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SEEDS, SOWING AND GROWTH

After all our various feast days over recent Sundays such as the Trinity and the Body and Blood of Christ, we finally get back into the continuous reading of the Gospel of Saint Mark (our Gospel for “Year B” of our three-year cycle of Sunday readings at Mass). We begin with two parables from Jesus: the mystery of how things grow and the well-known image of the tiny mustard seed that grows into the biggest shrub of them all. Thinking of these images, have you noticed how one of the beautiful features of Jesus’ teaching is his use of parables? In the parables, Jesus takes events or experiences of everyday life and uses them as a way of teaching about deeper realities, especially about the Kingdom of God. We can think of the yeast making the dough rise, or of how a house is lit by a lamp, or how a patch is sewn onto clothing.

So, what about our two parables? They both seem to be about growth and the Kingdom of God. Perhaps the first one invites us to think about the actual *process* of growth. The farmer does indeed sow the seed, but then nature takes over as the seed sprouts and grows and yields fruit. It is only then that the farmer comes back in to the picture as he reaps the harvest. We could take this parable in a number of ways. Perhaps Jesus is reminding us that we do indeed cooperate with God’s great plan, but that we do just that: cooperate. We are not in charge in the end and we must resist the urge to micromanage everything in our lives, or in the lives of others. Ultimately, it is God who will grant the increase and the fruitfulness.

The parable might also be about being patient. The farmer sows the seed, but then he has to wait for the seed to sprout, to grow and for the harvest to mature. If he acts too quickly, then everything is ruined. We live in a very impatient culture where we want everything right now (with all those instant make over programs)...or we want things yesterday! Yet, is it not true that so many really worthwhile things take time, such as learning a new skill, or really getting to know somebody...? This is also true of the spiritual life and spiritual growth, as well as the working out of God’s plan for us. These things are not instant: we need time, dedication and patience. In these ways, our parable provides us with great reminders and lessons indeed!

We also have the parable of the mustard seed. Perhaps this is an easier one to understand. It seems to

be not so much about the process of growth, but rather the great possibilities and results of growth. The mustard seed may be tiny, but it has the most tremendous potential. From that tiny seed comes one of the largest plants “where the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade.” So too with us. We may feel tiny, or at least we might feel that we really cannot make that much of a difference. Yet, with God’s power, an amazing potential can be released and so much good can come forth. If you look at the history of the church, we can see countless instances of where this has happened. Think of the first apostles, for example. They were insignificant people with ordinary jobs (such as being fishermen) in an obscure corner of a huge empire. Yet, they became the great apostles and messengers of Jesus; so much so, that our faith today comes from what they said and did in spreading that message.

As we prepare for the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress and continue our project for the Perpetual Adoration Chapel, perhaps today’s parable has a special meaning and purpose. The Congress represents a desire to help us appreciate even more the great gift we have in the Eucharist and how it is a real and living sign of God’s great plan. Those who take part in Eucharistic adoration often speak of how this time of prayer and adoration before the Eucharist is an amazing source of growth and how it often causes all sorts of things to sprout and to grow!

Our two parables give us much to think about, as well as encouraging us and challenging us. They teach us that we are very much part of God’s plan (especially if we let go of the controls a bit and are patient!) and that each of us has a great potential that can be released through the power of God...if we let God act in our lives.



Fr. Anthony



THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, June 17

- Father's Day
- Graduates' Mass - 9:00 a.m.
- Special Collection
- Pray the Rosary - 1:30 p.m. St. Mary's Church

WEDNESDAY, June 20

- Friendly Kitchen - 3:00 p.m. St. Mary's Academy
- The Gathering - NO MEETINGS FOR THE SUMMER

THURSDAY, June 21

- Our Lady of Grace Prayer Group - 6:30 p.m. St. Mary's Church
- Bible Study: 7:00 p.m. St. Mary's Academy



COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY COL- LECTION

Once again we will be accepting donations of cash or packaged non-perishable food items on behalf of Catholic Charities Food Pantry. Checks should be made out to Holy Trinity Parish with "Food Pantry" put on the Memo line, or put it in an envelope.

* REMINDER *

Please be advised that our Parish office hours are:
Monday-Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon
Closed Saturday and Sunday

Partnering with Faith-Based Organizations to Prevent Veteran and Service Member Suicides

A special seminar will take place:

Wednesday, June 20, 9:30 to 11:30 am
Columbia County Mental Health Center
325 Columbia Street - Hudson, NY
second floor conference room.



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HOW THE GOOD NEWS GETS AROUND

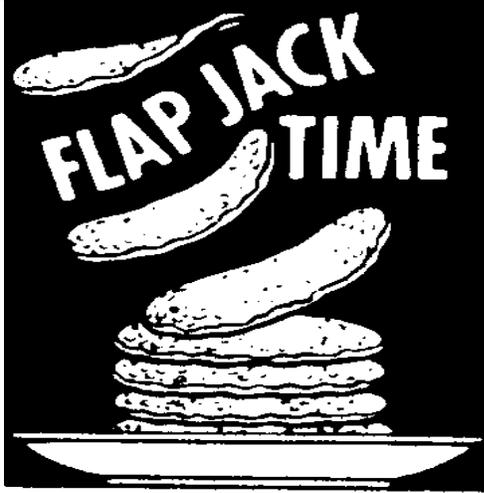
This weekend the annual **Catholic Communications Campaign** Collection will be taken up in our parish. By contributing to the CCC, you support the Church's mission to touch, heal, and sustain the faith of those who view and listen to the media across the U.S. Your generous gift will help the CCC to provide television, radio, and print materials that communicate the simple yet profound message of God's love to all.

The following **Eucharistic Moment** has been shared by the perpetual Adoration Committee to promote Eucharistic adoration:

Sunday, June 17

"Farmers everywhere provide bread for all humanity, but it is Christ alone who is the bread of life... Even if all the physical hunger of the world were satisfied, even if everyone who is hungry were fed by his or her own labor or by the generosity of others, the deepest hunger of man would still exist... Therefore, I say, Come, all of you, to Christ. He is the bread of life. Come to Christ and you will never be hungry again..." - Pope John Paul II

Come, let us adore!



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Our 2018 Bishop's Appeal

As of this past weekend we have continued to receive pledges and donations.

With your generosity, we earnestly look forward to the day when we can report that we have "gone over the top." Thanks to everyone who has responded to this year's appeal in such a generous way.

Please keep in mind, commitments to the Bishop's Appeal can be made online at theBishopsAppeal.org. Call us at 518-828-1334 if you need any assistance. You can also call the Bishop's Appeal Office at 518- 453-6680 for assistance.

*Spreading the Joy of the Gospel
starts with You!*



*God's Blessings upon Owen Patrick Moriarty
and his family on the occasion of his recent
Baptism.*

*Welcome to God's family and to the commu-
nity of Holy Trinity Parish!*

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Father's Day.....	\$ 98.00
Seminarian Support.....	\$ 78.00





Happy Father's Day

A father is a man who gives love to his children without cost and tries to raise them to be fully human creatures with the abilities to make a difference in our world. Some fathers are successful, some are not. However, almost all try their best. This Father's Day, let your Dad know that you appreciate all his efforts.

St. John The Baptist Feast Day: June 24



O God, you raised up Saint John The Baptist to prepare a perfect people for Christ. Fill your people with the joy of possessing His grace and direct the minds of all the faithful in the way of peace and salvation.

Grant us, as Saint John was martyred for truth and justice so we may energetically profess our Faith in You, and lead others to the Way, the Truth, and eternal life.

READINGS AND HYMNS (HUDSON)

Reading: p. 199 Opening Hymn: # 488 Closing: # 469

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

MONDAY: Weekday (June 18)

7:15 AM Jessie Dolan - Eileen & Pat Maloy
Jim Wilson - Special Intention - Minnie Wilson

TUESDAY: Weekday (June 19)

7:15 AM Christopher J. Drabick - John Drabick

WEDNESDAY: Weekday (June 20)

7:15 AM Richard & Michael Erickson - Elaine Erickson
Lynn Goetz Race - Mark, Melissa, Jennifer Dallas &
Edie Dallas

THURSDAY: St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious (June 21)

7:15 AM Florence Nytransky - Ken & Chrissy Baccaro
Christopher J. Drabick - Kathy & Jim Curcio
Lynn Marie Race - Thomas DePietro

FRIDAY: Weekday (June 22)

7:15 AM Jane Kraham - Jack & Mary Ann Nytransky
Lynn Goetz Race - Dolly & Lee VanDeCarr
9:00 AM Spiritual Welfare of our Graduates
(G'TWN)

NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS: (June 23)

4:00 PM Chris DiCintio - Judy, Tony, Madaline
(HUD) Chris Groll - Florence & Bob Stickles
Paul Donahue - James & Kelly Schermerhorn
5:30 PM Carmela & Philip Manuli - Phyllis Manuli
(LNLTH) George & Rita Salensky - Frankie, Mary & Kathryn
Salensky
Howard Montague - Family (Anniversary of Death)

SUNDAY MORNING MASS: (June 24)

9:00 AM Mary & Al Warakomski - Son, Dave
(HUD) Helen & John Zincio - Michael Zincio

Readings for the Week of June 17

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

Monday: 1 Kgs 21:1-16/Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-6a, 6b-7
[2b] /Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 21:17-29/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 11
and 16 [3a] /Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Ps 31:20, 21, 24 [25]
/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Sir 48:1-14/Ps 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7
[12a]/Mt 6:7-15

Friday: 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20/Ps 132:11, 12, 13-14,
17-18 [13]/Mt 6:19-23

Saturday: 2 Chr 24:17-25/Ps 89:4-5, 29-30, 31-
32, 33-34 [29a]/Mt
6:24-34

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