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SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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Weekend Masses

Saturday.....5:00 pm
Sunday.....8:00 am and 11:00 am

Daily Mass

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday8:30 am
Wednesday.....6:30 pm
First Saturday of the Month.....9:00 am

Rosary

Tuesday—Friday.....8:00 am

Reconciliation

Saturdays.....3:30 pm – 4:30 pm
Wednesdays.....5:30 pm - 6:20 pm
1st Fri. of the Month...7:30 am – 8:20 am
1st Sat. of the Month...8:00 am – 8:45 am

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

1st Fri. of the Month...7:30 am – 8:20 am
Fridays.....9:00 am-- 7:00 pm

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday.....9:00 am—4:00 pm
Closed Holy Days & Holidays



“To what shall
we compare
the kingdom
of God...?”

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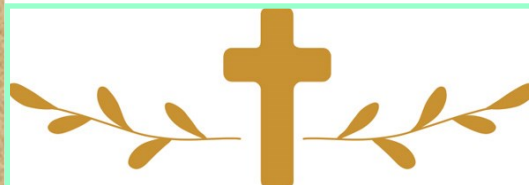
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Seed Grows of Itself

*“This is how it is
with the kingdom
of God; it is as
if a man were
to scatter seed
on the land
and would sleep
and rise night
and day and
the seed would
sprout and grow,
he knows
not how.”*

Mark 4:26-27

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GOD BLESS

our Fathers

Eucharistic Revival in the Catholic Church:

Weekly Bulletin Articles

The Catholic Church in the United States has been on a 3-year process of Eucharistic Revival, and we are now in the 2nd year and focusing on revival at the parish level (see this website for more, <https://www.eucharisticrevival.org>). In addition to trying our best to celebrate every single Mass reverently, attentively, and prayerfully, one effort we will be making is **to write a small bulletin article every week for a year** in order to help all people understand the Catholic Mass more fully. Not only can this help us understand how each prayer and symbol and movement has deep meaning and symbolism, but all the prayers, symbols, and movements should also lead us into the reality of Christ's love on the Cross and His grace poured out from the Resurrection and how we can encounter Him present to us today throughout the entirety of the Mass! Please consider reading along each week with these bulletin articles to help you better understand the history, meaning, beauty, and reality of what we celebrate every weekend as Catholics. This can help us to have a Eucharistic Revival at our parish, and to know, love, and serve Christ more fully every time we attend the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass here at OLV.



Behold the Lamb of God – (Am I worthy? ... Yes, the Wedding Supper of the Lamb)

One of the most emotional parts of the Mass for me as a priest is the last dialogue prayer between the priest and the people before Holy Communion begins. After singing the Lamb of God (*Agnus Dei* in Latin), everyone kneels, and then the priest holds up the newly consecrated host along with the chalice and the new precious blood, and he declares,

“Behold the Lamb of God. Behold Him who takes away the sins of the world.

Blessed are those called to the supper of the lamb.”

And the people respond with their hearts full of faith,

“Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,

but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.”

This is emotional for me as a priest for a number of reasons. First of all, there are many prayers that the Church says the priest should refrain from saying with the people in order to emphasize the dialogue between the priest and the people. This is especially important to help the people realize the special presence of Jesus in the priest during the Mass, which allows the Catholic Priest to stand in His place and Jesus can truly work through the priest's words, actions, and movements to speak to each person and to consecrate the bread and wine into Jesus' very body, blood, soul, and divinity in the Eucharist. However, on this occasion, the rubrics of the Mass mandate that the priest says the response along with the people. The priest is truly not worthy to be standing where He is standing and doing what He is doing during each and every Mass. It is only through God's grace that every priest can become a worthy instrument of Christ to the world in this way.

Secondly, I also get emotional because of the beauty of the prayer itself. The priest is quoting John the Baptist who pointed out Jesus as the lamb of God to some of his first disciples (see John 1:29), which is a reference in and of itself to fulfilling all the Old Testament prophecies about the Lamb of God, the Passover meal, the Old Testament covenants, and the Jewish messiah figure who dies for his people. In addition, the priest's prayer here is also referencing Revelation 19:9 and the wedding supper of the lamb in heaven. Bread certainly symbolizes all food and sustenance in general, but this bread of the New Covenant, this is truly Jesus Christ, and this wedding feast or wedding supper is what is TRULY satisfy our hearts and souls for all eternity.

Finally, the response that the priest says to the people is also such a beautiful reference in Scripture. This is a reference to a number of scripture passages, but it especially brings to mind the Roman Centurion who asks Jesus to heal his servant (Matthew 8:8 etc.). Jesus is about to follow the soldier to the proper location, but this influential man (a centurion was in charge of 100 soldiers) instead declares that he is not worthy to have Jesus follow him. Instead, out of great faith, he says that Jesus has the power to heal his servant from a long distance because he is in charge of all spirits and has power over all things in a real way. The humility and faith in this passage brings a strong reaction and teaching from Jesus to his other followers. We are not worthy of the depth of God's infinite love, but through Jesus, we can have the confidence to ask for Him to come to us, to heal our souls, and to lift us up to new levels of faith and relationship with God. May we ask God today for that humility and faith, and may we be thankful once again for the gift of Jesus in the Eucharist, who comes to us fully at every Mass in the Eucharist. We see visibly the Lamb of God and truly the Wedding Supper of the Lamb!



Knights of Columbus & The Ladies Auxiliary



The next Knights meeting will be Thursday, August 1st at 7:00 pm in the social hall. For more info on the KOC please contact Travis Detwiler at 717-809-0672 or travisedetwiler@gmail.com

The next Ladies meeting will be Wednesday, September 4th at 2:00 pm in the social hall. For more information regarding the Ladies Auxiliary please contact Donna Bonitz at 717-860-4909 or ddbonitz@gmail.com.

The next potluck will be Sunday June 16th

CHURCH

Immediately following the 11am Mass. Please bring a dish to share.

Potluck

Water, juice & coffee will be provided.



All students in grades 6-12 are invited to our next Youth Group Meeting on Saturday June 22nd from 6-8pm in the social hall.

Feel free to invite your friends!!



Run with a Priest! (...or walk or bike!)

Every 1st & 3rd Saturday we will meet outside the social hall around 9:45am. Take a short run (walk or bike) on the Rails to Trails.

The next run will be Sat. June 22nd.



We are excited to announce that our parish is enrolled in a recycle program. We have 2 recycle bins, one is placed in the social hall and the other bin is placed in the lobby of the church closest to the social hall entrance. On front of the bins are guidelines as well as copies of the guidelines that you may take with you. Our goal is to collect 1,000lbs in a years time! Please contact Heather Kauffman for more information, 223-220-6913.



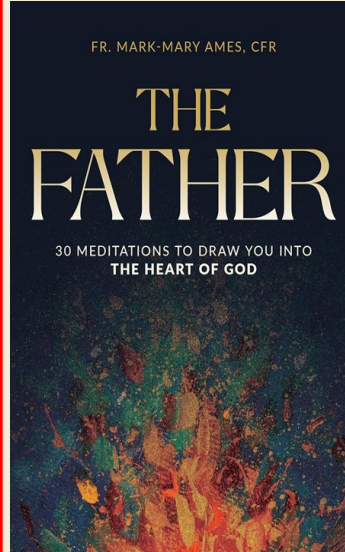
Register Now for Vacation Bible School!!!

There is NO COST, but spaces are limited— so don't wait! VBS is for students in pre-k (4 & 5 years old) through 5th grade.

VBS is August 5-9 this year from 6-8pm in the social hall with some outside activities, as weather permits. Registration forms can be found on the bulletin board outside of the Religious Education office. You may email, mail, or slide completed forms under my door! Let me know if you have any questions! Jolene Cramm jcramm@hbgdiocese.org

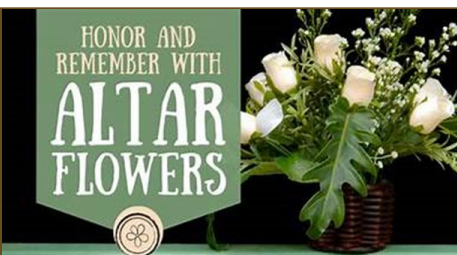
Book of the Month – May and June 2024

The Father: 30 Meditations to Draw You Into the Heart of God



by Fr. Mark Mary Ames

Saying the Our Father prayer that Jesus taught us from 2,000 years ago when He walked this earth is a fairly normal thing for most Christians. Many of us as Catholic Christians, say the Our Father prayer many times every single day. However, how often do we take some time to reflect on God relating to us in personal way as a true and real father. Fr. Mark Mary Ames is a young Capuchin Franciscan priest in New York City, and he does a remarkable job in his new book, *The Father*, to bring our belief and Scripture itself into a new light in this way. Fr. Mark Mary uses real stories and examples to easily bring the reader into a new understanding of Scripture and help us to pray through our relationship with God as a Father. These reflections and stories are split up into 30 different chapters or days, and they are only a few pages long, which make this book easily readable and digestible for the average person. If you want to grow in friendship with God, in love of God, and in a relationship with God, then please consider joining our parish in reading this book over the next two months of May and June. As usual, you will need to purchase this book to read it, but please also let me know if you don't have the money to purchase it and would really like to do that this time around. Once again, please consider reading through this book, and also consider joining us either way on **Wednesday, June 26th from 7:30 – 8:30 pm** in the social hall for our book discussion. Thank you all, and God Bless you!



We have started a flower ministry here at OLV. You may sign up for a weekend to have flowers placed at the tabernacle in honor or in

memory of someone. The flowers will cost 40.00. The flowers will be ordered and delivered from Fishers Florist. The sign up sheet is in the lobby of the church. Envelopes are provided near the sign up sheet for payment that you may put in the collection bin or drop off at the office. Please contact Sue German at 717-816-0552 with any questions.



Each year, a missionary is assigned to our parish by our diocesan Mission Office for an appeal asking our assistance for ministries to assist the poor. On the weekend of June 29-30 we will welcome Fr. Gary Wiesmann, for our annual mission appeal on behalf of the DIOCESE OF MANDEVILLE, Jamaica.

When we think of Jamaica, we think of Ocho Rios, beautiful beaches,

vacations and wonderful scenery. But, just beyond all of that, Jamaica is among the poorest countries in our hemisphere and the Dioceses of Mandeville is the poorest of the three dioceses in Jamaica. Many of the people have no running water. Many youth are "functionally illiterate;" there is an alarming number of destitute elderly and abandoned children; and, the average Sunday collection is 10% of the operating cost at half our parishes The Diocese of Mandeville is very poor!

Checks and donations can be made out to our parish with Mission Co-op written in the memo line. Online contributions to this mission may also be made through the Mission Office home page at www.hbgdiocese.org/missions, which has a "Donation" button; Gift Direction-Missionary Cooperative Appeal. When you identify your parish, the contributions will go to the correct mission group.



The Saint Thomas More Society of Central Pennsylvania is an organization of Catholic lawyers, judges, public office holders, paralegals, legal assistants, and law students.

The Society respectfully invites you to attend the Feast Day Mass of Saint Thomas More (and St. John Fisher, Bishop).

The Mass will be celebrated by the Most Reverend Ronald Gainer, Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Harrisburg, on Saturday, June 22, 2024 at 9 a.m. at Saint Leo the Great Catholic Church, 2427 Marietta Avenue, Lancaster, PA.

The purpose of this Mass, held at the start of Religious Freedom Week, is to gather to pray for God's guidance and to invoke blessings, through the intercession of Thomas More and John Fisher, upon those who work in the administration of justice or government. Light breakfast refreshments will be served after the Mass.



Congratulations to Charles Emmons Jr. and Michael Righter the winners of the \$1,000.00 Knights of Columbus & Ladies Auxiliary Scholarship. We wish Charles and Michael all the best !!

The Word of God Alive:

Discussing the Readings with your children



Cedar trees can grow so large, more than 100 feet tall! Cedars are used to build things and the wood stays strong for a long time. For the people of Israel, the cedar tree reminded them of God as well as their king.

Ezekiel was a prophet of Israel. It was a great time of sadness for the people because armies from another country came to Israel to overpower them. During this time, God gave words to Ezekiel about a cedar. We heard these words today. God said, "I will pluck from the crest of the cedar the highest branch and transplant (it) on a high and lofty mountain."

What was God talking about?

God was speaking about a shoot just beginning to grow with new life. This shoot came from the very top of the tree, the place that is closest to the light of the sun. God said this shoot would be moved to a new place on the top of a mountain in Israel. A mountain top is even higher than the top of the tree. For the people of Israel, who thought of God as above us all and in the highest heavens, mountains were places to get closer to God.

What would happen to this shoot once it was replanted?

The prophet continued, "It shall put forth branches and bear fruit, and become a majestic cedar. Even small birds will nest under it."

In the midst of the sadness of the people, God was talking about someone else. A new king would come to the people of Israel. This king would have light, would be close to God, would bring great life and growth. We know this king is Jesus. The one who helps us become closer to God.

Who are the birds who enjoy the shade of the cedar shoot?



God promised a moment in which all people (the birds) will enjoy being in the presence of this cedar sprout, when everyone will fully know Jesus as King.

Living our Faith: Take time this week to be out in God's world and notice all the good he has given us.



Catholic Communication Campaign

CONNECT WITH CHRIST

This weekend our special collection supports the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign engages and builds Catholic communities in the United

States and developing countries using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the money collected remains here in the Diocese of Harrisburg to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the gospel message! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/cc.

Shippensburg Community Resource Coalition

Christ Among Neighbors (CAN): CAN has been helping Shippensburg residents with emergency financial needs for over 20 years. Volunteers are needed on Wednesday afternoon or Saturday morning. Visit our website or call us to learn more. Suzanne Hildabrand 717-377-8316; www.christamongneighbors.com.

Hound Packs: We will be collecting soup all summer so that we are ready for the fall. At the end of the school year, we were packing 200 bags of food for children who don't have enough food for the weekend, they try to give 2 cans of soup each week.

They are also looking for someone to deliver the bags to the schools for next year. The bags are delivered on Thursday mornings. In the past there was one person who delivered to all the schools, and it took about an hour. More than one person can deliver to the schools, making the job easier and quicker.

SPO: Shippensburg Produce Outreach is in immediate need of volunteers to help distribute food on Tuesdays from 3:30-6:30. This takes place on South Penn ST., in the building next to the Lutheran Church. It would be nice if you could make it each week, but if you can volunteer a couple times a month, that would be greatly appreciated.

Any questions, contact Bobbi Staver 717-816-5309

Weekly Announcements

Sunday, June 16th—Parish Potluck Following the 11am Mass (so around noon or 12:15pm). Please bring a dish to share. The parish will supply water, juice & coffee.

Wednesday, June 19th NO MORNING PRAYER

Thursday, June 20th —Knitting Group- Join us for coffee, snacks, and good conversation in the social hall after morning Mass.

Saturday, June 22nd — Run with a Priest (or bike, or walk). Meet at the social hall entrance at 10am

Saturday, June 22nd — Youth Group All students in grades 6-12 from 6-8pm in the social hall



Louise Bonnie, a long time parishioner of OLV will be turning 100 on July 5th. Please join us in wishing her a Happy 100th Birthday by sending her a card.
Louise Bonnie
6805 New Cut Rd.
Kingsville, Md. 21087



Mass Intentions

Saturday, 5:00pm	June 15 In Memory of Joseph Sr. & Annabelle Cretella
Sunday, 8:00am 11:00am	June 16 People of the Parish In Memory of Richard Spisak
Tuesday, 8:30am	June 18 (NO PUBLIC MASS) In Memory of Berthold Wendeln
Wednesday, 6:30pm	June 19 (NO PUBLIC MASS) In Memory of Marie Matteucci
Thursday, 8:30am	June 20 (NO PUBLIC MASS) In Memory of Teresa Kashauer
Friday, 8:30am	June 21 Intentions of Mary Hare
Saturday, 5:00pm	June 22 People of the Parish
Sunday, 8:00am 11:00am	June 23 Intentions of Lyn Solder Intentions of Roberta Huffner

June 8-9, 2024 (in pew)

Weekend Collection:	\$4,107.00
Building Improvements:	\$435.00
Parish Youth Education:	\$100.00
Social Outreach:	\$120.00
Catholic Communications:	\$90.00
Mission Co-op:	\$475.00
Votives:	\$13.20
TOTAL INCOME:	\$5,340.20



Please visit olvshippensburg.weshareonline.org for more information regarding online giving.

Women's Conference

Save the date and spread the word - the 2024 Women's Conference is October 19th! This year's theme is "Hope and Healing at the Foot of the Cross." We encourage all women to join us as we unite our own experiences of love, loss, suffering, and hope with that of the women who did not abandon Christ at the hour of his Passion. Registration opens soon!

Parish Council Elections



The Parish Council ballots should be returned by June 30th. All registered parishioners are asked to vote for 3 candidates to fill the upcoming 3 vacant seats. The ballot box is the lobby of the church. Thank you!