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SUNDAY MASSES:

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SUNDAY MORNING: 8:00AM, 10:00AM, AND 12:00 NOON

WEEKDAY MASSES:

MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, 9:00AM

WEDNESDAY, 4:00PM

FIRST FRIDAY, 9:00AM AND 12:10PM

SATURDAY:

9:00AM

CONFESSIONS:

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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 12, 2020



"The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower.
All who come to him will have life forever."



Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 11 *Vigil: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
5:00pm Stanley and Stephen Uss

Sunday, July 12 *Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8:00am Fran C. Macri
10:00am Raymond McIntyre
12:00noon Joseph Puttiyamadam

Monday, July 13 *St. Henry*
9:00am Jim Stewart

Tuesday, July 14 *St. Kateri Tekakwitha*
9:00am Zonia Torres

Wednesday, July 15 *St. Bonaventure*
4:00pm People of St. Anthony

Thursday, July 16 *Our Lady of Mount Carmel*
9:00am Rocco & Virginia D'Amelio

Friday, July 17 *Weekday*
9:00am Bridget & Matthew Connolly (Living)

Saturday July 18 *St. Camillus de Lellis*
9:00am

Saturday, July 18 *Vigil: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
5:00pm Bette Frattali

Sunday, July 19 *Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8:00am Philip and Frank Calderoni
10:00am Stanley, Helen & Stanley Oleksowicz
12:00noon Thomas Orofino



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July 12-18



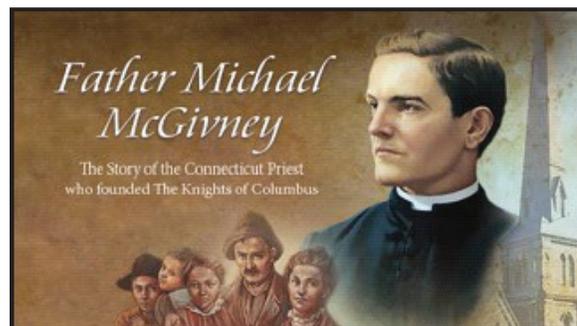
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OFFERTORY GIVING

THANK YOU FOR TRYING YOUR BEST TO KEEP UP WITH YOUR WEEKLY OFFERTORY GIFTS. Of course, we continue to receive mail at: CHURCH OF ST. ANTHONY, 10 SQUIRE AVENUE, YONKERS, NY 10703. So feel free to mail your check. THANK YOU! In these days, we are even more grateful for electronic giving! To enroll with our electronic giving program, just visit:

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From the Pastor

The current strange and difficult days have affected each and every one of us in uniquely different ways. Our children have been disconnected from their normal scholastic experience; adults have had to refrain from commuting to work, while some have more unfortunately lost jobs altogether. Parish communities have been broken up and parish life and activity turned upside down. Most difficult of all, many have lost loved ones - either to the virus itself or to its accompanying challenging and complicating circumstances.

We priests have had to face exile from our parishioners for a long stretch of time, and many of us worry about just how the believing community will come back together again in full, and what that will look like.

Beloved priests have been called home to God through it all as well - among the most tragic being the Pastor of the very first parish I was assigned to as a new priest 33 years ago on Staten Island - St. Clare's in the Great Kills section, which is one of the largest parishes in the Archdiocese of New York.

Maybe by now I can hint at what I'm getting at with this announcement, because it's almost too difficult to say it out-right. Last week, I received a phone call from the director of our priest personnel office - Bishop Edmund Whalen - who reminded me of the critical need for the pastoral care of St. Clare's. I told him that I dreaded his call, but that I thought it might be coming. And it came.

I asked him how much time I had to "react" to the possibility of being transferred from the Pastorate at St. Anthony's to the Pastorate at St. Clare's, and he gave me a week. That week is up today - the day of my writing this bulletin announcement. Yesterday, I called in my assent to the request, and today Cardinal Dolan called to thank me for my cooperation and collaboration in his overall pastoral ministry of the Archdiocese of New York. The assignment is effective on September 1.

I did not ask to leave St. Anthony's and if the choice were mine, I would not leave. But the choice is the Lord's. Be it done unto me according to His will!

The Cardinal has assured me that a loving new pastor has already been selected for the people of St. Anthony's, and we will know his name in short order, if we don't know it already.

We have done wonderful things together here over the past seven years, and I will miss you all sorely! Toby will surely miss you, too. We'll try not to be strangers! Please pray for us! I'll pray for you!

Father Mastrolia

Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel : July 16

This is the patronal feast of the Carmelites. The Order of Carmelites takes its name from Mount Carmel, which was the first place dedicated to the Blessed Virgin and where a chapel was erected in her honor before her Assumption into Heaven.

July 16th is also the feast of the "Scapular of Mount Carmel". On that day in 1251, pious traditions says, the Blessed Virgin appeared to St. Simon Stock, General of the Carmelites at



Cambridge, England, showed him the scapular and promised supernatural favors and her special protection to his Order and to all persons who would wear her scapular.

To obtain the indulgences and other benefits promised to those who wear the Carmelite scapular, a person must be vested by a priest who has the requisite faculties and must lead a consistent Christian life.

St. Kateri Tekakwitha: July 14

St. Kateri Tekakwitha is the first Native American to be recognized as a saint by the Catholic Church. She was born in 1656, in the Mohawk village of Ossernenon. Her mother was an Algonquin, who was captured by the Mohawks and who took a Mohawk chief for her husband. She contracted smallpox as a four-year-old child which scarred her skin. The scars were a source of humiliation in her youth. She was commonly seen wearing a blanket to hide her face. Worse, her entire family died during the outbreak. Kateri Tekakwitha was subsequently raised by her uncle, who was the chief of a Mohawk clan.



Kateri was known as a skilled worker, who was diligent and patient. However, she refused to marry. When her adoptive parents proposed a suitor to her, she refused to entertain the proposal. They punished her by giving her more work to do, but she did not give in. Instead, she remained quiet and diligent. Eventually they were forced to relent and accept that she had no interest in marriage. At age 19, Kateri Tekakwitha converted to Catholicism, taking a vow of chastity and pledging to marry only Jesus Christ. Her decision was very unpopular with her adoptive parents and their neighbors. Some of her neighbors started rumors of sorcery. To avoid persecution, she traveled to a Christian native community south of Montreal.

According to legend, Kateri was very devout and would put thorns on her sleeping mat. She often prayed for the conversion of her fellow Mohawks. According to the Jesuit missionaries that served the community where Kateri lived, she often fasted and when she would eat, she would taint her food to diminish its flavor. On at least one occasion, she burned herself. Such self-mortification was common among the Mohawk.

Kateri was very devout and was known for her steadfast devotion. She was also very sickly. Her practices of self-mortification and denial may not have helped her health. Sadly, just five years after her conversion to Catholicism, she became ill and passed away at age 24, on April 17, 1680.

Her name, Kateri, is the Mohawk form of Catherine, which she took from St. Catherine of Siena.

St. Kateri Tekakwitha was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on Oct. 21, 2012. She is the patroness of ecology and the environment, people in exile and Native Americans.

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July 12	TWO COLLECTIONS Black & Indian Missions
July 19	ONE COLLECTION
July 26	ONE COLLECTION
Aug 2	ONE COLLECTION
Aug 9	TWO COLLECTIONS Church in Africa

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL GENEROSITY!!!

PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK

We pray for all the sick of our Parish, especially:

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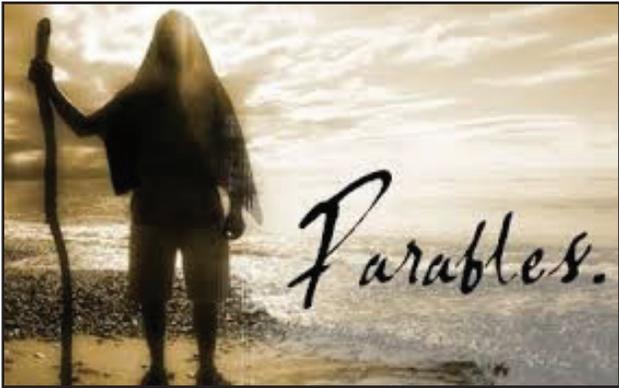
Prayer for Spiritual Communion



My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there And unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

We want to use this column to give ourselves a much needed review of our religious knowledge. It will be an 'on-going' column and will follow the three year cycle of readings at Mass.

1st Reading Isaiah 55:10-11
Responsorial Psalm Psalms 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14
2nd Reading Romans 8:18-23
Gospel Matthew 13:1-23



Yearning for God's Goodness

The readings for this nearly mid-summer Sunday reflect the beauties of the earth: its golden harvests, its astonishing spring, its delicate birds, beasts, mountains, hills and plains. Even in this time of virus, those whose eyes can see will find infinite surprise!

I must be fully myself and allow God to do the rest.

Yes, even in this time of virus and troubles.

I want to quote a complete poem in this space, hoping that I am not just indulging my attachment to poetry. The Jesuit poet Hopkins was so filled with the world's beauty that I want him to speak here, in the poem called "Pied Beauty."*

Glory be to God for dappled things—

For skies of couple-color as a brinded cow;

For rose-moles all in stipple upon trout that swim;

Fresh-firecoal chestnut-falls; finches' wings;

Landscape plotted and pieced—fold, fallow, and plough;

And all trades, their gear and tackle and trim.

All things counter, original, spare, strange;

Whatever is fickle, freckled (who knows how?)

With swift, slow; sweet, sour; adazzle, dim;

He fathers-forth whose beauty is past change:

Praise him.*

Some of the language is unusual, I admit. I hope the footnote below will help you, especially when you read the poem out loud. If you spend time with these glorious images you will come to love our ever-evolving blue planet like someone bathing in the gentle tide of ocean swirl. All of it luxuriant, all of it precious.

In the First Reading the Lord uses this ebb and flow of seasons to show the workings of his visceral love for the earth.

He says,

Just as the rain and snow come down to earth, and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, ...

so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth.

It comes to the world and does not return until it has moistened

and nourished life in every single creature that will receive it.

A fruitful harvest, the Psalm calls it.

Then, in the Second Reading, St. Paul speaks of all creation groaning in labor pains. Human beings too groan within themselves like seeds which break open and push their way through tough ground and evolve into full trees that stretch up for Christ's light.

Can such rich images apply to you and me? How is our own soil? God pours his grace into it always. Do you and I groan and yearn for the goodness of God which is already lavished upon us? Do we take time each day to let love in? Or when we listen to the Word on Sunday, perhaps with some interest, do we then forget everything by Monday?

Jesus lists a number of things we might have to correct in order to accept the gifts he has ready for us (Gospel). We might be shallow ground, he says. Or rocky soil. Weeds might choke us.

Discouraging, isn't it? Must I pretend to be rich soil, though I know my shallowness?

No. I must be fully myself and allow God to do the rest. The Indian poet Tagore put it this way: The cloud stood humbly in a corner of the sky. The morning crowned it with splendor.

(Tagore, *Stray Birds*, #100)

Let us be humble and join in the revolving refreshment of all earthly things. Can't we open our leaves, and allow the sun to come in?

John Foley, SJ

* For convenience, here is a glossary of some of Hopkins' terms:

pie'd: patches of a number colors, as various birds and other animals have.

Also, the Pied Piper.

dappled: marked by spots of a different shade, tone, or color

brinded: an archaic word referring to grey or brown streaks or patterns, as in a cat's fur.

stipple: dots or small touches of the brush, used to make a painting

(or a newspaper photo).

fallow: Land plowed but left unseeded during a growing season.

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