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Jackson, New Jersey

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



*Now the parable is this:
The seed is the Word of God.*

Luke 8:11

Masses

MON. TO THURS. 9 am
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Deacon Christian Knoebel
We invite you to celebrate with us



Confessions

Saturdays
3:15 pm to 3:45 pm
or by appointment

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JULY 12, 2020

MASS INTENTIONS

*Indicates Live-Streamed Mass

Saturday, July 11

4:00 pm Bella & Larry Frein & Family
(Liz Annino)

Sunday, July 12

9:00 am Richard Stokoski
(Jon & Mary Ann Tvaroha)

*11:00 am All Deceased from Coronavirus

Monday, July 13

9:00 am Martin Szymanski (Rich Piacentino)

Thursday, July 16

9:00 am Paul Starr (Rich Piacentino)

Saturday, July 18

9:00 am Gladys Calsetta
(Jon & Mary Ann Tvaroha)

Sunday, July 19

9:00 am Sam Colucci (Denielle Balint-Avila)

*11:00 am Cory Yglesias (Joan Toth)

Monday, July 20

9:00 am The Minieri Family
(Rich Piacentino)

To secure your intentions, please contact the Parish Office.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Jackie Wilson, William Cole, Jr, Diane Black, Micki Smith, Annette Petercsak, Joyce Picon, Peter Laudati, Joanne Baldachino, Vera Dzumyk, Carol Atherton, Zesis Schelest, Beth Kujawski, Mary Green, Margarita Ulloa and the O'Loughlin Family, Beatty Family, Paul Gallo, Josephine Brennan, Frank Hrelja, Margie Smith, Lori Ali, Anna and Sal Morrello, Rosemarie McNab, Chuck Smith, Toni Hetteroth, Brian Scott, Dan Sweeney, Frank Trimboli, Sr. Theresa Colbert, Dianne Smith, Douglas Merwin, Gail Reale, Kathleen Gillespie, Kay Layton, Cheryl Bottega, James Picon, Stephen Trimboli, Tony Catapano, Bert Bumbera, Michelle Zogheb, Diana Dostie, Maria Covino, Paul Wilson, Jr., Joann DiCapua, Evelyn Manvell, Joan Myhal, Carol Spezzano, Baryt Schone, Victor Mota, Fran DeLuca, Nick DeLuca, Dorothy Palumbo, Marie Gould, Cindy Andolora, Christopher and Frank Diolosa, Theodore Donyak, Brian Libby, Theresa Debiak, Andy Sabine

Call the Parish Office to let us know of anyone to be remembered in prayer, so we way include them or, if they can be removed.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK – JULY 12, 2020

Monday: Is 1:10-17; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23; Mt 10:34 — 11:1

Tuesday: Is 7:1-9; Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8; Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15; Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21; Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16; Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Mi 2:1-5; Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14; Mt 12:14-21

Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

PLEASE NOTE: THE ASSUMPTION

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Rev. Michael Hall, Director of the Diocesan Office of Worship, reminds us that St. Mary of the Assumption is the principal patroness of our diocese and the Assumption is always a Solemnity. However, when the Solemnity falls on a Saturday, as it does this year, we follow the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops guidelines and the **Assumption (August 15) is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.**

PLEASE NOTE: CLOTHING DONATIONS

Social Concerns Committee very much appreciates donations of clothing and shoes, but unfortunately we do not have the facilities to accommodate these items.

Donations of clothing and shoes may be placed in the metal clothing bin located at the entrance to St. Monica's parking lot.

Catholic Charities in Manchester also provides a metal bin for clothing. They are located at 88 Schoolhouse Rd, Manchester Township, NJ 08759.

A Sower Went Out to Sow



packed soil



stony ground



thorny ground



good soil

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP COLLECTIONS JUNE 22 - 28, 2020

Weekly Collection	\$1,821.00
Mail In Collections Received	\$ 542.00
Online Giving	<u>\$1,931.00</u>
Total	\$4,294.00

Thank you for your contributions as we support the ministries, programs and facilities of our parish.



The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest

-Lk 8:8





Summertime Again

A reflection from Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M., on the arrival of summer

Monday, June 22, 2020 1:52 PM

It's summertime again, although the look and feel of it is quite different this year. Most of us have been working at home or home schooling so, despite the change of seasons, it seems just "more of the same." But it is different.

Sunny warm days, fresh air, earlier sunrises, later sunsets, the "outdoors" beckon us out of our "coronavirus caves" to enjoy the things that summer has to offer. And we should, observing whatever different precautions might be necessary to keep ourselves and others safe.

I must confess, I really enjoyed going out to eat – literally! – for the first time in months. The restaurant staff's masks and gloves, the spaced tables and disposable menus were noticeable at first but quickly blended into the routine as the meal was served. And it was as delicious as I remembered it to be from my last visit "BC (Before Covid)" ... although outdoors. By the time I left, I hardly noticed the difference because, I guess, I just accepted it.

The confinement of the pandemic gave me the time and opportunity to do some much needed work around the house – and there is still more to be done – as well as getting the gardens in shape (I had some good help to be perfectly honest!). Now, I can wander outside and enjoy the fruits of all the unanticipated labor, different than my experience might have been.

My prosthetic leg, regrettably, keeps me from the beach and water which always were my summer passions but I have learned to enjoy these things differently, "vicariously" as I watch the gradual return of families to the shore. It's nice to see and good to focus upon the joy of others.

I am gratefully amazed at how often I hear people talk about how much they "miss" going to church. Despite the continuing temporary dispensation from Sunday obligation and the production of live-streamed, in-car or outdoor Masses, the re-opening of our parish churches for public Mass and Holy Communion this summer – although, again, temporarily limited for public safety – has been a welcomed relief to many of the faithful, even with the masks and social distancing. We all look forward to a return to fuller spiritual and sacramental life as summer rolls on! In the meantime, nothing should keep us from our prayers!

Yes, summertime is somewhat different this year but not so much as to make it unrecognizable or unenjoyable. It's up to us, really.

Growing up, I remember my Mom saying "only YOU can make YOU happy!" How often her wisdom has come back to visit me when I have been tempted to feel a little down.

Look for the joy and fun in life this summer. Be grateful to God for all we do have! Find pleasure in the simple things, the little things all around us. They have always been there but, perhaps, the past few months have opened our eyes to really see and appreciate them ... a little differently. A mask, a little social distancing, being conscious of sanitizing, these things are really not so bad when you come right down to it especially when you consider the possibilities that could face us without them.

So enjoy the summertime and the things it has to offer. You won't be sorry you did! God bless you all!



In his reflection on summer 2020, Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M., writes, "Yes, summertime is somewhat different this year but not so much as to make it unrecognizable or unenjoyable. It's up to us, really." Image courtesy of Pixabay.com

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DIOCESAN ADVISORY ON A SAFE RETURN TO IN-CHURCH MASSES

Limited in-church public Masses resumed June 8 for daily Mass and June 13-14 for weekend Mass. However, media reports have indicated significant spikes in coronavirus cases in 21 states that have re-opened or relaxed restrictions. As the Diocese approached the first public in-church Masses, Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M., reminded the faithful of several key points from the established directives:

1. COVID-19 is still extremely contagious, especially indoors or in closed settings;
2. The dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday/Holy Day Masses remains in effect so that all Catholic faithful, in good conscience, are not required to be physically present in church; live-streamed Masses will continue in most parishes;
3. Anyone who is sick or at risk should not come to church; that is not punitive but, rather, common sense and an act of charity toward your neighbors;
4. All parishes are expected to abide strictly by occupancy limits/restrictions and other regulations of the Diocese with care;
5. Masks must be worn (no exceptions), physical contact of any kind must be avoided, social distancing must be practiced, proper sanitation must be observed at all public in-church Masses;
6. Before attending public, in-church Masses, the Catholic faithful are asked to consider any possible health and safety risks involved.

To view the full set of directives, please visit:

[DioceseofTrenton.org/coronavirus](https://www.dioceseoftrenton.org/coronavirus) A report by The Monitor on how parishioners responded to the first in-church Masses is available here:

<https://bit.ly/2zU6LiR>

The Diocese's Department of Multimedia Production has produced an instructional video on key precautionary measures to know before you attend in-church Masses. To view the video:

Click here for English https://youtu.be/v8PRxVJ3Z_Y

Click here for Spanish <https://youtu.be/KjINPnpEvCI>

The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

JULY 12-18, 2020

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Cathy Draper

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

12TH CENTURY | FEAST DAY: JULY 16

Mount Carmel, which juts out into the Mediterranean near Haifa, Israel, has been considered a sacred place since the prophet Elijah built an altar there in his contest with the prophets of Baal. The Carmel headland is traditionally associated with the beginnings of the Carmelite order around 1195, when a group of lay hermits formed a community there. Mary had been honored there as early as the fifth century, and by the 12th century Mount Carmel had become a site of Marian devotion. The Carmelites chose Mary as their protectress and dedicated their oratory on Mount Carmel to her. Our Lady of Mount Carmel is the patron of Bolivia and Chile.



Well-known Carmelites include St. Teresa of Avila, St. John of the Cross and St. Therese of Lisieux—all of whom were powerhouses of spiritual writing.

Prayer for Married Couples



Almighty and eternal God,
You blessed the union of married couples
so that they might reflect the union of Christ
with his Church:
look with kindness on them.
Renew their marriage covenant,
increase your love in them,
and strengthen their bond of peace
so that, with their children,
they may always rejoice in the gift of
your blessing.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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Offerings at Francis House of Prayer

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The staff of the Franciscan House of Prayer invite you to consider attending some of their marvelous offerings this fall. Their Fall schedule from September to November 2020 includes:

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A REMINDER



For the health and safety of our staff and parishioners



a cloth face covering is **required** to enter our parish.

Thank you for your cooperation.



CALENDAR

Sunday, July 12

9:00 am Mass (limit 100 people)
 11:00 am Mass (limit 100 people)
 and Live-streamed Mass @
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Monday, July 13

9:00 am Mass (limit 25 people)

Tuesday, July 14

9:00 am Mass (limit 25 people)

Wednesday, July 15

9:00 am Mass (limit 25 people)

Thursday, July 16

9:00 am Mass (limit 25 people)
 9:30 am Rosary in the Sanctuary

Saturday, July 18

3:15 pm Confessions
 4:00 pm Mass (limit 100 people)

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Tuesday, July 21

9:00 am Mass (limit 25 people)

Wednesday, July 22

9:00 am Mass (limit 25 people)

Thursday, July 23

9:00 am Mass (limit 25 people)
 9:30 am Rosary in the Sanctuary

Saturday, July 25

3:15 pm Confessions
 4:00 pm Mass (limit 100 people)

Sunday, July 26

9:00 am Mass (limit 100 people)
 11:00 am Mass (limit 100 people)
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COUNSELING AVAILABLE

Parishioner Monica Principato, a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, is offering counseling services Free of Charge to anyone experiencing overwhelming stress during this very difficult time. Feel free to contact Monica at 732-244-7580 for an appointment. The session is free and confidential, by phone or Webex.

HELP WANTED

Calling all Gardeners! Volunteers are needed to care for the flower beds around our parish property. If you like working outside and know the difference between a weed and a perennial, please call the parish office at 732-928-0279.



WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

Mr. & Mrs. Russell Heulitt

IN LOVING MEMORY

Condolences to the family and friends of parishioner Francisca Negron Medina who passed away recently at the age of 101. We pray with St. Monica, Our Blessed Mother, and all the angels and saints for the repose of her soul.

Reflection for 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time — July 12, 2020

THE SOIL OF OUR LIVES

When we hear the parable of the sower and seed, it can be easy to assume it is meant for someone else. After all, we are good soil, right?

This week we are challenged to look a bit more deeply at our own lives and assess just what kind of soil we really are. All too often, many things like sin, busyness, worry, work, and other activities keep us from receiving fully the teachings of Christ. Our initial excitement and enthusiasm for the Gospel can give way to a sort of dull acceptance. The good seed that was sown in our lives can begin to wither and die. The soil of our lives isn't all that good.

But it doesn't have to be that way. God, the Divine Sower, is always willing to sow new seeds in our lives. However, just as a lot of work goes into preparing—and tending—the soil of an actual garden, so too we have to make sure that the soil of our souls is prepared and cared for so that we can be in the right frame of mind and heart to receive the Word of God in new and deeper ways, now and for the rest of our lives.

PRAYER

Are you a hard path, where the birds of doubt devour the seed of faith as soon as it is sown? Do you have in your soul some rocky ground, where the seed of good works sprouts quickly but soon withers under trial or suffering? Do you have in your soul some thorny soil, in which material possessions and worldly concerns choke off good intentions as soon as they come to you? Or do you have rich soil, ready and willing to accept the Word of the Lord and let it take root to transform your entire life? Now ask Jesus, the Divine Gardener, to help you prepare the soil of your heart and mind in a way that will produce abundant fruit.

RESOLUTION

If the soil of your life isn't the way you would like it to be, prayerfully ask the Lord about one thing you can do to till the hardness of doubt, remove the rocks of sin, or pull out the thorns of worry and materialism. And then ask God to give you the grace to follow through on this intention this week.

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#WHATSMYNAME

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