

SCRIPTURE READINGS

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11

Just as the rain and snow water the earth and make it fruitful, so does the word of God bring forth good seed.



Second Reading:

Romans 8:18-23

Reminding all that the trials and sufferings of this life are “as nothing,” Paul says that the glory we shall receive will overshadow all things.

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23

Jesus tells the parable of the sower and the seed. The seed that landed on the footpath, on rocky ground, or among thorns withered and died; the seed that fell on good ground -- “the man who hears the message and takes it in” ... “bears a yield of a hundred-fold.”

For the Week of July 16th through July 22nd

Sunday

Is 55:10-11; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

Monday

Ex 1:8-14, 22; Mt 10:34—11:1

Tuesday

Ex 2:1-15a; Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday

Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Mt 11:25-27

Thursday

Ex 3:13-20; Mt 11:28-30

Friday

Ex 11:10—12:14; Mt 12:1-8

Saturday

Ex 12:37-42; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18



The US Council of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) provides a full listing of the Sunday and Daily Readings, in print and audio format, on its website, <http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings>.

REMEMBERING THE SICK OF THE PARISH:

Remember in your prayers the sick of the parish:

John Troffo, Valerie Lindyberg, Patricia Dana, Elizabeth Montague, Angela Wilmer, Faith King, Jennifer Willis, Ed Kolsun, Laurenson Ward, Marjo Rasin, Helen Guastavino, and all those whose names appear in the PARISH BOOK OF INTENTIONS.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 15th

4:00 p.m.

Ray Brilz

6:00 p.m.

Robert and Anita Gelderman

Sunday, July 16th

8:00 a.m.

Betty and Jim Spring

10:00 a.m.

60th Anniversary of Joseph and Joan Szwajkowski

Monday July 17th

8:30 a.m.

William Bernahl

Tuesday, July 18th

8:30 a.m.

The Mills Family

Wednesday July 19th

8:30 a.m.

Billy Joe Gass

Thursday, July 20th

8:30 a.m.

Communion Service

Friday, July 21st

8:30 a.m.

Communion Service

Saturday, July 22nd

4:00 p.m.

Ray Brilz, II

6:00 p.m.

Marie Gruber

Sunday, July 23rd

8:00 a.m.

Richard Graziano

10:00 a.m.

Joseph Eugene Trossbach

Offertory – Week Ending –July 2nd and 9th – Weeks 1 & 2

Thank you for your offering. It is with your continued support and the sharing of your time and talent that the ministries, programs and activities at Sacred Heart and St. John’s are made possible. “Whatever you give to the Lord, He will return to you a hundred fold.”

	Received	ACH	Budgeted	Diff.
Offertory 7/2-Wk.1	\$7,651	\$1,855	\$6,058	\$3,448
YTD Wk. 1	\$7,651	\$1,855	\$6,058	\$3,448
Offertory 7/9-Wk.2	\$5,847	\$635	\$6,058	\$424
YTD Wk. 2	\$13,498	\$2,490	\$12,116	\$3,872

PARISH NEWS



BRINGING THE GOSPEL HOME
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 15-16
Matthew 13:1-23

Reflection for Families

We meet many obstacles and sometimes feel our children simply don't hear us. But the seed that falls on good soil (and our children are good soil) will produce an enormous yield. We need only not to be discouraged nor give up in the face of obstacles.

Bringing the Gospel Into Your Family

This is a great Gospel to show children literally its meaning. Plant seeds in the types of places described in the Gospel—on rocky ground, paths where people walk, weed or thorn patches, and on good, fertile soil. Check the locations every day or two and notice what is happening. As a family, make connections between what is happening to your seed and seeds described in the Gospel. Continue the observations by connecting the seeds to your own lives. What does this lesson mean to your family?

Discussion Starters

1. I have seen good seed grow in my life when I think about . . .
2. Sometimes the seeds I plant don't grow. That's because . . .
3. One way our family can become richer soil is by . . .

WELCOME: The people of Sacred Heart Parish welcome into our family *KODIE RAE MOORE*, who was baptized this past weekend. Congratulations to you, your parents & godparents. God bless you as you begin your faith journey.

REMINDER TO ALL LITURGICAL MINISTERS AT SACRED HEART: Thank you to the ministers who volunteer to serve weekly at our liturgies. Please remember to "check in" before mass in the foyer of the church. Simply highlight your name on the schedule so that we know in advance if we need to fill positions or make changes. All ministers should check in. . . Lectors, Greeters, Cantors, Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers. Thanks you.



HELP NEEDED: Help is needed selling Bull Roast raffle tickets for the gas and grocery cards on Friday evenings from 4-7 p.m. and

Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at Bayside Foods. If you can help, contact Judy Hagerty at 410-928-7611.

THE POPE FRANCIS CORNER

Pope Francis spoke to pilgrims gathered in St. Peter's Square about the importance of a personal relationship with Jesus in the life of a disciple.



On Sunday (July 2), Pope Francis said that everyone – lay or religious – must put their relationship with Jesus above all else; and striving to do this, even imperfectly, will help them to be like Christ to the world.

“People need to perceive that for that disciple, Jesus is truly ‘Lord,’ he is truly the center of his life, the whole of his life. It does not matter if, like every human person, he has his limits and even his mistakes – provided he has the humility to recognize them,” the Pope said.

“Any disciple, a layman, a laywoman, a priest, a bishop: a prioritized relationship. Perhaps the first question we need to ask a Christian is: ‘But do you meet with Jesus? Do you pray to Jesus?’ The relationship.”

ELECTRONIC GIVING: It is possible to make your weekly financial commitment to the Parish using Electronic Funds Transfer. We are encouraging everyone to consider using this contribution method. Contact Senta Burton with any questions at 410-778-3160, or senta.burton@sacredparish.org. Sign up forms are available at the doors of the Church.

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER GRASING

With the bull roast fast approaching all parishioners are asked to consider volunteering to make the day a success. Also, by the purchase of advance sales for admission you help us prepare and organize the day—as well as you saving a bit on the cost. Letters have been sent to each registered parishioner that include a reminder about the change in Mass schedule for the day of the bull roast. Reminders will also appear in the bulletin.

As I mentioned at the end of liturgies last weekend, our parish has once again exceeded the goal set for the Annual Catholic Appeal. The goal was \$71,000 and the total pledged is \$85,400. Thank you to all who so generously supported this year's Appeal. Those who participated in the Appeal represent 32% of our registered households, a good show of support for the Diocese. On behalf of Bishop Malooly I thank you for your continued generosity.

Wishing everyone a blessed week,

Fr. Grasing

