

St Anthony Church

Sunday, July 19, 2020

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16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“The righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.” - Mt 13:43a

WHEAT AND WEEDS



Holland is famous for its fields of flowers, at times stretching as far as the eye can see.

Their delicate and varying colors are a delight to everyone. There is one especially beautiful scene to be found mainly in the south of Holland: a wheat field in June. The soft, green waves of wheat turning to gold are tinted here and there with the contrasting blue of the cornflower.

The scene is a poet's and painter's paradise, but it is a sad one for the farmer. The blue blossoms of the harmful cornflower mean that his crop could be one-third less than usual. There is no way of rooting out those attractive weeds without seriously hurting his wheat field. Another worry is that tourists will trample down his grain trying to pick the beautiful blue blossoms.

Why did God make this weed so attractive and yet so harmful? To the Dutch farmer, the cornflower is a mistake of nature, something that cannot be in tune with God's goodness.

God permits the same situation in the field of human beings. The great majority of

people are trying to be good. They try to be honest, kind, sober, clean of heart, according to their ability. Yet, we find weeds, men and women who make no effort to be good wheat, good persons. Inwardly they are evil, although outwardly their way of life may appear attractive. Often, they prosper, they succeed, they seem to thrive. They have comfortable homes, plenty of food, pleasant times, good health. They are attractive weeds like the cornflower. Yet, they can harm the wheat.

Why does God permit irreligious, worldly, and even sinful people to thrive and succeed? Jesus gives us the answer in today's Gospel. God has planted the wheat – good people. The enemy, the devil, has planted weeds – wicked people. Jesus tells us to let both the wheat and the weeds grow until the harvest, the judgment, when the wheat will be gathered and saved, while the weeds will be gathered and burned.

God is just. One reason He allows the evil to be materially successful is to reward them on earth for the little good they may have done. He sometimes permits the good to

suffer on earth for the few wrongs they may have done, so that their joy may be more complete at the judgment.

We asked in our opening prayer: "Father, show favor to your servants and mercifully increase the gifts of your grace." In the first reading, we prayed to God: "Though You are master of might; You judge with clemency, and with much lenience You govern us." In the responsorial psalm, we cried out: "You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in kindness and fidelity."

There is one big difference between the weeds and the wicked. The weeds cannot be changed; the wicked can be changed. That is one of the main purposes of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass – to bring the godless back to God, to change human weeds into human wheat.

God bless you.



Everyday Stewardship

Do What Needs to Be Done

A friend recently confided in me that although he prayed frequently each day and was involved heavily in his parish, he did not sense much fruit coming from it all and was left feeling unsatisfied. I assured him he was not alone. I told him of a deceased pastor of mine who had spoken frequently about being in this type of situation. Even as a priest, he knew all too well of how we can feel like we are simply going through the motions. It is precisely at those times that continuing to pray and practicing good stewardship is most important, because it would be easier to simply take a break and risk never coming back. He liked to say, "Do the drill," meaning just do what needs to be done.

We are all called to be mature disciples who answer the call of Jesus Christ regardless of the cost. We cannot choose when and where the call will come. We cannot schedule our stewardship in a way that is always most convenient for us. Even when the fruits of our faithful efforts seem hidden from us, we hold to the promise that we are never called to give of ourselves for nothing. God is working through us and in us. No matter how dry the land may seem, seeds are being planted to yield a harvest greater than we can ever realize. Stay strong and do the drill!

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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	Readings	Mass Intentions
Saturday July 18th St. Camillus de Lellis	Mi 2:1-5 Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14 [12b] Mt 12:14-21	6:00 Carmen Pierre † rb her daughter-in-law
Sunday July 19th 16 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Wis 12:13, 16-19 Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 [5a] Rom 8:26-27 Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30	8:30 AM Peg & Clyde Chartier † rb Mike & Diane Chartier 10:30 AM Sharon Terlaak † rb Dena Whittaker
Monday July 20th St. Apollinaris	Mi 6:1-4, 6-8 Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 & 23 Mt 12:38-42	8:00 AM John Landoski † rb Len & Toni Szweda
Tuesday July 21st St. Lawrence of Brindisi	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8a] Mt 12:46-50	8:00 AM George Simpson † rb Starr Burke
Wednesday July 22nd St. Mary Magdalene	Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17 Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2] Jn 20:1-2, 11-18	8:00 AM Anne Rodnez † rb her daughters
Thursday July 23rd St. Bridget	Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13 Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11 [10a] Mt 13:10-17	8:00 AM Ted Olsztyn † rb his family
Friday July 24th St. Sharbel Makhlūf	Jer 3:14-17 Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 Mt 13:18-23	8:00 AM John Caudill † rb Teresa Caudill
Saturday July 25th St. James	2 Cor 4:7-15 Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 Mt 20:20-28	6:00 Peg & Clyde Chartier † rb Mike & Diane Chartier
Sunday July 26th 17 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12 Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 Rom 8:28-30 Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46	8:30 AM Bob & Stacey VanAssche Happy Anniversary rb Bob & Barb VanAssche 10:30 AM William Sayer † rb Sarah Falahee



July 25th & 26th Ministers of the Liturgy

	6:00 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
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Our Friends, Family and Loved Ones . . .

Christopher Hall
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Joshua Lowery family
Jonathan McKenzie
Betty Kurczewski
Joan Huziak

The prayer list is updated monthly. To continue prayers or to add the names of your loved ones, please contact the parish office.



Do you know someone who would like to:

- Learn more about the Catholic Faith?
- Return home to the Church and more actively practice his/her faith?
- Prepare for Baptism?
- Join the Catholic Church community?
- Have other needs, requests or questions addressed?

Or perhaps this describes you?

Every year, the Catholic Church welcomes thousands of new members and returning members through the process of RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). Call Darrel Recker (572-0157) or Carol Uhal (485-7544) for information about how to get started!

**NEVER GET TIRED
OF DOING LITTLE THINGS
FOR OTHERS.
SOMETIMES THOSE
LITTLE THINGS OCCUPY
THE BIGGEST PART
OF THEIR HEARTS.**

—ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX

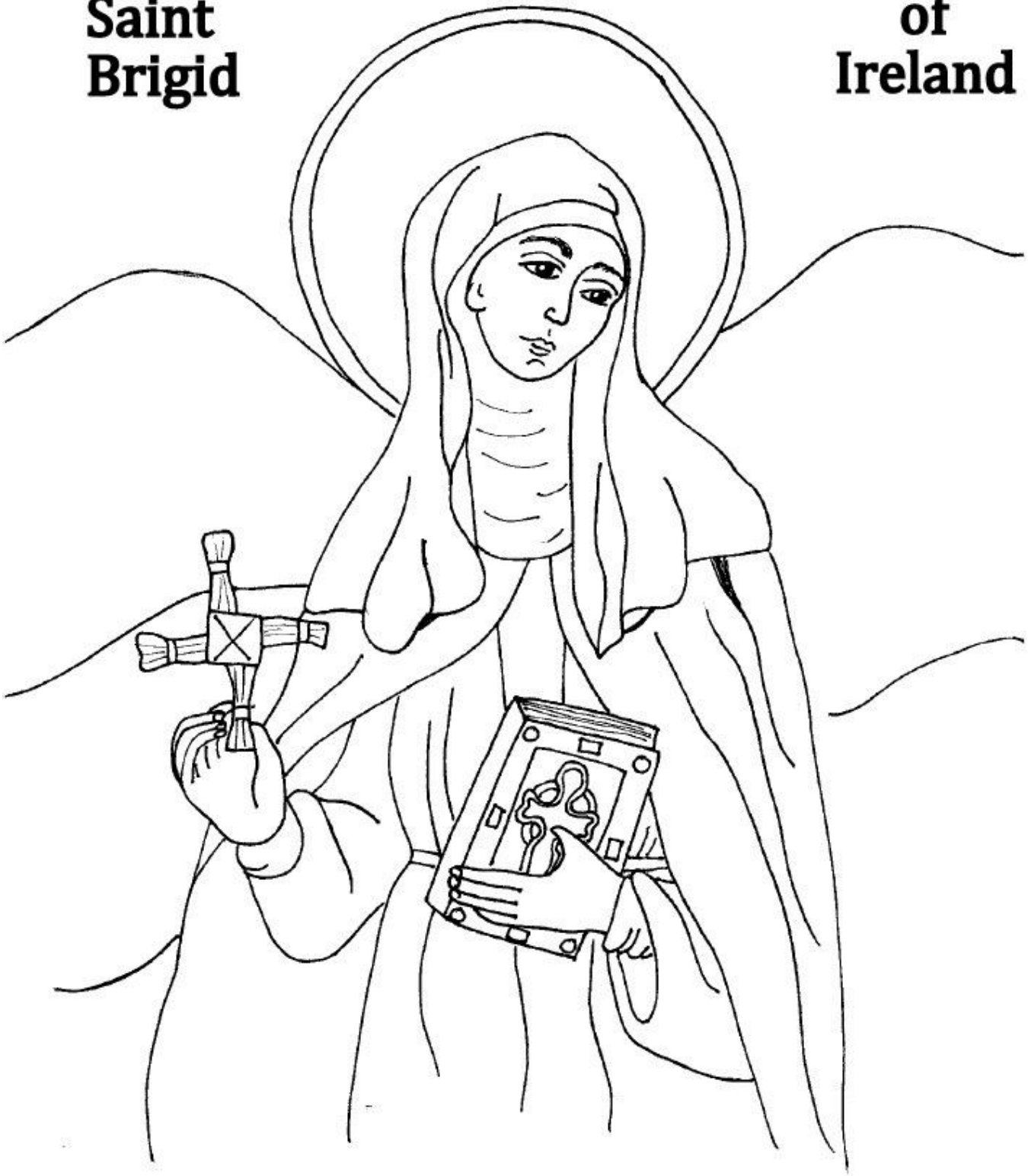
PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

The Faith Community of St. Anthony Parish, Belleville, open to the Spirit as disciples of Jesus Christ, envision our mission as Proclaiming, Witnessing and Celebrating the Kingdom of God among us through Service, Healing and Reconciling Love.

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**Saint
Brigid**

**of
Ireland**





Sharing the Gospel

As God's child, you are the wheat in God's field. As you love and trust God more, your faith will grow. You will see others around you who love God, too. God will be happy to see you growing up in God's love. As you grow taller and stronger, you will also notice others around you who ignore or hate God. God will get rid of those weeds. Then he will bring you into heaven.

Prayer

God, help my love and faith to grow strong.

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Dipping in the Well

Why do Catholics eat fish on Friday?

For centuries, meatless Fridays were the norm for Catholics throughout the world. Friday was chosen because that was the day on which Jesus died, and Christians wanted to find a way to honor that day with special prayers and acts of penance and self-denial. The practice of abstaining from meat on Fridays — under pain of sin — grew out of that desire, and it became an official part of Church teaching until the time of the Second Vatican Council.

In the 1960s, there was a shift in the Church's thinking, in large part because there was a recognition that differences in cultures and economic realities meant that eating or not eating meat had different meanings for different peoples. For example, in cultures that were largely dependent on seafood or a vegetarian diet, abstaining from meat was no sacrifice at all. While in other places, eating fish and other kinds of seafood was actually something rare and special and not a sacrifice. This was all part of a basic reflection on "why we do what we do" among the Church's pastors.

Today, Catholics throughout the world are still instructed to abstain from meat on the Fridays of Lent. The bishops of some countries, such as in England and Wales, ask Catholics to abstain from meat every Friday, continuing the older tradition. The Bishops of the United States have taken a slightly different approach, encouraging Catholics to honor Friday as a special day by abstaining from meat every Friday or by taking on some other work of penance or charity for the sake of others.

Regardless of what we choose to do, the real value in all of this is to see a reflection of Good Friday in each Friday, to remember the self-giving love of Jesus, and to honor that love through some sort of sacrifice or act of mercy.

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Are you looking for a way to have fun in the outdoors and learn more about your faith? TTSG is a growing Catholic catechetical apostolate that takes boys aged 6 – 18 outside to learn about their

faith in an exciting way. The Troop will be having campouts, pilgrimages, fireside masses, outdoor confessions and rosaries. We will be learning about knot tying, Latin prayers, how to cook over campfires and play capture the flag. Are you a young man aged 6 -18 and this sounds like something you are interested in? Or are you a father or father-figure for a young man that you would like to spend more time with? If so, then please contact Chip Faitel to learn more at 734-697-2988 or chipfaitel@gmail.com. You can also visit <https://troopsofsaintgeorge.org> to learn more.



AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS™

American Heritage Girls is a Christ-centered ministry for girls ages 5-18. Our mission is to "build women of integrity" through faith, service, and fun.

Curious?

Our program year begins Thursday, September 10, 2020.

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"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." -Philippians 4:13