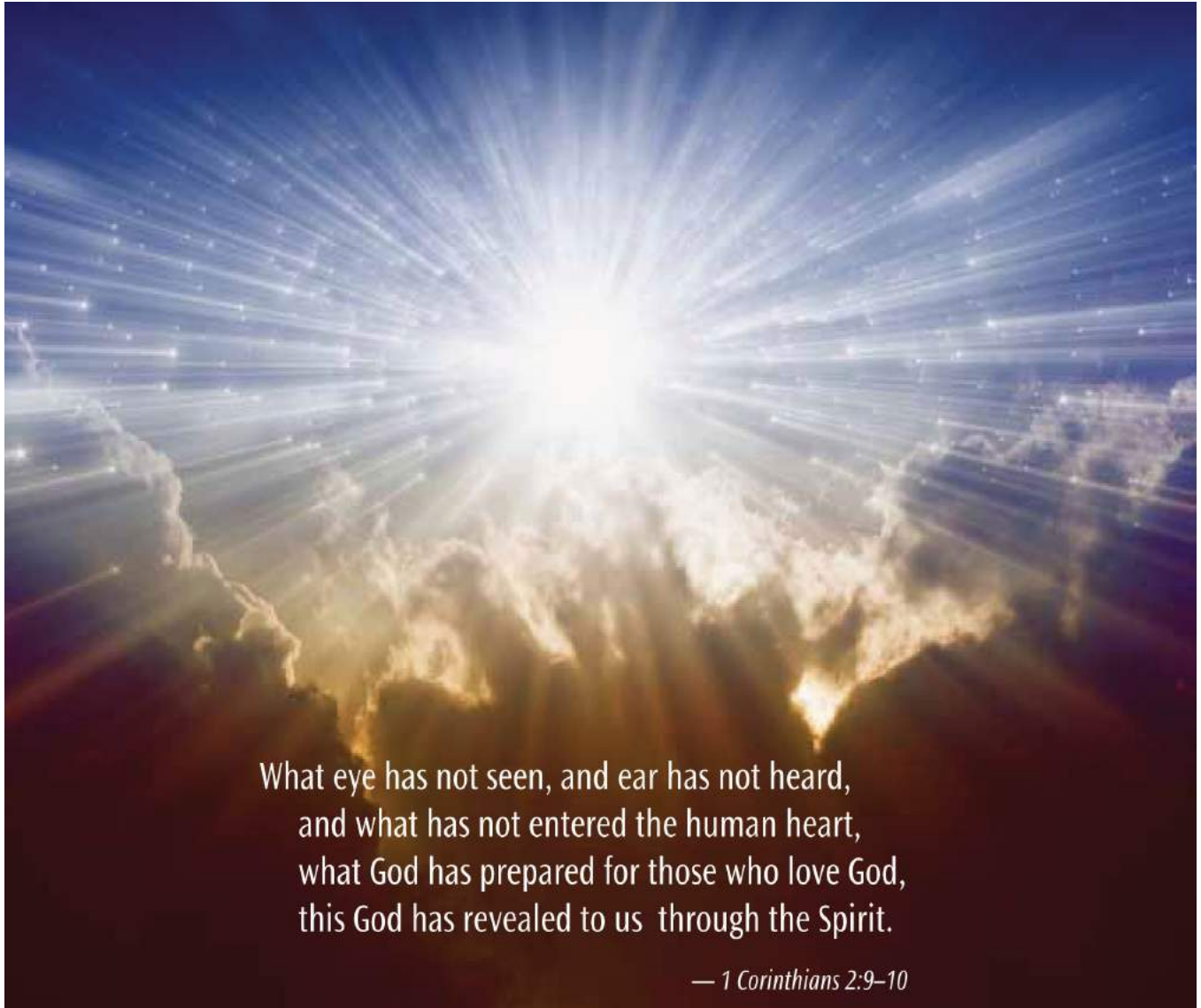


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February 16, 2020 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Parish Clergy

Rev. Monsignor Vincent T. Kelly, Pastor
Reverend William H. Bowles
Reverend John Callan, Sch.P.

Office Hours: Monday 12pm–4:00pm,
Tuesday–Friday 8:30am–4:00pm

Confession: Saturdays from 4-5pm

† Mass Schedule †

Weekend Masses:

Saturday Vigil 5:00pm
Sunday: 7:30am, 9:00, 10:30, Noon & 5:00pm

Daily Masses:

Monday-Saturday: 8:45am

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, February 15

8:45am ✠ Jack Licata and **Int.** Jeremiah Ready
 5:00pm ✠/**Int.** Counihan/Purcell Families and
 ✠ Karen Wiktar

Sunday, February 16

7:30am ✠ Fidelina Siberio Rodriguez and
 John Eich
 9:00am ✠ Pat Norton and Pat Bidwell
 10:30am **Int.** Parishioners of St. John the Baptist and
 ✠ Isabel Pessoa Pereira
 12:00pm ✠ Dr. & Mrs. Jose Sierra, Sr. and
 Giannia Covi Gasperini
 5:00pm ✠ Mary Schote and Marco Frasca

Monday, February 17

8:45am ✠ Denny Sink, Phyliss Schall and
 Linda Schultze

Tuesday, February 18

8:45am ✠ Mary Kelly and Eugene Merz

Wednesday, February 19

8:45am ✠ Claude Hamilton and
Int. Victoria Banister

Thursday, February 20

8:45am ✠ Rita Dixon, Mal Greenberg and
 Minivera Bloom

Friday, February 21

8:45am ✠ Elvira Aguilera and Teresa Landivar

Saturday, February 22

8:45am ✠ Jack Licata and **Int.** Marquitos
 5:00pm ✠/**Int.** John H. Winningham Family and
 ✠ Bill Clark

Sunday, February 23

7:30am ✠ Tom Spencer and James Creighton
 9:00am ✠ Phillip Caruso and Michael Del Buono
 10:30am **Int.** Parishioners of St. John the Baptist and
 ✠ Marco Frasca
 12:00pm ✠ Rosemary Peterson and Vito Galofaro
 5:00pm ✠ Cheryl Donnellan and Patricia Bidwell

Feb. 22 & 23	Celebrant	Lector	Extra-ordinary Ministers
Sat. 5:00pm	Fr. Callan	Charlie Russo	Paulette Kardos Alicia Holloway Gigi Wiborg
Sun. 7:30am	Fr. Callan	Kitty Rotela	Maureen Buffington Eileen Higgins
Sun. 9:00am	Fr. Kelly	Ed Merrigan	Colette Wolf Courtney O'Loughlin Maria O'Neill
Sun. 10:30am	Fr. Bowles	Joanne Jasin	Karen Niles Kris Ahern Stephen Johnson
Sun. 12 Noon	Msgr. Sheahan	Thomas Gavigan	DeeDee Stewart Anita Nasser
Sun. 5:00pm	Fr. Kelly	Mary Schack	Dave Cooney Rene Cooney

Baptism: Previously registered parishioners should contact the Parish office at least one month in advance. Baptisms are held on the 2nd Sunday after the 12pm Mass.

Marriage: Arrangements are made for previously registered and participating parishioners with six months of preparation.

Legacy Circle: Kindly remember your Parish in your will. Your goodness will continue.

Homebound: Please contact the Rectory to register for home visits for those unable to attend Mass.

Religious Ed Classes (PK-8): Religious education classes begin with the 9am Sunday Mass, followed by an hour of classroom instruction, August- May.

Rite of Christian Formation (RCIA): Classes for personal instruction will be available on Wednesdays from 7:15pm to 8:30pm from September - April.

Women's Guild: Monthly meetings are held at 9:30am on the second Wednesday of the month from October to May. Boutique workshops are held weekly on Wednesdays at 9:30am.

Men's Club: Meetings on the 4th Tuesday, Sept - May. Breakfast is hosted after First Friday 8:45am Mass.

Bible Study: Classes on Thursdays at 9:30am or 7:00pm from September through November and January through March. Please contact Jo-Ann Tabry at joanntabry@gmail.com.

Divine Will Group meets Wednesday evenings from 6-8pm in the Parish Hall. Monthly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on the 3rd Sunday, 1-3pm.

Our Novena and Benediction Service and Rosary:

Please join us Monday-Saturday at 8:20am for the Rosary and on Mondays for our Novena and Benediction service immediately following the 8:45am Mass.



Please save the date!
Lenten Fish Fry,
 hosted by the Men's Club
 Friday, March 6th!

“Who? Me?”

Historically, the word “apology” signified a defense of what one stands for. Hence, apologists through the centuries were the persons who vociferously defended their faith against attack. Eventually the word was applied to all who promoted their cause or their faith.

In time, the word apology diminished the defense posture and expanded to include an acknowledgement of possible wrong-doing. While sorrow for past misbehaving was commendable, the reflection of what was good or bad had to be placed in perspective.

Further evolution of the word, apology, expanded to offer regret for what others had done wrong. This was reasonable if there was some connection between the speaker/writer and the offense. But in time a disjoint set in where the apologist was expressing sorrow and regret for what others had done in the past.

Imagine the implications of one generation offering apologies for events which took place in previous centuries when a different culture prevailed. We ought to be held accountable by our present day set of standards and not the reflections of another era. Likewise it is not totally proper to judge the past by our present day culture or standards. We are defenders (apologists) of our current conscientious behavior and should be held accountable. We can be judged and if necessary condemned for what we have done. While our current, thinking and behavior appear acceptable, future generations may find such behavior totally improper. Likewise, past occurrences in their time were tolerable, but in our day may be unacceptable.

Overriding all human behavior is the Divine law (the law of God) which is reflected in the Ten Commandments. This law supersedes all other human behavioral norms and is the litmus test of good or evil.

Our apologies in our day ought to be made to the Lord for violations of his moral law if we so violate it. Finding fodder in others’ faults by constantly apologizing may find us in a dilemma of illusion and a distraction from real offenders. The torture through abortion of millions of unwanted children will someday demand the apology of the ages. We need to apologize to the Lord first for all our transgressions and then forgive the past.

Blessings,
Father Vincent T. Kelly



MANY THANKS



A wonderful picnic was held last Sunday for the families of our Religious Education program. What a wonderful way to experience Sunday worship, CCD Class and share food, fun and friendship! Thanks to all who made it possible. Our most special gratitude the Echarte and Melnicoff families, Alan Hooper Construction and Eastside Orthodontics for coordinating our picnic this year.

THANK YOU!



Thank you to all who have contributed to the 2020 Archbishop’s Charities and Development Drive. Your generosity will have a tremendous impact on the lives of many in our community. We invite those who are still considering a donation to send your pledge to the parish office for processing.

- Father Vincent Kelly

Women’s Guild Cash Ticket Sales



The Women’s Guild will be selling cash drawing tickets before and after all masses this weekend. The winning cash prizes will be drawn at the Cheers to 50 Years Luncheon on February 29. You do not need to be present to win. Suggested donations for tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5.



**The Holy Season of Lent begins
Ash Wednesday, February 26th.**

Masses will be celebrated at 8:45am, 12 noon and 5 pm. There will be a liturgical prayer service at 7pm. Ashes will be distributed at the end of all of the masses and the prayer service. The collection at all services on Ash Wednesday will provide food for the homeless. There will be an additional weekday mass during Lent at 12 pm. Stations of the Cross will follow the 12pm Mass on Fridays.