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# 12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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JUNE 23, 2024



## THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

**First:** Job 38:1, 8-11

**Second:** 2 Corinthians 5:14-17

**Gospel:** Mark 4:35-41

**FOCUS:** *God's love for us is more powerful than any challenge we face.*

The readings today reflect God's profound love for us, even in the face of turbulent times. When our faith is challenged or we are distraught, we must trust that God is with us always and have complete faith that his love is more powerful than the storms of our lives.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD:

In the first reading, the Lord speaks to Job out of the storm and reminds Job of the divine power that has protected him. In the second reading, Saint Paul reflects that the love of Christ has brought about a new way of life. In the Gospel, a violent storm comes up as Jesus and his disciples are in a boat. Jesus calms the storm and then asks the disciples: "Do you not yet have faith?"



## MASS INTENTIONS

**5 p.m.:** Mary Thiel, Frank Valenti, Marion Sgro and John Lee Kolaya

**10 a.m.:** Frances Hernandez, Gene Bové, Craig Babcock and Steven Juliano

## REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS ED AFTER MASS THIS WEEKEND

Peg Hoblin, the Director of Religious Education, will be available after both the Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses this weekend to register your children for the 2024-2025 school year.



Whether new to the program or a returning student, she'll answer all your questions and get the registration process going. Simply exit Mass through Deacon John Hall and meet her in the Religious Education office. (For newcomers, her office is in the direct opposite corner from where you enter the hall.)

Questions? Call her at 845-361-5816 (and leave a message) or email her at [saintpaulsre@gmail.com](mailto:saintpaulsre@gmail.com).

## A SESSION IN LISTENING



By all accounts, the Listening Session that took place on June 9 was quite successful.

First, there were more than 70 participants – double the number originally anticipated. Afterward, there were a flurry of positive comments – about being heard respectfully, about learning from and about one another, about how it was time well spent.

There was a notetaker at each of the 12 tables to record comments. Those notes are being transcribed, then will be analyzed and finally presented at the next Listening Session, sometime in the fall.

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

Regular Sunday Collection

**June 2-June 9: \$7,990.22**

Envelopes: \$ 2,768.00 – Online: \$ 5,222.22

Regular Sunday Collection

**June 9-June 16: \$ 5,962.40**

Envelopes: \$ 2,111.50 – Online: \$ 3,850.90

*THANK YOU!*

## CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!



**“You’re off to great places.  
Today is your day!  
Your mountain is waiting.  
So ... get on your way.”**

— Dr. Seuss,  
“Oh, the Places You’ll Go!”

## RAFFLE TICKET UPDATE

We are in the throes of this year’s raffle-fundraiser. As of June 18, 409 tickets have been sold, generating a total of \$10,225.00 – or **\$5,112.50 for St. Paul’s**.

Thank you to all who have participated. Tickets and payment are due to the office by **Tuesday, July 9**.

Last year, St. Paul’s and St. Stephen’s in Warwick each had \$1,000 winners – and St. Paul’s was awarded \$9,162.50 from those ticket sales. We are told the odds of winning are even better this year because there are fewer parishes in our group.

So maybe this year you will be a big winner too! Along with the top \$30,000 prize, there’s a \$10,000 gift card, an \$8,000 gift card and 20 additional \$1,000 gift cards.

Some of you might be wondering: Where does the other half of the money go?

There are administrative costs: Printing the raffles, postage and, of course, the \$68,000 in prizes.

And if there is any surplus, then it used by Catholic Parish Initiatives, which orchestrates the raffle, for community outreach that will make a lasting impact.

The livestreamed drawing takes place on July 20 and can be viewed at

[www.catholicinitiatives.org](http://www.catholicinitiatives.org).



## ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

**Patron saint of baptism, bird dealers, converts, lambs, monastics, printers, tailors and more**

On Monday, June 24, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist, and on August 29, the memorial of his martyrdom.

There is no other saint for whom the Church honors both events.

Generally, it celebrates only their “birth into heaven,” with the exception, of course, of Jesus, the Son of God (December 25, his birth, and Good Friday, his death) and the Virgin Mary (September 8, her birth, and August 15, her Assumption into heaven).

Jesus himself said, “*Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist*” (Mt. 11:11). He was the last of the great prophets of Israel, the first to testify to Jesus, who initiated a baptism for the forgiveness of sins and, in this context, baptized Jesus. Ultimately, he was martyred defending the Judaic law.



- Excerpted from Vatican News

## CARDINAL’S 2024 APPEAL ONLY \$695 TO GO!

Our parish goal is **\$50,600**, of which **\$49,905** has been received/pledged as of June 18 from 129 families. If you have not done so already, please prayerfully consider your gift, which can also be made online at [www.cardinalsappeal.org](http://www.cardinalsappeal.org).



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## MASS ATTENDANCE

**Last weekend:**

**5 p.m. – 88**

**10 a.m. – 119**

**The weekend of June 8-9**

**5 p.m. - 89**

**10 a.m. - 141**

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