where you will learn the basic Catholic principles for reading Scripture and to survey the broad outlines of the books of the Bible and their place in the story of salvation. Included in this course are inspirational quotes from Scripture, the saints, and recent popes. With engaging review questions and discussion topics, participants will never again wonder how and why Scripture is sacred to Catholics.

Dr. Matthew Leonard, video presenter  
Wednesday Evenings /Hall
Sept 25  Reading Scripture with the Church
Oct 3  The Old & The New (this is the only Thursday)
Oct 9  Covenant with Creation
Oct 16  Fall from Grace
Oct 23  A New Beginning *Wednesday evenings 7:00 – 8:30 pm
Oct 30  Our Father in Faith
Nov 6  From Egypt to Sinai
Nov 13  Wandering in the Wilderness
Nov 20  Rise of the Covenant Kingdom
Dec 4  Features of the Kingdom
Dec 11  New Moses, New Covenant
Dec 18  The Kingdom Transformed

GENESIS TO JESUS - Wednesday Evenings /Hall
Name _________________________________
Email: _________________________________
Phone: ________________________________

Register by 9/8/2019 - $100 for entire series
Fee covers course materials and refreshments
Check Included? ______

(Please return this portion with your check by 9/8/19)
Coming up this week...

**Monday, August 19, 2019**
6:30 PM Knights /Business Meeting/Hall

**Tuesday, August 20, 2019**

**Wednesday, August 21, 2019**
No Events Scheduled

**Thursday, August 22, 2019**
No Events Scheduled

**Friday, August 23, 2019**
10:00 AM Abilities Beyond Disabilities/Hall

**Saturday, August 24, 2019**
7:30 AM Men of St. Edward's Fellowship/Hall
8:00 AM Miraculous Medal Novena/Chapel
9:00 AM Rosary Prayer Group/Chapel

**Sunday, August 25, 2019**
11:00 AM Parish Picnic/Outside the Hall
  on the lawn/if rain, in the hall

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Set my soul afire Lord
For Thy Holy Word
Burn it deep within me
Let thy voice be heard....