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Sacrament of Confession: Before weekend Masses and by request.
Sacrament of Baptism: Contact priest 2 weeks prior to Baptism.
Sacrament of Marriage: Contact priest 6 months in advance.
Sacrament of the Sick: Inform priest about the person to be anointed.

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat.	Aug 29	5:00 PM	(SJ)	Don Vogel by Tom and Cathleen Connolly and Family
Sun.	Aug 30	8:00 AM	(SJ)	John and Nicolina Rojek by David and Barbara Shepardson
		10:00 AM	(SA)	Jerry Cox by Bob and Paula Margies
Mon.	Aug 31			No Mass Scheduled
Tue.	Sep 01	8:30 AM	(SJ)	Don Vogel by Doris Smith
Wed.	Sep 02	8:30 AM	(SA)	Betty Higgins by Regina Scarola
Thu.	Sep 03	8:30 AM	(SA)	John Higgins by Regina Scarola
Fri.	Sep 04	8:30 AM	(SJ)	Ed Merendo by Bob Gross
Sat.	Sep 05	5:00 PM	(SJ)	Mary and Leonard Doell by Richard and Jean Doell
Sun.	Sep 06	8:00 AM	(SJ)	Pat and Yolonda Tritto by John and Nancy Seifts
		10:00 AM	(SA)	Don Catanzaro by Janet and Sal Palmieri

Collections Last Week: Saint James: \$2,516 Saint Ann: \$1,364

Please send to the office email any information and announcements that you feel are important and helpful so that it all can be included in the weekly parish bulletin. Thank you! JVT

From the Pastor’s Desk

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Often in our communication among one another, a narrative that we find regularly is when some seek to convince others of something. They explain, exhort, and invite others to embrace what they themselves are already (or possibly) doing or sharing. Is it an art or just a practical thing that needs to be done? Have we ever thought about this or just like other things, at times, we just go about it as if it’s something that’s already accepted and considered a given?

Television is a source that displays this in our lives. In advertisements, people seek to convince others of something that they may not already have or they’re not already using, but they should. Even when news is reported, part of the detail and explanation is to convince others of what’s taken place. When we are first presented with an event of the news, we may not already know of its occurrence. Part of the reporting is to procure others’ acceptance of what has happened. One special area of this is the weather, because here a prediction is being made, albeit with sound data and information, in advance of what is believed to be coming regarding the hours and days ahead. People are summoned to heed the report and plan their lives accordingly.

Do we sense at times in our lives of faith that we are being called to convince others of what we believe as Christians? How do we feel as we teach our faith or, in particular, seek to explain it to others, and especially to children and young people who are in early stages of their lives and open to learning much about a lot of things? Like other items of our lives, our exhortation is called to be founded on sound realities and not just fancy language and a compelling style of speech. The tenets of our faith are established on divine sources we can turn to, such as Sacred Scripture and the Tradition of the Church. Tougher questions such as suffering, raised by this Sunday’s Readings, can be more challenging. How do we convince others of the meaningful and hopeful aspects of suffering in a world that seeks to escape and avoid this condition?

When does what we see as convincing become witness that we can extend to one another in our world? One answer is when our lives testify to what we are sharing verbally and speak out as much as the words we can offer. Jesus’ teaching in the Gospel is united with the event of the Cross, his own suffering and death, as well as his proclamation of it in spoken word. As we live our faith and manifest it in our lives, let’s always believe we have the witness to join with the words we profess and sustain.

Yours in Christ our Lord,
Fr. Jim Teti

Combined Parish Picnic

Thanks to all who were able to share our parish picnic last Sunday afternoon! We welcomed parishioners from both communities and enjoyed fellowship and fine food. Many brought special dishes to enjoy with our grilled hamburgers, hot dogs, and sausages. Special thanks to the people of Saint Ann’s for being the hosts this year and to Deb and Terry Hammer for coordinating. And even though there were some downpours during the afternoon, we were well covered at the Town Pavilion!

To Report Abuse

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