



Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 3, 2022
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14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The kingdom of God
is at hand for you."
- Lk 10:9

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Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am,
12 noon & 6:15 pm

Saturday: 9:00 am & 5:00 pm (Anticipated)

Weekday: 7:00 am & 9:00 am

Reconciliation Saturday 12:30 pm

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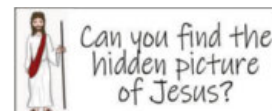
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Dearly Beloved in Christ,

The Ordinary Season focuses on the three-year period of our Lord's public ministry, and the Gospel passages, particularly on Sundays, recount His teachings, miracles, exorcisms, and other deeds during this time; and engender great hope in the mystery of salvation. As we saw last weekend, two great themes dominate our readings: freedom and discipleship. At first glance, they may seem to be rather incompatible. Being a disciple means that we are open to being guided and led by another's insights, experiences, and ideas. In the first reading, God called Elisha through Elijah. Although Elisha was busy with his business, he had to sever every tie in order to follow his new master, Elijah. He committed his entire life to his call. The kissing of his father, the slaughtering of his oxen, and the bidding of farewell to his men are all symbolic gestures to prove that he has made up his mind to follow his master. Most importantly, the slaughtering of his oxen bears a great meaning. He "killed everything" that could constitute a distraction to serving God.

Perhaps he knew that if he had asked someone to take care of them for him, sometime in the future he might either be tempted to go and pay them a brief visit or return to their service. To eschew this temptation, he slaughtered them and offered them as sacrifice to God, and as food to his men. He did this to show that he was totally committed to his call to follow his master. Is it not baffling that Christians today are not committed to Christ despite our Baptismal, Religious, and even Marital vows to follow Christ? This is because our "oxen" still live. We must "slaughter" them as a sign of total commitment to Jesus Christ, or our attention will continue to be divided because: "You cannot serve God and Marmon at the same time" (Lk 16, 13).

We find people wanting or being called to follow Jesus. The first person came to Jesus on his own with the intention of following him. The second person was called specially to follow him. The third person whose calling was not explicit was also invited to follow Christ. The responses they gave groups us into three according to the way many of us respond to Jesus's call to follow him. The first person came to follow Jesus with high economic expectations. Aware of his hidden motive, Jesus quickly told him that his was a life of poverty without even a place to lay his head. Those who only follow Jesus when they are in need or for what they shall gain belong to this group. For them, Jesus is only a provider. The second person was called directly but his excuse was that he had to bury his father first. Perhaps, he was the first son who, according to Jewish custom, should not leave the house until his father joins the ancestors. He used religious laws to cover up his inability to respond positively to Christ's call. Those who use religious observances to cover up their evil deeds belong to this group. The third person did not give any excuse that would have prevented him from following Christ, but he exhibited an inordinate attachment to his family which was a distraction in his case. Aware of this, Jesus also rebuked him. Those who have things like business, work, etc. to keep them from following Jesus and who expose themselves to elements of distraction belong to this group. These persons did not respond positively to the invitation to follow Jesus, perhaps because they did not understand what was involved.

Following Jesus is our primary assignment, and every other thing is secondary. By virtue of our baptism, we are made Christ-like and ought to follow in his footsteps. Our call to follow Christ demands an unreserved commitment and positive response just as Elisha's was. Elisha quickly abandoned his plowing at the farm the moment Elijah threw his cloak on him as a sign of his calling. He slew the oxen, signifying total abandonment of his old way of life for a new way of life. This is the attitude demanded of us. We must follow the Lord wholly and entirely without leaving anything to draw us back.

Jesus is inviting us to follow him by living a holy and chaste life. Let us not give excuses or postpone our response like those three men did. We are also called to follow Jesus in doing good, in loving our enemies, and in helping people in their various needs according to our abilities. We are called to follow Jesus in doing the will of God in our various occupations. As lawyers, Jesus calls us to follow him in defending the rights of the oppressed. As medical professionals, Jesus calls us to follow him in healing the sick. As politicians, Jesus calls us to follow him in alleviating the suffering of the masses. Jesus calls us all to follow him in many ways, according to our occupations and abilities.

Peace and Love
Fr. Francis

NEWS AND EVENTS

**On Monday, July 4, Independence Day, there will be one Mass only at 9:00 AM.
The Parish Center will be closed.**

Special Collection Next Weekend: On July 9-10 there will be a second collection for Retired Priests. Thank you for your support!

Give Us This Day Book: Books are available for purchase at the Parish Center during normal business hours.

Collections For The Week Ending June 26
Offertory \$16,166 | Online \$8,915 | Total \$25,081

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 2

9:00 am Joseph McKenna,
54th anniversary
5:00 pm People of the Parish

Sunday, July 3

7:30 am William Clarke, 3rd anniv.
9:00 am George Rogalski
10:30 am Gerald O'Connell
12 noon John P. Cahill
& Anne M. Cahill
6:15 pm Maggie Browne

Monday, July 4

9:00 am Toots Zaretski

Tuesday, July 5

7:00 am James Whalen
9:00 am Louise Capalbo

Wednesday, July 6

7:00 am Sean Cramer
9:00 am Scott Edward Mault

Thursday, July 7

7:00 am Daniel Moran
9:00 am Eric Mazzola

Friday, July 8

7:00 am Margaret & Harold Bell
Bonnie Bell Gerli
9:00 am Theresa Soyka

Saturday, July 9

9:00 am Dorothy Breunig
5:00 pm Catherine Stone

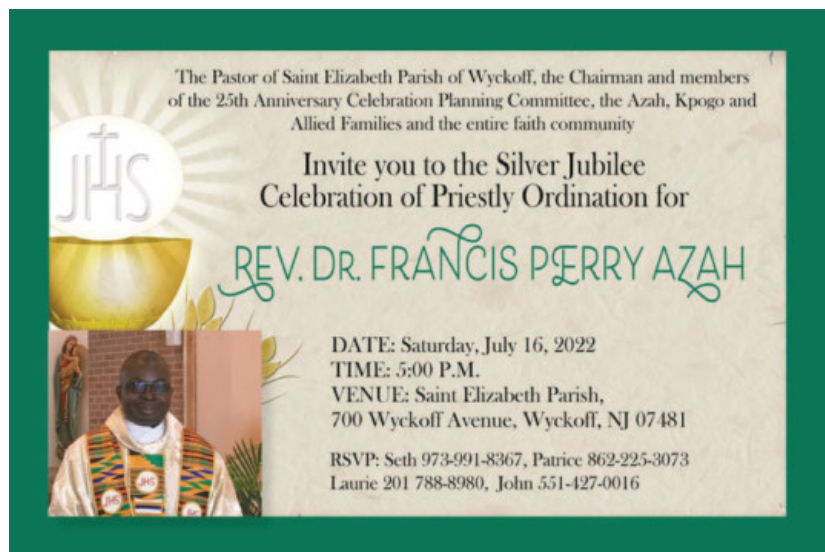
Sunday, July 10

7:30 am People of the Parish
9:00 am Scott Edward Mault
10:30 am Andrew Fraioli
12 noon In thanksgiving
6:15 pm Romualdo Galano

**Holy Mary,
Mother of
God Prayer
for Us!**



NEWS AND EVENTS



St. Elizabeth's Cornerstone 2022

St. Elizabeth's church invites you to participate in the Women's Cornerstone Retreat on **Saturday, September 10th, 2022**. This is an amazing opportunity for fellowship and renewing your faith. It is a great way to meet other women in a warm and welcoming environment. You will experience discussions led by former Cornerstone participants, small group discussions, delicious meals and time for some personal reflection. **SIGN UP NOW TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT**-Register at www.stelizabethcornerstone.org or If you would like to know more about this amazing opportunity you can contact Allie Dwyer at 845-641-9313 or email us at womenscornerstone28@gmail.com. Suggested Offering for the Day: \$95.00 (either paid online or a by check payable to St. Elizabeth's). We look forward to spending the day with you and providing a memorable CORNERSTONE experience – in faith, your 2020 Cornerstone Sisters. *We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul - HEBREW 6:19*

"To everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven."

Your loved one will be announced at Mass for two weeks, then included in the bulletin for six weeks.

Call the Parish Center to let us know the names of those we should include in our prayers.

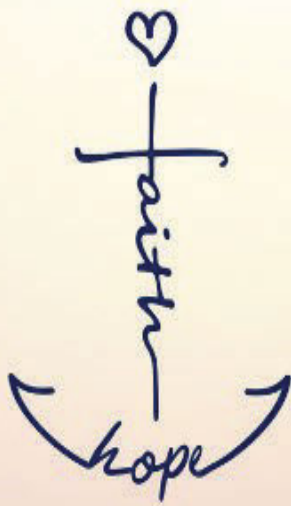
Healing prayers for: Carla Iommetti, Phyllis Lyden

Recently deceased: Joseph Barbera and Perry Chevestick

Memorials for the week of July 3

Altar Bread and Wine: In memory of Katherine Zaretski,
donated by Jackie Glotzbier

Candles on the Altar: In memory of Don Martin,
donated by John & Joan Zaninni



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September 10, 2022

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2022-2023 Calendar



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Religious Education

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9:00 AM | 10:30 AM | 12 NOON

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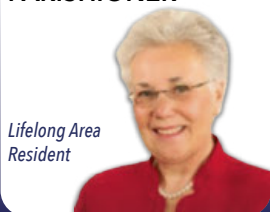
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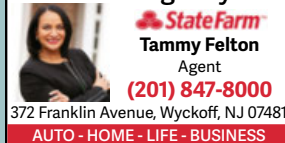
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