

SCRIPTURE READINGS



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Amos 7:12-15
 Amaziah (priest of Bethel) ordered Amos to leave Bethel and never prophesy there again. Amos replied that he had not been a prophet, but was a shepherd until he was called by God.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14 or 1:3-10
 Paul exults God's immeasurable generosity as he recounts all the blessings that have been bestowed upon all God's people. We all became adopted children of God when we heard the message of truth Christ brought to us, and because of it, believed in him.

Gospel: Mark 6:7-13
 Jesus gave the twelve disciples authority over unclean spirits and sent them out to preach and heal the sick. He advised them to bring nothing with them and to shake the dust from their feet of any town where they had not been welcomed. Jesus wanted them to understand what they would need to do in his place after his death.



For the Week of July 15th through July 21st

Sunday

Am 7:12-15; Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10; Mk 6:7-13

Monday

Is 1:10-17; Mt 10:34—11:1

Tuesday

Is 7:1-9; Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday

Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Mt 11:25-27

Thursday

Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Mt 11:28-30

Friday

Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Mt 12:1-8

Saturday

Mi 2:1-5; Mt 12:14-21



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>.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 14th

4:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

Richard Schaubert

Sunday, July 15th

8:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

Ray Brilz

Ruth Ann Freeman

Monday, July 16th

8:30 a.m.

Richard Schaubert

Tuesday, July 17th

8:30 a.m.

For Our Parishioners,
Living and Deceased

Wednesday July 18th

8:30 a.m.

Thursday, July 19th

8:30 a.m.

Communion Service

Friday, July 20th

8:30 a.m.

Communion Service

Saturday, July 21st

4:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

Eric Crossley

Sunday, July 22nd

8:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

Ray Brilz, II

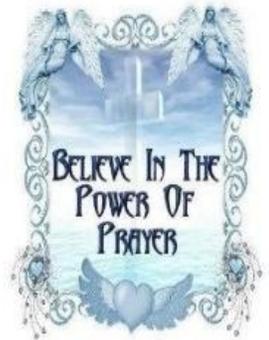
Owen Pierce

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, Laurenson Ward, Rosemary Keating, Jean

Tubman, Eugenia Brooks, Mary Ann Morris, and all those whose names appear in the PARISH BOOK OF INTENTIONS.



NEW TO THE PARISH: Please be sure to register with the Parish Office and introduce yourself to Father Grasing after Mass. Registration forms are available at the doors of the Church, the Parish Office, or online. For additional information, please call 410-778-3160, or go to sacredparish.org.

PARISH NEWS



PREP
Parish Religious Education Program
Bringing the Gospel Home

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Mark 6:7-13

Reflection for Parents

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks of being without honor in one's hometown, among one's family members, and in one's own home. In contrast, the Fourth Commandment states, "Honor your father and mother." A person of *honor*—a person who gains *honor*—is a person of honesty, uprightness, ethics, morals, principles, virtue, goodness, and integrity. Take some quiet time to think about these qualities of a person—a parent—who deserves honor. Ask God to show you where you may need to grow and change.

Bringing the Gospel Into Your Family

The Good News that Jesus had hoped to share with those in his hometown is the same Good News God calls us to share today. Invite family members to name this Good News. (*For example: God has chosen you to be his own. God loves you. God forgives you. God has a plan for your life. God wants you to spend eternity in Heaven with him.*)

Talk about how you have shared or have tried to share this Good News with others in your family, with friends, with coworkers, or with classmates. Have they listened to what you had to say or not? How did this make you feel? How do you think Jesus felt when people in his hometown wouldn't listen to what he had to say?

Discussion Starters

1. The Good News I would like to share today with our family is . . .
2. Someone else I know who needs to hear this Good News is . . .
3. I will share this Good News with him/her by . . .

GARDEN FLOWERS: If you have blooms or interesting greens to offer, Art & Environment will use them in arrangements for the weekend Masses. Call Louise Shearer 410-490-3595.

MAY THE ANGELS LEAD THEM INTO PARADISE: Please remember in your prayers Richard Schaubert and our deceased parishioners, loved ones, and benefactors. Grant them eternal rest, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Offertory – Week Ending – July 1st and July 8th

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 7/1 Wk. 1	\$8,324	\$2,613	\$6,346	\$4,591
YTD Wk. 1	\$8,324	\$2,613	\$6,346	\$4,591
Offertory 7/8 Wk. 2	\$4,413	*	\$6,346	-\$1,933
YTD Wk. 2	\$12,737	*	\$12,692	\$45

*Due to the holiday, this number is not available.

BLESSED KATERI TEKAKWITHA

What heroic deeds cause us to remember Kateri Tekakwitha, who died at the age of 24, only seven years after she was baptized? Kateri was born in upstate New York in 1656. Her mother, a Christian Algonquin, and her father, a Mohawk warrior, died of smallpox when Kateri was four. Kateri survived the epidemic but was left disfigured and partially blind. She grew up in the care of her uncle.

When Kateri was eleven, a group of Jesuit missionaries (called "Blackrobes" by the native peoples) visited Kateri's village. Their stress touched her deeply. At the age of 17, she took the courageous step of being baptized. Her decision to be baptized angered her relatives. They knew of so-called Christians who had burned villages and brought deadly diseases to the Native American peoples. Kateri also chose not to marry, which was unthinkable for a young girl in her culture.

The opposition of her relatives to her choices led Kateri to flee to a Christian settlement near Montreal. There she taught young children and cared for the sick and aged. She quickly became known for her remarkable acts of penance and prayer. But soon her health began to fail. She died in 1680 at the age of 24.

Because she followed the traditional Christian virtues of prayer, fasting and works of mercy to such an extraordinary degree, it was not long before word of her life spread far and wide. Kateri was beatified, a preliminary step for sainthood, in 1980. She is the first Native American and the first American lay person to receive this honor. We honor the "Lily of the Mohawks" each year on July 14th.