

Happy Father's Day

The Kingdom of God

Sow seeds of kindness, justice, and integrity ... and then be patient.
As shoots of faith appear, we nurture the growth with encouragement.

Plant three rows of peas...

Peas of mind
Peas of heart
Peas of soul

Plant four rows of squash...

Squash gossip
Squash indifference
Squash grumbling
Squash selfishness

Plant four rows of lettuce...

Lettuce be faithful
Lettuce be kind
Lettuce be patient
Lettuce really love one another

Plant no garden without turnips...

Turnip for meetings, Turnip for Mass, Turnip to help one another.

To conclude our garden, we must have thyme...

Thyme for each other, Thyme for family/community
Thyme for friends... And always... Thyme for God in our plans
Water freely with patience and cultivate with love.



∞ 10:00 AM Mass Celebration

- ✦ Father's Day Blessing to the Men's Ministry
- ✦ Birthday & Father's Day Blessing
John Koudossou
Req. Loving daughter Adjele Koudussou

∞ 12 Noon Mass Celebration

*Altar Bread & Wine offered In Memory
of James Moore 1st Father's Day in
Heaven* Req. Loving Family

- ✦ In Thanksgiving for Healing
Req. Linda Caleb Hazel
- ✦ God's Blessings for Shamar Parchment
Req. Sylvia Meyers
- ✦ In Memory of Loving Father Roland Melhado
Req. Melhado Family

∞ 5:00 PM Mass Celebration

- ✦ God's Healing for Theresa Addai

The Nigerian Group invites all for
Adoration with Divine Mercy to the Blessed
Sacrament at 3:00 PM ✦
Eucharistic Celebration 3:30 PM
St Bonaventure Church

Morning Mass – 8:30 AM

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday - St. Benedict
Thursday & Friday - St. Bonaventure

Readings for the Week of June 17, 2018

Monday 6/18: *Joyful Mysteries*
1 Kgs 21:1-16/Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-6a, 6b-7 /Mt 5:38-42
In Memory of Patricia Nwosu

Tuesday 6/19: *Sorrowful Mysteries*
1 Kgs 21:17-29/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 11,16 /Mt 5:43-48
St. Romuald, Abbot

Wednesday 6/20: *Glorious Mysteries*
2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Ps 31:20, 21, 24 [25]/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Mini Retreat with Sr. Ave Clarke after Mass
"God's SONshine is a gift"

Thursday 6/21: *Luminous Mysteries*
Sir 48:1-14/Ps 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7 [12a]/Mt 6:7-15
St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

Friday 6/21: *Sorrowful Mysteries*
2 Kgs 11:1-4,9-18,20/Ps 132:11-18 /Mt 6:19-23
St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; Sts. John Fisher,
Bishop, & Thomas More, Martyrs

Saturday 6/22: *Joyful Mysteries*
2 Chr 24:17-25/Ps 89:4-5, 29-30, 31-34 /Mt 6:24-34

Next Sunday 6/23: *Glorious Mysteries*
The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1-3, 13-14, 14-15 /Acts 13:22-26/
Lk 1:57-66, 80

Remember in your prayers for God's Healing

Fr. Joseph Abraham, Fr. Philip Abraham SJ., Sandy Bryant,
Georgeann Campbell, Doris Colon, Beverly Correia,
Ron Copeland, Cynthia Fairly, Carolyn Green,
Linda Hazel, Tarrant & Doris Palmer, Katherine Randall,
Santos Rodriguez, Carl Spivey, Evelyn Washington,
Steven Wilson, Yvonne Young

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34

"This is how it is with the kingdom of God."

But...What is a kingdom? Is it the brick and mortar that build up the castle? Is it the expanse of land a king can reasonably defend? Our notions of kingdoms may be romanticized in the modern era, but for the Israelites, a kingdom held deep historical meaning. Thousands of years before the birth of Christ, the Israelites had asked God for a king. After the reigns of David and Solomon, the united kingdom dissolved into factions, and the land was conquered by the Assyrians, Babylonians, and, finally, Romans. For the Israelites, a kingdom was something to build, both structurally and civilly. While this had ended in ruin for their ancestors, many of Jesus' contemporaries longed for the restoration of an earthly kingdom.

Jesus' words in today's Gospel are a radical departure from this perspective. He compares the Kingdom of God to a field, but it appears that the farmer has little to do with its progress. *"The seed would sprout and grow, he knows not how. Of its own accord, the land yields fruit."* Jesus introduces His followers to a new sort of kingdom, a kingdom where God provides the growth.

There is work to be done, of course. *"When the grain is ripe, he wields the sickle at once, for the harvest has come."* But for the Kingdom of God to flourish, there are certain things that are outside of our control. We can sow seeds of kindness, justice, and integrity ... and then we must be patient. As shoots of faith appear, we nurture the growth with encouragement. As Christians, our task is not to build the Kingdom of God under our power alone, but to trust in the life-giving movement of God.

Next Sunday let us welcome *The Sisters of Mary Immaculate* who will be selling their handmade crafts from Kenya.

You are invited to join them in Kenya for their 100th Anniversary! Cost \$1,400.00 includes round trip flight, accommodations & tours

**Our Sacrificial Giving
To our Parish**



Together let's meet our weekly goal of \$5,000.00

- ✦ 10:00 AM / 92 - \$1,400.00
- ✦ 12 Noon / 104 - \$1,575.00
- ✦ 5:00 PM / 23 - \$ 295.00

Boiler Fund Collected to Date: \$8,700.51

Thank you!!!!

Generation of Faith If you made a Pledge...

Please make your payments!

To date \$118,460.50 has been collected.

Use Blue Generation of Faith envelopes or see

Angela to enroll into Electronic Payment.

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**Annual Catholic
Appeal 2018**
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Parish Goal \$ 26,616.00

We praise and thank you Lord, for we know you are **The source of all we are.** Teach us to acknowledge you always with generous gratitude the many good things your infinite love has given us, as we support the work of our Diocese in Brooklyn and Queens. Amen

Please make a Pledge!

Every little bit helps!

We Need \$900.00 to meet our goal.

Anything over the goal comes back to the parish!!

Thank you Roy Pinkard, Barry Francis, Men's Ministry & those who participated in our Pre-Father's day

*Together
We Make a Family*

St. Benedict School of Dance presents...



TODAY • 3:00 PM

Adelphi University Olmsted Theatre

1 South Avenue, Garden City

Tickets: VIP \$40.00 / Adults \$25.00 / Students \$15.00

Please see Cassandra Wilson or call office if you're interested in attending **Sight & Sound Trip** to see *Jesus the Heart of the Story* Saturday, September 29th *Details forthcoming*



Please let us know if you or if you know of someone who needs a Pastoral Visit.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone #: _____

Monday & Thursday's ✦ 7:30 PM
Youth Basketball & Karate: 5:00 – 7:30 PM
Adult Physical Training,
Self Defense & Karate 7:30 – 9:30 PM
St. Benedict the Moor Church Hall
Mr. Sam 929-353-9373 or Mr. Rey 646-296-1171
Basketball & Karate Showcase
Sunday, July 1st ✦ 2:30 PM
St. Benedict the Moor Church Hall

St Francis Prep Introduces...

Francis Kids!

"Shine & Serve"

A Summer Bible Camp for ages 4 – 7

July 23rd – 27th ✦ 9:00 AM – 12 Noon

Cost \$100.00 per child

Includes one week of Camp, Francis Kids T-shirt & Art Supplies

Call 718-413-8810 ex 223 or

Sfponline.org

(look under families tab at SFP Summer)



Time to Honor our Graduates

Name: _____

School graduating from: _____

Degree: _____

Next Level: _____

Next School: _____

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TODAY for June 24th Bulletin