

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**June 20, 2021****A VERY BLESSED AND HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL OF OUR FATHERS, GRANDFATHERS AND GODFATHERS!!**

Especially in this Year of St. Joseph, we turn to Joseph of Nazareth as the model of fatherhood. As the spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Joseph stood as a man of quiet strength and courage at the helm of his family, guiding them through the uncertainties and challenges they faced. In the past fifty years, we have seen the importance for the role of a father diminished by the entertainment industry in particular and society in general. From TV classics of the late 1950's and early 1960's, like "Father Knows Best" and "Leave It to Beaver" that presented fathers as men of dedication and stability, wisdom and prudence, the role of fathers in particular and men in general, has been portrayed as weak, backward thinking, uninformed, and basically non-essential. And we see the effects of such thinking in society. How many more children are born into fatherless homes today? How many boys and young men have no strong male role model to imitate or the voice of discipline from a well-grounded man to guide them by example, to teach them to be people of respect and courage, and above all, responsibility?

Today on this Father's Day, we see in the example of St. Joseph a man who didn't have all of the answers, but a man who trusted deeply in God, and sought strength and wisdom and the perseverance of fatherhood through prayer. We find in St. Joseph a model of putting the well-being of his family above his own personal wants. We find in him an example of creative courage, who didn't give up and walk away but remained steadfast in loyalty because of his own prayerfulness and trust. It's rather amazing that the Scriptures record no spoken word of St. Joseph. But in his silence, he speaks volumes. The silent and reassuring gaze that all will be well in God's hands, the quiet and dedicated work of a carpenter who used the talents God gave him to better the life of his family, the quiet nights when he pondered what God was asking him to accept and the deep gratitude he had in his heart for the blessings which he received from God.

Today on this Father's Day, we have a wonderful gift from God. And that gift is none other than the life of the true manhood and fatherhood of St. Joseph.

St. Joseph, pray for all fathers, inspire all fathers, and guide them with the same divine wisdom, courage and humility that made you a faithful servant at the heart of the family. And may families realize and appreciate the wonderful gift that God has given us in our fathers and grandfathers.

SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE. Beginning next Sunday, June 27th, we will begin our summer Mass schedule, which means that there is no 12 Noon Mass in church for the months of July and August. We will resume the 12 noon Mass for the remainder of this year in September.

Today's Psalm Response:**Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.****Last Sunday's Offering: \$4,101**

Church Needs: \$50 in honor of the Baptism of granddaughter Isla Elizabeth Rozman from Vince & Martha Rozman; \$100 in memory of Marica Lavrishka from John & Theresa Sabbath; \$5,000 in memory of parents Frank & Frances Zupon from daughter Lynne Szanyi; \$500 in memory of Lillian Frederico from Bob & Sue Frederico; \$150 from Mark & Rose Kocin on the occasion of the Baptism of their daughter Elena Marie; \$100 for recently awarded Slovenian citizenship from Thomas Kastelic; \$100 in memory of Dr. Edi Gobetz from Thomas & Theresa Kastelic.

High School Scholarship Fund: \$100 anonymous.

Your generosity to the parish is appreciated!

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION: "BE A SIGN OF GOD'S MERCY," is a worldwide collection that supports the work of the Universal Church, including the charitable works of the Holy See and Pope Francis. These funds are used to help victims of war, persecution, oppression and natural disasters. By participating in the Peter's Pence Collection, you join the Holy Father's efforts to show mercy in the spirit of our Lord Jesus who calls us to be merciful as he is merciful to us. Please be generous.

HAPPY 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF SLOVENIAN INDEPENDENCE. On June 25, 1991 Slovenia declared its independence as a sovereign nation. It was a bold and courageous, and even dangerous declaration, that led to a 10-day war with the Republic of Yugoslavia. But the Slovenian spirit was united in its quest for freedom. We pray that Slovenia will be blessed with wise leadership to carry it into the future, even with all of the uncertainties of our world situation. When the Israelites left Egypt and wandered in the desert for 40 years, there were voices calling for a nostalgic return to the security and "good times" of Egypt, even though it meant a return to slavery. Even today, especially among the younger generation who never experienced life under communism, there are voices calling for a nostalgic return to the old system, to the romanticized security of the past. May reason, right judgment and courage continue to move the nation of Slovenia to greater freedom and justice based on faith, truth and respect.

PROUD TO BE SLOVENIAN DAY will be next Sunday, June 27th at Slovenska Pristava in Harpersfield. This year's theme is "ALL THINGS SLOVENIAN". Mass will be celebrated at 12:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 1:30 p.m. there will be music for your listening and dancing pleasure, as well as face painting a coloring contest and writing contest for the children. There will also be a Chinese Auction and 50/50 Raffle. A special highlight this year will be the showcasing of the contributions and handiwork of our Slovenian organizations and artisans. Come and join us. Everyone is welcome!

PICNIC MEETING. Instead of the monthly Pastoral Council Meeting, we will have a Picnic Meeting open to all who are willing to help with the planning and organizing of our Parish Picnic which will be at Slovenska Pristava on Sunday, August 15th. The meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. in the Slovenian Room on Tuesday, June 29th.

Masses for the Week of June 21-June 27

Monday:	(6/21) ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA (Religious)
7:45 a.m.	Janez, Maria & Teresa Špec (Sonia Omahen)
Tuesday:	(6/22) ST. PAULINAS OF NOLA (Bishop), STS. JOHN FISHER (Bishop) & THOMAS MORE (Martyrs)
7:45 a.m.	Ed Skubitz (Ed & Anna Marie Zalar)
Wednesday:	(6/23) WEEKDAY
7:45 a.m.	Frank Juhant
Thursday:	(6/24) THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
7:45 a.m.	Ivan Novak and Deceased Parents of Novak & Dern Families (Wife & Daughter Maria Novak)
Friday:	(6/25) WEEKDAY
7:45 a.m.	Ivan Berkopec (Tillie Spehar)
Saturday:	(6/26) WEEKDAY
7:45 a.m.	Helen Simoncic (Rudy Simoncic Family)
5:00 p.m.	Dominik & Carol Gorshe 25th Wedding Anniversary (Helena Gorshe & Family)
Sunday:	(6/27) THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00 a.m.	Deceased of Meinke Family
10:00 a.m.	Parishioners
12:00 noon	No 12:00 Noon Mass

Please Pray for Our Sick: Rev. William Jerse, Paul Tomazic, Tom McNulty, Branko Pišorn, Mladen & Dušanka Lengel, Brenda Prebevsek, Veronika Udovič

**Lectors/Extraordinary Ministers
(Weekend of June 26th/27th)**

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	ToniJo Kozak/Paul Lipold
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Florian Osredkar/Tony Ogrinc
	10:00 a.m.	Maria Bruner/Martha Rozman

Ponosni biti Slovenec Dan bo naslednjo nedeljo 27. junija na Slovenski Pristavi. Letos je tema "Vse Slovensko!" Maša bo ob 12:30 popoldan, sledi kosilo ob 1:30 uri popoldan. Muzika bo za ples in zabavo, tudi barvanje obraza, tekma barvanja in pisanja za otroke. Imeli bodo tudi kitajsko dražbo in 50/50 žrebanje. Letos bo poseben poudarek predstavitev prispevkov in ročnih del naših slovenskih organizacij in obrtnikov.

Poletni spored maš. Začeli bomo naslednjo nedeljo 27. junija, poletni spored maš, kar pomeni da ne bo maše ob 12:00 opoldan v cerkvi za mesec julij in avgust. Nadaljevali bomo z mašo ob 12:00 opoldan za ostalo leto v septembru.

Sestanek za Piknik. Namesto mesečnega sestanka Pastoralnega Sveta, bomo imeli sestanek odprt za vse ki bodo pomagali v pripravi in organiziranju župnjskega piknika ki bo na Slovenski Pristavi v nedeljo 15. avgusta. Sestanek bo ob 7:30 zvečer v slovenski sobi v torek 29. junija.

**ODPEV DANAŠNJEGA PSALMA JE:
HVALITE GOSPODA, KER JE DOBER.**

DANES JE 12. NAVADNA NEDELJA

Blagoslovljen in vesel očetovski dan vsem našim očetom in starim očetom! Posebno v tem letu Sv. Jožefa, se obrnemo k Jožefu iz Nazareta kot vzgladu očetovstva. Kot mož blažene Device Marije, Jožef je stal kot mož tihe moči in poguma pri krmilu njegove družine, jih vodil skozi negotovost in izzive s katerim so se soočili. V zadnjih petdesetih letih, smo videli pomembnost, vloga očeta pojema od zabavne industrije in posebno družba na splošno. Od TV klasičnih poznih 1950h in zgodnjih 1960h, kakor "Father Knows Best" in "Leave it to Beaver" so predstavili očete kot možje posvetitve in stabilnosti, modrosti in razsodnosti, vloga očetov posebno v možkih na splošno, je prikazana kot šibko, omahljivo v mišljenju, nepoučena in osnovno nebitvena. In mi vidimo poslednice teh stvari v družbi. Koliko več otrok je rojenih brez očeta v domovih danes? Koliko dečkov in mladih fantov nimajo močne moške vloge da jo posnemajo ali glasu discipline od dobro utemeljenega moža da jih vodi po vzgladu, da jih uči biti ljudje spoštovanja, in nad vsem odgovornosti. Danes na ta očetovski dan, mi vidimo v zgladu Sv. Jožefa moža ki ni imel vseh odgovorov, toda mož ki je globoko zaupal v Boga, in iskal moč in modrost in vztrajnost očetovstva z molitvijo. Mi najdemo v sv. Jožefu vzor postaviti blagor njegove družine nad njegove lastne želje. V njemu najdemo zgled stvarljivega poguma, ki ni odnehal in odšel stran ampak je ostal trden v vdanosti njegove lastne pobožnosti in zaupanja. Vsekakor je osupljivo, da v Sv. Pismu ni nič govornje besede od Sv. Jožefa. Toda v njegovi molčečnosti on govori volume. Molčec in pomirjevalno strmljenje da bo vse dobro v Božjih rokah, tiho in posebno delo tesarja ki je uporabljal talente, ki mu je Bog dal, da izboljša življenje njegovi družini, mirne noči ko on razglablja kaj Bog hoče da on sprejme in globoko hvaleznost ki jo ima v svojem srcu za blagoslove, ki jih je prejel od Boga. Danes na ta očetovski dan imamo lepo darilo od Boga. In ta dar ni drugega kot življenje prave močatosti in očetovstva Sv. Jožefa. Sv. Jožef, moli za vse očete, navdihni vse očete in vodi jih z isto božansko modrostjo, pogumom in ponižnostjo ki te je naredila zvestega služabnika v srcu družine. In naj družine spoznajo in cenijo čudovit dar, ki ga je Bog dal v naših očetih in starih očetih.

Nabirka Petrovega Novčiča: "Bodi znak Božjega Usmiljenja" je svetovna nabirka ki podpira delo Vesoljne Cerkve, vključno dobrodelna dela Papeža Frančiška. To nabirko uporabljajo v pomoč žrtvam vojne, preganjanja, zatiranja in naravnih katastrof. S sodelovanjem v Petrovi nabirki, ste se združili z trudom svetega Očeta, ki kaže usmiljenje v duhu našega Gospoda Jezusa, ki nas kliče, naj bomo usmiljeni, kakor je on usmiljen do nas. Prosimo bodite velikodušni in radodarni.

Vesela 30. Obletnica Slovenske Neodvisnosti. 25. junija, 1991 je Slovenija napovedala svojo neodvisnost kot svobodni narod. Je bilo drzno in pogumno, in tudi nevarna deklaracija ki je začela 10 dnevno vojno z Republiko Jugoslavijo. Toda Slovenski duh je bil združen v svojem iskanju svobode. Molimo da Slovenija bo blagoslovljena z izkušenim vodstvom da jo izpeljejo v bodočnost, čeprav z vsemi spremenljivostmi v naši svetovni situaciji. Ko so Izraelci odšli iz Egipta in tavalj v puščavi 40 let, so bili klici hrepenenja za vrnitev v varnost in "dobre čase" Egipta, čeprav pomeni da se vrnejo v suženjstvo. Tudi danes, posebno med mlajšo generacijo ki niso nikoli doživeli življenja pod komunizmom, so glasovi ki kličejo za nostalgično vrnitev v stari sistem, in romantično varstvo preteklosti. Naj razlog, pravična sodba in pogum nadalje premika Slovenski narod v plemenito svobodo in pravičnost, osnovano na vero, resnico in spoštovanje.