

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 6

4:30pm Marguerite Jarbeau

Requested by Dan & Corinne McKinnon

Sunday, July 7

8:00am Nicholas Duckworth

Requested by family

10am Dr. Charles Farrell & Susan Marie Hogan

Requested by family

12:00NN Mass for the People

Monday, July 8

7:00am Angelina Vieira

Requested by Blaise Gentile

Tuesday, July 9

7:00am Richard Tierney

Requested by Tom & Rita

Wednesday, July 10

7:00am Brian Fay

Requested by Mom & Dad

Thursday, July 11

7:00am Carmen & Eva Angrisani

Requested by Maggie & Wendell Futch

Friday, July 12

7:00am Timothy Davies

Requested by family

Saturday, July 13

4:30pm Helen Nicholas

Requested by family

Sunday, July 14

8:00am George Dumas

Requested by The Curry family

10:00am Dr. Joseph E. Daly

Requested by family

12:00NN Amadeo Tella

Requested by family



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 6

5:30pm Cecelia V. Driscoll

Requested by family

Sunday, July 7

8:00am Grace & John Carpinelli

Requested by family

10:00am Helen & Mary Coffey

Requested by family

Saturday, July 13

5:30pm Eugene Hackney, Sr.

Requested by family

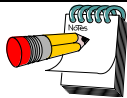
Sunday, July 14

8:00am Christopher Cannon

Requested by family

10:00am Florence Gadzik

Requested by John Gadzik



For Your Information

PARISH SUPPORT

Due to the holiday printing deadline, the parish support for June 30th and July 7th will be printed in next weekend's bulletin. This weekend's second offering is the monthly offering for July. As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Karen Davis and Mavis Phalen.

LISTENING CREATES A HOLY SILENCE...

When you listen generously to people they can hear the truth in themselves, often for the first time. And when you listen deeply, you can know yourself in everyone. ~ Rachel Remen

ST FRANCIS CEMETERY

Gatekeepers needed! If you'd like to help us out and open/close the Cemetery gate one morning/evening per week or if you'd like to be an alternate (someone who is called when the person scheduled is not available or is going away), please call Laurie Friel at 782-2711. Thank you.

DID YOU KNOW?

July is traditionally designated the "Month of the Precious Blood"? While devotion to the Precious Blood has waned in recent years, a Votive Mass of the Precious Blood is still included in the Roman Missal.

"Father, by the blood of your own Son you have set us free and saved us from death. Continue your work of love within us, that by constantly celebrating the mystery of our salvation we may reach the eternal life it promises. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen."

FINDING TIME FOR GOD

Finding the right time to pray isn't as hard as it may seem. The question to ask yourself is, *"When can I give God my whole attention?"* Rising early might be an answer. Waiting until everyone else in the house has gone to bed is another ... or...perhaps you could give God your lunch break? Start with ten minutes a day. When you commit yourself to God at the same time everyday it becomes a habit. You'll be surprised how much you'll look forward to your time alone with God!



2013 PARISH CATHOLIC CHARITY GOAL

\$103,000

Donations received to date:

\$97,731.00

95% of goal

JULY 7, 2013

TODAY'S GOSPEL opens with Jesus looking over the crowds of people. He is filled with compassion for them. They are "harassed and helpless" like sheep without a shepherd. Things have not changed that much. So many today are still harassed by various forces and helpless, drifting without any real direction in their lives.

The harvest is indeed plentiful, right on our own doorstep. Undoubtedly, the laborers, too, are few. That does not just mean that we do not have enough priests, brothers and sisters. The call to be a harvester is being made to every single follower of Christ. It is being made to every single person here. The way each one of us does harvesting depends on the circumstances of our life: our family situation, work situation, education, personality and temperament, and so on.

One way we can ask the Lord to send laborers into his harvest is for each one of us to say to him: "Here I am, Lord. Send me." So often we pray for "vocations" but we do so in a very narrow way as if the only vocation was to be a priest or religious. Today, let us hear the call made to ourselves and reflect on how we can answer.

In today's Gospel Jesus picked out twelve of his disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to liberate people from them and to heal every disease and sickness. Notice that the mandate is not just 'religious'. It is for both spiritual and physical healing, the making whole of the complete person at every level. These disciples are called "apostles". It may surprise us that this is the only time this word is used in Matthew's gospel. A disciple is basically a follower, someone who learns from a master and becomes more and more like him. The word 'apostle' is a more active word. It implies someone who is entrusted by his lord and master with carrying an important message to others. Obviously, of course, one has first to be a good disciple before becoming a reliable apostle.

The apostles are to show the nearness of the Kingdom by curing the sick, the dead, cleansing lepers, casting out demons. These are all signs of God's loving power reaching deep into people's lives. In modern terms that could mean: *Bringing healing into people's lives*. People can be sick in many ways, and not just physically. We can all be agents for bringing healing and wholeness back into people's lives, especially those we come in contact with. *We cannot literally raise people from the dead*. We can, however, help people to recover an interest and zest for living. People can be physically alive but dead in many other respects. *Cleanse lepers*. For us, that is to rehabilitate and bring back fully into our communities all those who, for one reason or another, are marginalized, rejected, despised, ostracized on the basis of race, nationality, marital status, religion, gender... *Cast out demons*. In our day demons are all those suffocating and enslaving forces which dominate, manipulate and restrict our freedom to live in truth and love.

Finally, says Jesus, "*You received without payment; give without payment.*" Yes, all that we have are God's gift to us. God's gifts to us are literally price-less. They are meant to be used freely and liberally for the benefit of all. We are not in the business of sharing our faith for the money or the kudos it brings. To paraphrase President John Kennedy: "*Ask not what others can do for you; but what you can do for others.*"



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Religious Education Office is closed for the month of July.



This Week

Sunday, July 7

7:00pm AA (HBH)

Monday, July 8

7:00pm Baptism Prep Class (HBH)

Wednesday, July 10

7:00pm Praise! Rehearsal (FGC)

Prayer for Vocations

O gracious and loving Father, according to your word, the harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few. Send forth then, O most Holy Spirit, a calling to all the holy men and women of our community. Grant them the discernment to hear your softly spoken voice and the courage to answer your call. Give them the wisdom to realize the precious gift of consecrated life.

Shine forth your heavenly light upon the paths that you have chosen for all your beloved children. Open the doors that need to be opened and close the doors of worldly allurements and distractions that need to be closed. Fill their hearts with a burning desire to please you. Bless them with the necessary grace to pursue the callings that you have placed upon their hearts.

Most of all, Lord, help them to know you, love you and serve you as you deserve to be known, loved and served. We ask this in your most holy name. Amen.

