

MINISTRY OF PRAISE

St. Casimir Parish
June, 2018

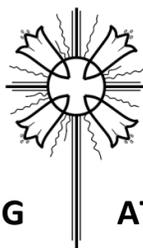
Almighty God,
grant that with the help of St. Casimir's intercession
we may serve you in holiness and justice.



Happy Father's Day

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS

- *That social networks may work towards that inclusiveness which respects others for their differences.*
(June Papal intention)
- That God will stay close and protect those who serve in our armed forces.
- That those who govern nations will protect human rights, further the work of justice, and advance the freedom of those in their charge.
- That families and friends be blest as they gather together at this time of year for reunions or rest.
- That immigrants and refugees may find welcome and respect in the countries to which they come.
- That God bless Father Bacevice and the Pastoral and Finance Councils in their efforts to secure the future of St. Casimir Parish.
- That all parishioners recognize their responsibility to St. Casimir Parish's future through financial support, commitment to parish activities, sharing ideas, and most importantly prayer.
- That the Real Presence of Jesus will be experienced in all marriages, in all business relations, in all daily encounters, and in our friendships.
- That those who live in want will find mercy in the generosity of their brothers and sisters in Christ.
- That those who pray be validated in their belief of its power.



WHAT'S HAPPENING

AT ST. CASIMIR PARISH?

June 1 – **First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**, 8:00 – 9:00am in Church

June 13 – **Eucharistic Adoration**, 6:00-7:00pm in Church

SAINT FOR JUNE

SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA

Priest and Doctor
(1195-1231)

June 13th



The saints are like the stars. In his providence Christ conceals them in a hidden place that they may not shine before others when they might wish to do so. Yet they are always ready to exchange the quiet of contemplation for the works of mercy as soon as they perceive in their heart the invitation of Christ.
(words of St Anthony)

Anthony was the son of Portuguese nobility. Early in life he decided to give up a future of wealth and power to be a servant of God. He first joined the Augustinians, but when he attended the funeral for the relics of Franciscan martyrs which were brought through his town, he entered the Franciscan order. Beloved as a preacher and teacher, he was canonized within a year after his death.

At first Anthony set out to preach to the Moors in Morocco. But an illness prevented him from achieving his goal. He was returning to Portugal when strong winds blew his boat off course and he landed in Sicily. He was stationed in a small hermitage where he spent most of his time praying, reading the Scriptures and doing menial tasks.

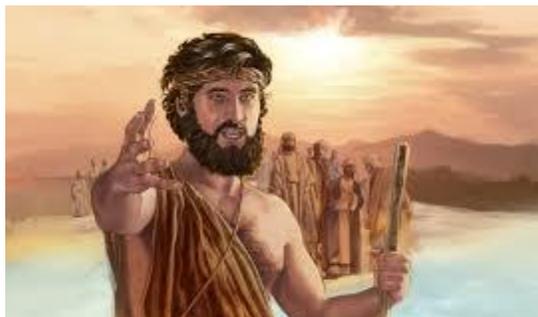
Anthony's preaching abilities became apparent when he attended an ordination where no one was prepared to speak. He accepted the task. His sermon was astounding to those in attendance. From then on he used his preaching ability to instruct and inspire many to spiritual renewal. Anthony was the first friar to teach theology to other friars. He was eloquent, persuasive, and gentle. He also helped bring about many social reforms that benefitted the poor and oppressed. He was equally gifted at correcting errors of faith and at bringing about needed social reforms.

Source: IN HIS LIKENESS, Rev. Charles E. Yost; SAINTS AND FEAST DAYS, Loyola University Press;
365 SAINTS, Woodeene Koenig-Bricker; SAINT OF THE DAY, Rev. Leonard Foley, O.F.M., Editor



THOUGHTS FROM THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH John the Baptist

719 John the Baptist is "more than a prophet." In him, the Holy Spirit concludes his speaking through the prophets. John completes the cycle of prophets begun by Elijah. He proclaims the imminence of the consolation of Israel; he is the "voice" of the Consoler who is coming. As the Spirit of truth will also do, John "came to bear witness to the light." In John's sight, the Spirit thus brings to completion the careful search of the prophets and fulfills the longing of the angels. "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit. And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God....Behold, the Lamb of God."



WHY DO WE CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST?

John the Baptist is:

- ❖ someone who leaps with joy before the presence of the Lord, making me want to live my own relationship with greater ardor and fervor;
- ❖ someone to prepare the way of the Lord and to give me knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of my sins;
- ❖ someone who turns my attention away from my distractions and preconceptions so that I will behold the Lamb of God as the true desire of my heart;
- ❖ someone who models for me that there is not greater joy in my life than for Jesus to increase and for me to decrease, especially as regards my self-reliance, my self-assertion, and my self-importance;
- ❖ someone who is a burning and shining lamp, whose radiance gives light to my path and courage to my heart, making me want to live for others;
- ❖ someone so committed to the truth that he is willing to lay down his life for the Truth-become-flesh, witnessing to me that all true happiness comes through self-sacrifice;
- ❖ someone whose sanctity proclaims that there is no man born of woman greater than he is, but that I can share his greatness if I love Jesus as he did.
- ❖ In the tender compassion of our God, the Dawn from on high has broken upon us through the birth of John the Baptist.

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