

June 10, 2018

The Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 9

5:00 p.m. **Blessings for Sam and Marietta
Tridente on their 71st Wedding Anniversary**
By Family

Sunday, June 10

8:00 a.m. **+Antionietta and Sabino Antinolfi**
By Daughter

10:30 a.m. **Birthday Blessings for Chris Rupell, Sr.**
By Mary Rupell

Monday, June 11

8:45 a.m. **Altar Rosary Society**

Tuesday, June 12

8:45 a.m. **+ Philip Kinney**
By Bill and Mary Supple

Wednesday, June 13

8:45 a.m. **+Edward and Anna Durnin**
By Mary Rupell

Thursday, June 14 NO MASS

Friday, June 15

8:45 a.m. **Parishioners of Saint Theodore Church**

Saturday, June 16

5:00 p.m. **Father's Day Mass Remembrance**

Sunday, June 17

8:00 a.m. **Father's Day Mass Remembrance**
10:30 a.m. **Father's Day Mass Remembrance**

Catholics will celebrate the memory of **St. Barnabas on June 11**. The apostle and missionary was among Christ's earliest followers and was responsible for welcoming St. Paul into the Church. Though not one of the 12 apostles chosen by the Lord, Jesus, he is traditionally regarded as one of the 72 disciples of Christ and most respected man in the first century Church after the Apostles themselves. St. Barnabas was born to wealthy Jewish parents on the Greek-speaking island of Cyprus, probably around the time of Christ's own birth. Traditional accounts hold that his parents sent him to study in Jerusalem, where he studied at the school of Gamaliel (who also taught St. Paul). Later on, when Christ's public ministry began, Barnabas may have been among those who heard him preach in person.

At some point, either during Christ's ministry or after his death and resurrection, Barnabas decided to commit himself in the most radical way to the teachings he had received. He sold the large estate he had inherited, contributed the proceeds entirely to the Church, and joined Christ's other apostles in holding all of their possessions in common.

Saul of Tarsus, the future St. Paul, approached Barnabas after the miraculous events surrounding his conversion, and was first introduced to St. Peter through him. About five years later, Barnabas and Paul spent a year in Antioch, building up the Church community whose members were the first to go by the name of "Christians."

Both Paul and Barnabas received a calling from God to become the "Apostles of the Gentiles," although the title is more often associated with St. Paul. The reference to the "laying-on of hands" in Acts, chapter 13, suggests that Paul and Barnabas may have been consecrated as bishops on this occasion.

Barnabas and Paul left Antioch along with Barnabas' cousin John Mark, who would later compose the most concise account of Christ's life and be canonized as St. Mark. The group's first forays into the pagan world met with some success, but Mark became discouraged and returned to Jerusalem.

The question of Mark's dedication to the mission would arise again later, and cause a significant personal disagreement between Paul and Barnabas. For many years prior to this, however, the two apostles traveled and preached among the Gentiles, suffering persecution and hardships for the sake of establishing Christianity among those of a non-Jewish background.

The remarkable success of Barnabas and Paul led to one of the earliest controversies in Church history, regarding the question of whether Christian converts would have to observe Jewish rites. During the landmark Council of Jerusalem, recorded in the book of Acts, the assembled apostles confirmed St. Peter's earlier proclamation that the laws of the Old Testament would not be mandatory for Christians.

Barnabas and Paul finally separated in their ministries, while remaining apostles of the one Catholic Church, over Paul's insistence that Mark not travel with them again.

In death, however, the "Apostles to the Gentiles" were reunited. Mark is said to have buried Barnabas after he was killed by a mob in Cyprus around the year 62. St. Paul and St. Mark were, in turn, reconciled before St. Paul's martyrdom five years later.

He is said to have been stoned to death in Salamis in the year 61.

St. Luke described Barnabas as 'a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith' (Acts 6:24), and he was known for his exceptional kindness and personal sanctity, and his openness to pagans

Dear Parishioners,

I would like to inform you that I will be on vacation from June 11 to July 11. In my absence Rev. Stanley Walga, of the Diocese of Metuchen, will be performing all the priestly duties of St. Theodore Church .

I will remember you in my prayers and ask you to remember me in yours.

With prayer,
Fr. Damian

Sunday Mass in vacation travel plans!

Getting away from it all on a vacation should not mean getting away from one's faith.

So, while Catholic travelers pack their suitcases and car trunks with necessary travel items, they should also be sure to include schedules for nearby Sunday Masses.

Obtaining this information before a trip takes a few minutes on an Internet search engine with the words "Catholic church near (fill in the blank)."

There is also a website: <http://www.masstimes.org>, which lists Mass schedules, church addresses and interactive map locations of more than 115,000 churches in 201 countries around the world.

The site has recently partnered with Parishes Online, an online directory of U.S. Catholic parishes that also provides web services for parishes.

So the modern churchgoer cannot really say that a Catholic church was impossible to find unless the vacationer was in the remote wilderness. Also the claim that some like to use, that they have "traveler's dispensation," similarly doesn't hold water.

'Traveler's dispensation'?

The column, written by Father Michael Van Sloun, pastor of St. Stephen in Anoka, said the commandment to keep the Sabbath day holy was not a suggestion or option but a "solemn obligation." The priest said regular Sunday worship dates back to the early church when Christians gathered to study the teachings of the apostles and to break bread.

The priest said he was "shocked" by the number of people who tell him they are excused from Sunday Mass when they are on vacation. "This is not the case," he said. Quoting canon law and the Catechism of the Catholic Church, he said Catholics are "bound to participate in the Mass" and there is "no exception for vacation or traveling."

Legitimate reasons to miss Sunday Mass involve illness or disability, a natural disaster or the absence of a priest. "If there ever was a time that God deserves extra thanks, it would be vacation time," he added, noting that it "is a huge blessing to be able to take time off, to have the resources to travel, to have the wherewithal to enjoy a cabin or RV or a lake

home, to be blessed with the beauty of the lakes and the forests, and to have the leisure time to spend with family and friends."

What You Wear to Mass and What Ever Happened to "Dress in Sunday Best"?

God always is looking at the heart, rather than the exterior. However, what we wear to worship our holy, pure God may be an indication of where our hearts are. If you have never considered it before, ask yourself, "Does it matter how I look when I am going to worship the King of Kings, the Lord of Lords and receive the Body and Blood of Christ? Keep in mind that having a proper attitude towards God Himself is important preparation for worship at church.

Although we need less clothing during the summer months, the type of clothing should be respectful and modest.

What ever happened to dressing in "Sunday best"? Some fashion customs should never go out of vogue. Parishioners, one should never wear tube tops, low-cut tops, shorts or short skirts/dress.



1st Prize: \$2,272: Victoria Dicheck

2nd Prize: \$ 340.80: Susan Pagua

3rd Prize: \$ 227.20: Alison Stout

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