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July 4th, 2021

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIVING OUR FAITH

Through baptism we have each been anointed “priest, prophet and king.” In today’s gospel we see Jesus carrying out his own prophetic ministry, among his friends, neighbors, and family in Nazareth. Despite the wondrous deeds Jesus has done since they last saw him, the people, though first “*astonished*” at him, quickly become offended. Theologian Romano Guardini in his book, *The Lord*, says that in the rejection of Christ at Nazareth, we find an “*outburst of man’s irritation against God and the essence of God: holiness.*” Perhaps it is the same irritation that caused the Israelites in the first reading to become “*rebels who rebelled against me...hard of face and obstinate of heart.*”

Today’s gospel calls us to examine two things. First, how are we exercising our prophetic ministry even when it might lead to rejection and ridicule? And second, how do we respond when we are the one prophecy is intended to reach? Perhaps these two questions are related, for in order to be a prophet of God’s word we must first be cleansed and converted by it. The Bible includes numerous examples of false prophet who preach for personal gain by telling their listeners (usually people in power) what they desire to hear. A true prophet never speaks on his or her own account. Once, when confronted at the temple in Jerusalem by those who questioned his authority, Jesus tells them, “*My teaching is not my own it is from the one who sent me*”.

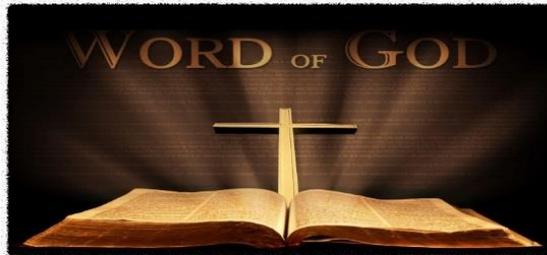
In order to fulfill our own baptismal calling to be prophets, let us rededicate ourselves to being formed, converted and changed by the word of God. Only in this way may we share this life-giving word of God with others.

Questions for the week: *In the gospel Jesus proclaims, “A prophet is not without honor except in his native place.” Are there prophets in your community whose messages have been dismissed? We also hear how people in his hometown are unable to accept his teaching because they know him as “the carpenter, the son of Mary” In your relationship with Christ, how do you handle your understanding of him as fully God and fully human?*



This Sunday's Hymns

- # 219 Alleluia, Sing to Jesus
- # 198 Prayer of St. Francis
- # 224 America the Beautiful
- # God Bless America



Readings for This Sunday – July 4th

- Ezekiel 2:2-5
- 2 Corinthians 12:7-10
- Mark 6:1-6a

Readings for Next Sunday – July 11th

- Amos 7:12-15
- Ephesians 1:3-14
- Mark 6:7-13



A Fourth of July Prayer

Good and Gracious God,
Guide us as we work together to build a society in which everyone has the opportunity to live
with dignity and hope.

Help us to be witnesses of Christ's love by practicing charity and promoting justice and peace
throughout the world.

Strengthen us with fortitude to choose the values of our faith as we exercise our responsibility as
citizens.

Inspire us to build a world of greater respect for the dignity of every human life.

Restore us when our spirit grows weary, and bless us in our journey home to You.
Amen.

We wish our Parish Family a happy, blessed and enjoyable Fourth of July!
GOD BLESS AMERICA!



**DAILY LIVESTREAMED PRAYER TO TAKE A SUMMER HIATUS/
WEEKDAY MASS TO RESUME**

Beginning Monday, July 5th, we will take a summer hiatus from our daily prayer on Facebook, and will resume weekday Mass. Mass will be celebrated on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 8:30am.

MASS RESOURCE

Do you have travel plans this summer and want to be able to find a Catholic church at your vacation destination? Visit www.masstimes.org and enter the zip code of your destination (anywhere in the world) to find the name of the Catholic church nearest you, along with its website address, contact information and worship times.

(Due to the Covid pandemic, Mass times at some Parishes may have changed, so we recommend checking the website of the Parish before heading out to Mass!)

PARISH CLOTHES CLOSET AND FOOD PANTRY MINISTRIES

Just a reminder that we are now **OPEN** every Wednesday and Saturday morning from 9:00am - 12:00pm.

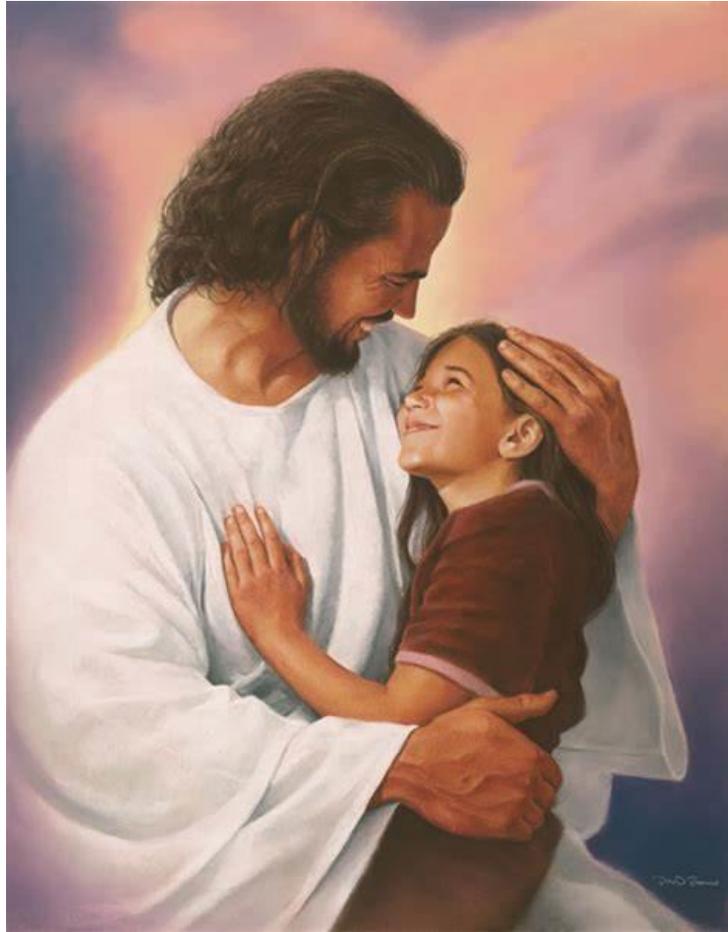
ALL are most welcome.

(We also could use a few more volunteers!)

SUNDAY EVENING MASS REMINDER

Our Sunday evening Mass is celebrated at 5:30PM.

This Mass tends to be less crowded and therefore may be a good choice for those wanting to attend Mass with fewer people.



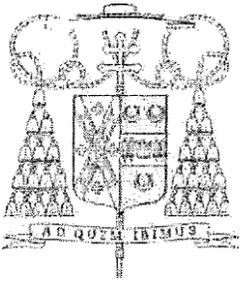
SACRAMENT OF FIRST PENANCE

The following young people received the gift of the Lord's mercy and forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time last week.

Please join us in keeping them in prayer as they continue to grow in faith and love of the Lord.

Santiago Cando
Karla Fajardo Amazco
Delilah Flores Serapio
Makayla Fuentes Serapio
Stephanie Gomez Niveló
Ralph Urgiles
Isabella Van Wolde
Benjamin Wood

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June 30, 2021
Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Year of St. Joseph

Dear Family of the Archdiocese of New York,

May I raise two points with you today?

First, as we approach the Independence Day weekend, allow me to wish all of you an enjoyable summer. It is my hope that, after the trials and difficulties of these past 16 months, you will have an opportunity for some much-needed rest and relaxation. I am very much looking forward to spending some time with family and friends that I have not seen for more than a year!

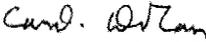
Second, let me remind you that there is still a sacred obligation to attend Sunday Mass, even if you are on vacation. Unfortunately, there has been some confusion recently over whether or not a “dispensation” from Sunday Mass has been in effect. Here in the Archdiocese of New York, there has never been a dispensation from Sunday Mass, because no man can “dispense” or set aside a Divine (as opposed to man-made) law. The Third Commandment says, “Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day,” and I can no more say that this no longer applies than I can say that we can forget about “Thou shalt not steal” or “Honor thy father and thy mother.” To deliberately miss Mass is a sin.

Of course, the Church has always held that there may be some justifiable reasons why a person can miss Mass, including old age, illness, and infirmity; this is still the case. During this pandemic, public Mass was not being celebrated for several months, and when Mass resumed, there was still a possibility of catching or spreading the coronavirus, and individuals could, after carefully consulting their conscience, decide not to return to Mass right away. However, now that vaccination rates are up, Covid-19 restrictions have been lifted, and people are returning to a more normal way of living, this excuse cannot be said to exist any longer. If you’re going to the mall, having dinner out in restaurants, heading to the ballgame, visiting the hairdresser, and the like, then you should also be at Mass!

Please be assured of a remembrance in my Mass and prayers during these summer months. Might I ask for a remembrance in yours?

A blessed summer.

Faithfully in Christ,


tTimothy Michael Cardinal Dolan
Archbishop of New York



Solemn Commemoration of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Thursday, July 15, 2021

6:30pm - Evening Prayer - Outdoor Mount Carmel
Shrine (behind Shrine Church)

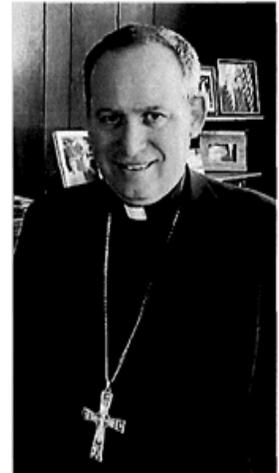
Friday, July 16, 2021

10:00am - Morning Prayer

11:30am - Mass - Bishop Kevin J. Sweeney,
Bishop of Diocese of Paterson, NJ
Mass followed by procession to outdoor shrine & crowning of
Our Lady of Mount Carmel

1:00 to 2:00pm - Lunch - outdoor picnic area will be
available - bring your own lunch

2:00 to 3:00pm - Exposition, Scriptural Rosary,
Benediction



PLEASE NOTE: Since we do not know the vaccine status of our visitors, face masks are recommended social distancing protocols should be observed for those who are unvaccinated. Please call the Shrine office for further information and for group reservations.



National Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel
A Ministry of the Carmelite Friars
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Blessed Feasts!

*On July 3rd, we celebrate St. Thomas the Apostle.
St. Thomas, pray for us!*

**Contemporary Prayer to
St. Thomas the Apostle**

Almighty and ever living
God, who strengthened your apostle
Thomas with sure and certain faith in
your Son's resurrection:
Grant us so perfectly and without
doubt to believe in Jesus Christ,
our Lord and our God, that our faith
may never be found wanting in your
sight; through him who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.



*On July 4 (or 5th this year), we celebrate St. Elizabeth of Portugal.
St. Elizabeth of Portugal, pray for us!*



St. Elizabeth of Portugal
1271 - 1336
Memorial - 4 July
"Queen Isabella of Portugal"

Heavenly Father, giver of every
good gift, we thank You for the
example of St. Elizabeth of
Portugal. Despite many hardships
and sufferings, she remained
faithful to You in all things.
Surrounded by the conflict and
strife caused by others, she always
sought to be a channel of Your
peace. By the integrity of her
life, her ceaseless charity and
her holy example, she became
an instrument of reconciliation
and forgiveness. Through her
powerful intercession we ask a
share in the ministry of healing
broken relationships, for "blessed
are the peacemakers for they will
be called the children of God." -Mt 5:9
We ask this and all things through
Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace.
Amen.

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Welcome and Farewell!

Please join us in welcoming
Father Bob Porpora and Father Roland Antony Raj
to Sullivan County!

On July 1st, Father Bob, a native of Sullivan County,
returned to his hometown to take the helm at St. Peter's in Monticello, relieving
Father John Tran, who has taken an assignment in Dutchess County.

Father Roland of the Missionaries of Mary Immaculate took the reins at St.
George/St. Francis in Jeffersonville/Youngsville, relieving Father Ignatius Vu,
who will begin his retirement.

Father Bob and Father Roland, the Catholic Faithful of Sullivan County welcome
you! We look forward with great joy to your ministry here in our beautiful
mountains!

Father John and Father Ignatius, the Catholic Faithful of Sullivan County thank
you for your ministry and wish you much love, happiness and all the best in
the future!

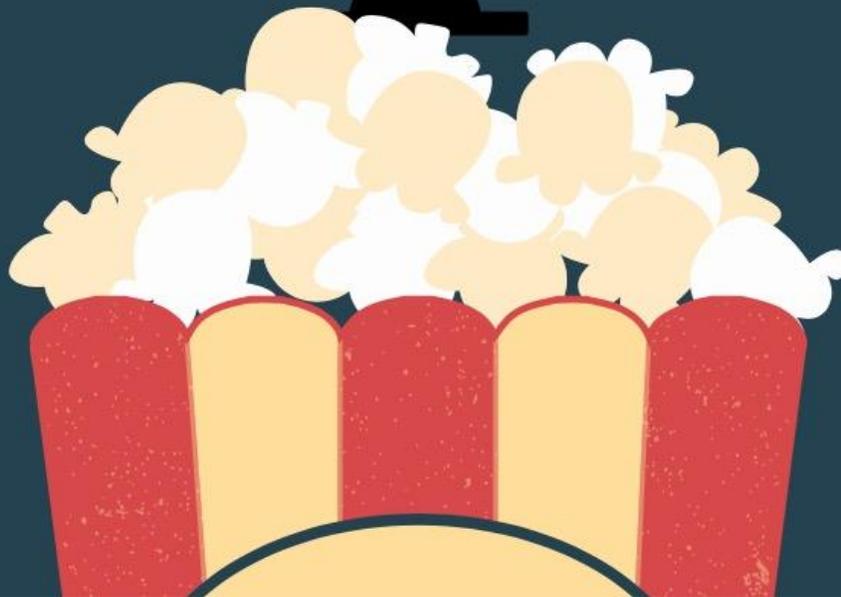


PALLOTTINE TEENAGE FEDERATION INVITES
YOU TO OUR

MOVIE NIGHT

SUNDAY, JULY 25TH @4:00
LOCATION: VINCENT PALLOTTI CENTER
23 RESIDENT ROAD, MONROE NY
BRING YOUR OWN FOOD AND
BLANKETS!

RSVP BY SUNDAY JULY 18
PATSY MCFEELEY (929)422-0846
JEFF MEREJO (825)545-7924





COVID PROTOCOLS: UPDATED JUNE 17, 2021
FOR 10:00 AM SUNDAY MASS

New York State has lifted Covid-19 restrictions. What a welcome sign that we are returning to some sense of normalcy, while recognizing it will take more time for all of us to feel comfortable to go back to pre-Covid conditions.

Beginning this weekend (June 20th), masks are no longer required to be worn during services (for those who are vaccinated). Unvaccinated parishioners are asked to continue to wear masks.

There are no longer capacity restrictions. As you enter, the left side of the seating in Church is without restriction. You may sit anywhere you like.

We will continue to maintain, for the time being, a “physical distance” section. For those who wish to continue to do so, our ushers will continue to escort you to your seat out of safety.

We have been asked to continue to keep holy water fonts empty.

Communion from the chalice will not resume at this time. All are encouraged to receive communion in the hand.

For the unrestricted seating section, communion will be distributed in pre-pandemic procession style. For those in restricted seating, the minister will bring communion to you.

We will continue to clean and disinfect the Church after services, and we will continue to livestream Mass.

I want to thank you for your cooperation and understanding during this difficult time!



Saturday evenings at 7 PM:

Mass in Spanish

Sunday mornings at 10 AM:

Mass in English

Sunday evenings at 5:30 PM:

Mass in English

We will continue to livestream our Sunday morning Mass on Facebook Live.

You can join us for Mass in person, or by logging on to www.facebook.com and visiting our page - St. Peter's Church, Liberty, NY. A recorded video of the Mass will also be published to our page at the conclusion of Mass.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

For those who continue to join us for Mass on Facebook Live who would like to receive the Eucharist, you may come to the church following the conclusion of Mass to receive.

Father Ed will be available until 11:30am to distribute Communion.

