

# JULY 4, 2021

## THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

EZEKIEL. 2: 2-5. They shall know that a prophet has been among them.  
 PSALM 123. Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.  
 2 CORINTHIANS. 12: 7-10. I am content with weaknesses and hardships for the sake of Christ.  
 MARK. 6: 1-6a. "Where did this man get all this? Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary?"



**GOD'S WORD TODAY:** The presence of God in our midst. Like the people of Jesus' hometown, we often fail to realize the presence of God in our very midst: in the simplest acts of kindness, in the humblest efforts of compassion for others, in the singular attempts to secure the justice and peace of God in hidden and forgotten places. Christ has come to show his people the limitless possibilities of living and celebrating to the fullest the love and life of God in our own homes and hearts.



### Mass Intentions

#### INTENTIONS FOR OUR WEEKLY LITURGIES

##### MONDAY-7/5

8:00 A.M.

Walter Pagoda (Family)

*Ss. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest' Elizabeth of Portugal*

##### TUESDAY-7/6

8:00 A.M.

Concetta Spataro (Tony & Marie Spataro)

*St. Maria Goretti, Virgin & Martyr*

##### WEDNESDAY-7/7

8:00 A.M.

Mary E. Curatola (Ann M. Kitchura)

##### THURSDAY-7/8

8:00 A.M.

Frank Ryczak (Morning Grace Prayer Group)

##### FRIDAY-7/9

8:00 A.M.

Jim Ruth (Annette O'Bell)

*St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest & Companions, Martyrs*

##### SATURDAY-7/10

4:00 P.M.

Decd of the Luprarella Family (Rose Carachilo)

##### SUNDAY-7/11-THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 A.M.

Mary L. Serniak (Vince & Marylynn O'Bell)

10:30 A.M.

Joseph Schneider (Sue Baka)

##### 12:00 P.M.-SPANISH MASS

People of the Parish



**WORD OF LIFE:** "O Good our creator...through the power and working of your Holy Spirit, you call us to live our faith in the midst of the world, bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel to Every corner of society." ~United States Conference of Catholic Bishops/Prayer for Religious Liberty



**THE RECTORY OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, JULY 5<sup>TH</sup> FOR THE 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY OBSERVANCE.**

#### PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION:

Thank You for your generous support in last week's Peter's Pence Collection! As a parish we collected **\$145.00** Our contributions, combined with those from our brothers and sisters around the world, provide essential support for the Holy See's activities and help Pope Francis relieve the victims or wars, oppression, and natural disaster around the world.

#### OUR WEEKLY COLLECTION JULY 4, 2021

OFFERTORY	\$2,867.75
ON-LINE GIVING	\$395.00
DUES/SALARY	\$85.00
PETER'S PENCE	\$145.00
<b>INCOME=</b>	<b>\$3,347.75</b>
<b>AVERAGE WEEKLY EXPENSES=</b>	<b>\$4,803.34</b>



#### COUNTERS FOR WEDNESDAY JULY 7<sup>TH</sup>:

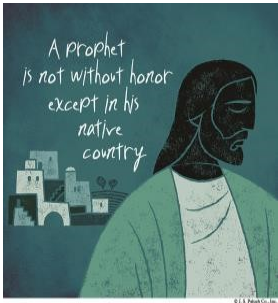
Sharon Cardamone  
Joan Lowe



**OUR SECOND COLLECTION TODAY:** Is for the Care & Education of Priests.

**PARISH SAVINGS ACCOUNT:** A donation to this fund Has been made in memory of Del Riffe by Mrs. Mary Ryczak. Thank You!!





**NO BAD NEWS:**

There are many times when we say, "Tell me what I want to hear, and don't confuse me with facts." And we don't take kindly to someone who might be bold enough to snuff out our expectations. The biggest problem with such an attitude is not that we miss out on the truth

or the facts, but that we miss out on the new and surprising gifts others can give us. Like the townspeople in today's Gospel story, we too often refuse to allow others to display the talents that can be good news for us. Today's readings call for hospitality and faith and discernment. Hospitality opens the doors of our hearts and minds to the "stranger" among us, no matter how familiar he or she may seem to be. Faith enables us to accept the gifts of others, no matter how alarming or "strange" they may seem. Discernment helps us discover the prophets in our midst, no matter how amazing they may seem to be. Hospitality, faith, and discernment---cultivate these. Then, nobody can bring bad news.

**PRAYER FOR AMERICA** Dear God, we thank you for the bountiful blessings you have bestowed on us. Guide us in being good stewards of these gifts. Let us care for all of your beautiful creation, from the redwood forest to the to the gulf-stream waters. Make us instruments of your peace in order to put an end to rockets' red glare and bombs bursting in air. Help us to love and care for all of our neighbors—locally and globally—so that we might truly be crowned with brotherhood from sea to shining sea. Amen.



**SPONSOR CARDS:** Sponsor cards are usually requested when someone is asked to be a godparent at a baptism or a sponsor at a confirmation, as well as a witness at a wedding. It is an honor to be asked, and also an honor to be practicing the Catholic Faith each week by attending Mass regularly and supporting the parish's works and mission. We need active and church-long Catholics to share their faith each week.

**BAPTISM:** Families who request to have their baby baptized are strongly encouraged to keep their parish membership active. Your child needs to grow up in a family who values and supports their parish.

**JULY 10/11 MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

4:00 P.M.	8:00 A.M.	10:30 A.M.
Mr. Joseph Smith	Mrs. Marie Spataro	Mrs. Suzanne Baka
Mrs. Mary F. Smith	Mrs. Suzanne Serniak	Mr. Charles Barlow

**HAPPY 4<sup>TH</sup>:** Thank you for your continued support of our parish. As we give thanks for our Liberty, may we continue to bless and honor God who is the source of true and lasting freedom.



**TEXT SCAM ALERT:** Please do not respond to any text or voice message asking for gift cards or donations for someone who is sick. This is a scam circulating throughout the Diocese. Your pastor never Sends messages like this. Never respond to suspicious e-mails text or voicemail messages or click on any suspicious link.

**SONNY SAYS:**

Employer: "Sure, I can give you a job. Sweep out the Store."  
Young man: "But sir, I'm a college graduate."  
Employer: "Don't worry, I'll show you how."



**MASS INTENTIONS 2022:** The Mass Book for 2022 is now open and available to schedule Masses for your deceased loved ones. We are in need of Masses for this year and next year. Please consider Masses for your loved one's intentions.

**CHRISTMAS CASH NEWS:** Our monthly payment plan for Christmas Cash makes it easy and affordable to purchase a ticket. Through the payment plan, buyers can pay \$25 per month until the ticket is paid in full. Both full and monthly payments are eligible for the Early Bird Drawings, as long as the payment is made by the Monday prior to the monthly Stewardship Meeting. Christmas Cash tickets can be purchased at the following locations: T & R Service Station, Sterling Pharmacy, Battenberg's Furniture Store, the Rectory or from any Stewardship Committee member. Unfortunately, there will be no Christmas Cash Event this year for the prize drawing. The drawing for the prizes will be livestreamed on the Parish's Facebook Page. Thank you!



**PARISH PICNIC:** Once again, the Holy Name Society of our Parish will sponsor a Parish Picnic for all parishioners to attend. This will be on Sunday August 8, 2021 from 12 Noon to 4 P.M. at Merli-Sarnoski Park Pavilion. Reservations are required, please don't assume we know you will be attending. Come and enjoy refreshments, food and fellowship. Please see the Flyer in this Week-End's Bulletin.

**MASS OF REMEMBRANCE OF VOCTOMS OF VIOLENT OR TRAGIC DEATH:** The Diocese of Scranton is offering the annual Mass in remembrance of victims of violent or tragic death. This Mass is offered for families and friends of those who have died in tragedy, especially through murder, suicide, and accident. This year we keep in our hearts those who lost their struggle with COVID-19. The Mass is scheduled for Thursday, July 15, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. in Saint Peter's Cathedral, 315 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton. All persons who have lost a loved one through tragic and traumatic death are invited to this liturgy. The mass will be televised on CTV. We ask that the names of deceased loves ones are registered on registration forms which are available at our Parish Office or on the Diocese of Scranton's website: [www.dioceseofscranton.org](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org). All forms must be received by July 9, 2021.

