

Dear Friends,

A prophet is not without honor except in his native place. The rejection of Jesus by the people of Nazareth is not something new in the history of God's relation to the people of God. The prophets of God have always had a hard time with God's people. Jesus comes as priest, prophet, and king. By the end of Jesus' mission on earth the world will reject Jesus in all three roles. The rejection as king is the final rejection on Good Friday, but the first rejection is as prophet.

The kingship is the last to be rejected because the people look for the king to protect them from worldly threats. Since worldly threats are the hardest to ignore we want someone powerful to protect us. As priest Jesus is the one to intercede for us with God. Since God's presence is often hidden in our lives this role is rejected more quickly. People are willing to accept Jesus in these first two roles longer because they are looking for something they desire, protection from enemies and good things from God.

The role of prophet is the first rejection by the people and it comes at the beginning of Jesus' mission. The prophet's main role in Scripture is to call the people back to God when they have strayed and to call them to live a life more in line with God's call to be a holy people. The prophet tells us we have to change.

The rejection of Jesus continues today. People leave the Church to follow other religions that don't challenge them to change or don't have doctrines at all. They reject the prophetic call of Jesus. As they then focus on more worldly matters without interference from church obligations they abandon religion altogether and become just spiritual. God is not part of their everyday world; therefore, they have rejected Jesus as mediator, the priestly role. Finally, when we become powerful in the world individually or as a group, we reject God altogether. Atheism has always been most popular in civilizations when they are at their most powerful.

It all begins with the rejection of God's call to conversion. Are we willing to be transformed into what God calls us to be? Do you truly want to be a saint in this life not just in the next? That is what Jesus comes to say. What will be our answer, and will it be in word or word and deed?

Fr. Peter Giovanoni



**Peter's Pence Collection**--Thank you for your support of last week's Peter's Pence Collection. Our contributions will join those from our brothers and sisters around the world to help Pope Francis in his ministry to the Universal Church, including relief to people in need and support of the Holy See. Visit [www.usccb.org/peters-pence](http://www.usccb.org/peters-pence), it is not too late to give.

**Weekend Ministries  
July 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>**



**Saturday--5:00pm**

**Lector:** N. Abell  
**Altar Servers:** G. Muir

**Sunday--8:15am**

**Lector:** M. Alfilio  
**Altar Servers:** M. Wood

**Sunday--10:30am**

**Lector:** C. Smith  
**Altar Servers:** M. Ojeda-Galindo

**Sunday--6:00pm**

**Lector:** M. Yeatman

**Prayer for the Sick**



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| Bobby Abell        | Marilyn Brewer     |
| Terry Carroll      | Betty Ann Clarke   |
| Sue Colon          | Jack Cullison      |
| Chris Dawson       | Keith Demarre      |
| Erica Dingle       | Esther Durkin      |
| Fritz Feltman      | Marcos Flores      |
| Joan Gisriel       | Pam Hayden         |
| Mary Agnes Hill    | Jason Hoyer        |
| Cameron Kalen      | Jane Kenyon        |
| Kevin Lorence      | Paul Mackie        |
| Sid Marcus         | Liz Marcus         |
| Ann McDonough      | Diane Miller       |
| Leroy Owens, Sr.   | Kelly Prescott     |
| Michael Raley      | Peggy Raley        |
| Joe Parran Ridgell | Joel Rivera        |
| Janet Sanders      | Gabriel Santos     |
| Joe Spelz          | Brenda Unkle       |
| Tim Urban          | Catherine Woodburn |
| Carl Young         |                    |

**Mass Intentions  
July 5<sup>th</sup>- 11<sup>th</sup>**

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| Monday    | 9:00am  | Timothy Ridgell            |
| Tuesday   | 9:00am  | Janice Wood                |
| Wednesday | 9:00am  | Special Intentions         |
| Thursday  | 9:00am  | Betty Aldridge             |
| Friday    | 9:00pm  | St. Michael's School       |
| Saturday  | 5:00pm  | Special Intentions         |
| Sunday    | 8:15am  | Tony Koontz                |
| Sunday    | 10:30am | Anne McCoy Hayes           |
| Sunday    | 6:00pm  | St. Michael's Parishioners |

**Stewardship Report**

June 27 <sup>th</sup> Offertory	\$2,067.00
Peter's Pence Collection	\$110.00

## Readings for the Week of July 5<sup>th</sup>- 11<sup>th</sup>



### **Monday, July 5<sup>th</sup>:**

First Reading--Genesis 28:10-22a

Psalms 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab--In you, my God, I place my trust.

Gospel--Matthew 9:18-26

### **Tuesday, July 6<sup>th</sup>:**

First Reading--Genesis 32:23-33

Psalms 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b, & 15--In justice, I shall behold your face, O Lord.

Gospel--Matthew 9:32-38

### **Wednesday, July 7<sup>th</sup>:**

First Reading--Genesis 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a

Psalms 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19--Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Gospel--Matthew 10:1-7

### **Thursday, July 8<sup>th</sup>:**

First Reading--Genesis 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5

Psalms 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21--Remember the marvels the Lord has done.

Gospel--Matthew 10:7-15

### **Friday, July 9<sup>th</sup>:**

First Reading--Genesis 46:1-7, 28-30

Psalms 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40--The salvation of the just comes from the Lord.

Gospel--Matthew 10:16-23

### **Saturday, July 10<sup>th</sup>:**

First Reading--Genesis 49:29-32; 50:15-26a

Psalms 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7--Be glad you lowly ones; may your hearts be glad!

Gospel--Matthew 10:24-33

### **Sunday, July 11<sup>th</sup>:**

First Reading--Amos 7:12-15

Psalms 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14--Lord, let us see your kindness and grant us your salvation.

Second Reading--Ephesians 1:3-14

Gospel: Mark 6:7-13

**Knights of Columbus**--Saint Michael's Knights of Columbus regret that it is necessary to increase the charge for the chicken dinner starting on July 11<sup>th</sup> the price for one dinner will be \$14.00. The Belles cake/dessert table will be available. Dinners are still carry out. We will offer on a trial basis the opportunity for those who want to dine in the hall, to do so. Service will be very limited. There will be self-service tea and water available.

**July 11<sup>th</sup>** will be the next Knights of Columbus chicken dinner from 11:30am-5:00pm unless we run out early. Dinners will be \$14. Carry-out or self-serving dining room available. K.C. Hall in Ridge. For more info 301-872-4641.

## Catechetical Corner

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) identifies seven themes in Catholic Social Teaching: Life and Dignity of the Human Person, Call to Family, Community and Participation, Option for the Poor and Vulnerable, Rights and Responsibilities, Solidarity, Care for God's Creation, and The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers.

The second theme is Call to Family, Community, and Participation. The person is not only sacred but also social. How we organize our society — in economics and politics, in law and policy — directly affects human dignity and the capacity of individuals to grow in community. Marriage and the family are the central social institutions that must be supported and strengthened, not undermined. We believe people have a right and a duty to participate in society, seeking together the common good and well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable.

In the book of Genesis Cain tries to deflect God's question about Abel by saying, "Am I my brother's keeper?" when the second person of the Trinity takes on human nature, Jesus shows us the answer about how we should care for our brothers and sisters.

**Holy Face Church** is currently seeking a part-time Parish Bookkeeper/HR Administrator — This position is responsible for executing all aspects of the parish's accounting and HR activities, under the direction of the ADW Finance and HR offices. The ideal applicant has 3-5 years of relevant accounting experience. Applicants must be willing to meet Archdiocesan requirements for upholding Catholic identity, undergo a background check, and participate in child protection training. More details can be found at <https://adw.org/about-us/resources/career-opportunities/>.



## St. Michael's School News



**Golf Ball Drop Information**--The Golf Ball Drop will take place on September 18<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am-3:00pm at Flat Iron Farms. First Place prize is \$50,000! It is imperative that we sell all 2000 golf balls. Tickets can be purchased at <https://www.msgolfballdrop.com>. This event was postponed due to Covid-19.

## Weekly Calendar

September 18--Golf Ball Drop, 11:00am-3:00pm