Dear Padre,

July 19, 2020

In Scripture, we hear about the “kingdom of God” as a newness of life and a new way of living. This newness of life is expressed in the Beatitudes as a freedom from fear, a joy in giving, a peace in suffering, a hope in waiting, a love in forgiving, a mercy in fasting, a purity in preparing, and a greatness in giving. And it starts today!

Refuge for the Homeless

In the Diocese of Belleville, we have the Racial Harmony Initiative and the Homeless Life Ministry to serve on the front lines of the struggle for justice and peace. Solitude, fasting, and prayer are the means by which we can build up those around us with Christ’s love. We must be the hands and feet of Jesus in our communities. We must care for the least of these, the homeless, because they are the ones who have no shelter. No one should ever be vulnerable to abuse because he or she has no shelter. No one should be treated differently based on their race or where they are from. We can make a difference and it starts today!

Good News!

The Gospel reading consists of parables, one of which Jesus explains. The two that seem so important are explaining the kingdom with a mustard seed that begins small and then grows large enough to welcome all manner of birds for nesting, and a bit of yeast that completely transforms the entire batch of dough. The parable about the weeds in the field we would need explanation. Any farmer would have recognized the situation described. We don’t always know when they come from, but weeds seem to creep up everywhere. What should one do? We should not be inwardly pulled up; let both weeds and wheat grow and flourish. The time is separation. For so the meaning of these parables. The kingdom of God is the new order of justice and peace. It grows and grows until it is open to all manner of people. The kingdom, as an object of faith, is not made up of good and bad. It is a dangerous thing to try to get rid of what might be considered bad, but good, or bad, or good. One might pull up the wrong weeds. There will be a time of judgment, and God will sort the good from the bad and evil will be destroyed forever. Goodness will triumph! In the end, the angels of God will sort the good from the bad and evil will be destroyed forever.

Mission statement:

Our mission is to involve ourselves in lay ministries, living and spreading the gospel message of justice and peace.

Belleville Diocese Child Protection www.diocweb.org/faith-formation/chlprotection

Sexual Abuse Hotline: Anyone wishing to report an allegation of sexual misconduct by a priest or other diocesan personnel please call the hotline: 800-640-3044.
**Liturgy for the Week…**

**Month of August**

- **4pm Mass**
  - Ushers: Skip & Shirley Etter, Dave Beckmann
  - Susan Winkler, Dwayne Mansfield, Theresa Wuebbels

- **10am Mass**

Please remember to use the East side glass door only when attending weekday and weekend Liturgy. It is important that we make note of who is at these Masses in case of having to trace back. We appreciate your help and understanding with this process.

**Month of July**

- **4pm Mass**
  - Ushers: Elaine Horstmann, John Horstmann, Chuck Rolflingmeier

- **10am Mass**
  - Bonnie Huels, Gene Huels, Bob Petermeyer, Theresa Wuebbels, Mary Hartung, Teresa Wuebbels (7/19), Lori Hall (7/19), Jeanie Kleber (7/19)

**Month of June**

- **4pm Mass**
  - Esther Norrenberns, Theresa Wuebbels

- **10am Mass**
  - Dick Christ, Arnie Woblbe

**Month of May**

- **4pm Mass**
  - Elaine Horstmann

- **10am Mass**
  - Tom Kueber, Bev Neumann, Mark Helfer, Arnie Woblbe

**Month of April**

- **4pm Mass**
  - Theresa Wuebbels

- **10am Mass**
  - Theresa Wuebbels, Mary Hartung, John Horstmann, Bob Petermeyer

**Month of March**

- **4pm Mass**
  - Theresa Wuebbels

- **10am Mass**
  - Theresa Wuebbels, Mary Hartung, John Horstmann, Bob Petermeyer

The Liturgy of Ordination and Installation of Bishop-Elect Michael G. McGovern as the Ninth Bishop of Belleville will take place on Wednesday, the twenty-second of July in the Year of Our Lord, 2020. At two o’clock in the afternoon everyone is invited to view the Mass which will be televised live on EWTN. The Mass will also be available on the EWTN website.

**Waiting in the Parish Center**

- **4pm Mass**
  - Elaine Horstmann
  - John Horstmann
  - Chuck Rolflingmeier
  - Susan Winkler
  - Dwayne Mansfield
  - Theresa Wuebbels

- **10am Mass**
  - Michelle Rolfingmeier, Gail Leist, Elaine Horstmann
  - Bob Petermeyer, Arnie Woblbe, Mary Hartung

**Hello,**

Gabriel Steven Osborne (Parents: Jarrett and Macie) will receive his 1st Communion at the 4pm Liturgy this week (July 18th).

We extend our sympathy to families of Bud Robben, Barry Dixon, Fr. Roger Karban and Fr. Ken Schaefer.

The Ordination/Installation of Bishop Elect Michael George McGovern as the 9th Bishop of Belleville is this Wednesday at 2:00pm. It will be televised live on EWTN if you have cable or satellite TV. Other viewing information is to the left of this column in the red-bordered box entitle the Liturgy of Ordination/Installation of Bishop-Elect Michael G. McGovern.

To view the “on line” Mass @ St. Mary, Carlyle, which will be “live streamed” Saturday, July 18th @ 4pm, simply go to the parish web site and look under helpful links. Choose the date you would like to view and hit play. If you wish to watch it “live”, please request us a friend on Facebook. We will post updates on both sites as new information becomes available. **We will continue to “live stream” until further notice.** You can also view the Mass every Sunday on Channel 11 @ 8:30am. Sorry we couldn’t live stream last week. Our camera man, Brad Clark, and wife Kayla welcomed their daughter **Addison Grace** into the world. Alleluia!

THANK YOU for supporting St. Mary through on-line giving, or mail or dropping off your envelope at the mailbox at the Parish Center or now at Church. Remember to support St. Catarina in Guatemala… we’ll send a check at the end of the month.

**16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

“The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed…” Matt: 13:31

The great events and moments of life begin with small things – from simple beginnings and basic principles life’s greatest accomplishments and journeys come to be. Humanity’s dreams of peace, community and justice are realized, first, in the simple, basic and small acts of goodness and generosity offered by individuals like you and me. Jesus invites us to embrace the simplicity of the “mustard seed” faith: the ability to see the potential in the smallest of things, and the courage and perseverance to unlock that potential of the Gospel “yeast”: to let the grace of God transform the flour and water of our lives into the “bread” of hope, of forgiveness, of justice, of peace. – Jay Cormier

Thank you for all the birthday cards, gifts, and wishes. 70 is not so bad.

**Let us bloom and grow. Peace & good, Fr. George**