

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

We remember in our prayers Rich Lasecki, Edmond Bresh, Helen Reynolds, Helen Popp, Irene Smith, Florence Rasmussen, Robin Lupinski, Judy DiLorenzo, Yvonne Walsh, Tom Milos, and Georgine Keeler.

## NEWS

Regarding our policy for mask wearing in church, if you are not fully vaccinated then you must wear a mask while inside the building. If you are fully vaccinated, we encourage you to continue wearing a mask while inside the building. It is important to be mindful of safe social distancing. If you are coming forward to receive Communion, please allow time for the person ahead of you to step away after receiving before coming forward.

## NOTEABLE SAINTS OF THE WEEK

**Benedict, Abbot (d. 547)** St. Benedict was born in Nursia in Umbria about the year 480. Educated in Rome, he began the eremitic life (living as a hermit in seclusion) at Subiaco where he gathered disciples, and then departed for Monte Cassino. There he established the famous monastery and composed the Benedictine Rule. Because this rule was subsequently adopted throughout Europe, he received the title of patriarch of Western monasticism. He died on March 21, 547, but since the end of the eighth century, his memory has been observed on this day. July 11

**Henry (d. 1024)** St. Henry was born in Bavaria in 973. He succeeded his father in ruling over a duchy and was later elected Emperor. He was most remarkable for his work in Church reform and for fostering missionary activity. He died in 1024 and was enrolled among the saints by Pope Eugene III in 1146. July 13

**Camillus De Lellis, Priest (d. 1614)** St. Camillus was born in Chieti in Abruzzi in 1550. He first entered the military profession, but upon his conversion he devoted himself to the care of the sick. His studies completed, he was ordained to the priesthood and founded a society which established hospitals and cared for the sick. He died in Rome in 1614. July 14

**Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor (d. 1274)** St. Bonaventure was born about the year 1218 at Bagnorea in Tuscany. He studied philosophy and theology at Paris and, having earned the title Master, he taught his fellow members of the Order of Friars Minor with great success. He was elected Minister General of the Order, a position he filled with prudence and wisdom. After being made Cardinal-Bishop of Albano, he died at the Council of Lyons in 1274. His writings did much to illuminate the study of both theology and philosophy. July 15

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel** Sacred Scripture celebrated the beauty of Carmel where the prophet Elijah defended the purity of Israel's faith in the living God (1 Kings 18:20-40). In the twelfth century, hermits withdrew to that mountain and later founded the Order devoted to the contemplative life under the patronage of Mary, the holy Mother of God. July 16

*"According to tradition, our Blessed Mother appeared to St. Simon Stock at Cambridge, England on Sunday, July 16, 1251. She presented him with the scapular and said, "Take, beloved son, this scapular of thy order as a badge of my confraternity and for thee and all Carmelites a special sign of grace; whoever dies in this garment, will not suffer everlasting fire. It is the sign of salvation, a safeguard in dangers, a pledge of peace and of the covenant." In this apparition and gift, our Blessed Mother promised a special protection for all members of the Carmelite Order, and a special grace at the hour of death to all who wear the scapular so that they would not perish in Hell but would be taken up to Heaven by her on the first Saturday after their death."*  
From an article written by Fr. William P. Saunders for the Arlington Catholic Herald.

***From the Liturgy of the Hours, Volume III, Proper of Saints.***

**St. Joseph of Stratford  
National Catholic Church**

*Anger begins with folly, and  
ends with repentance.*

*~ Pythagoras*



**July 11, 2021 – Fifteenth Sunday Ordinary Time**

**Dear Parishioners,**

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In today's gospel passage (Mark 6:7-13) Jesus sends the apostles out two by two and gives them authority over unclean spirits. They go off to preach a message of repentance with the instruction that "whatever place does not welcome you or listen to you, leave there and shake the dust off your feet in testimony against them."

Considering that the word repentance means to turn from sin, we understand that Jesus is telling the apostles to leave behind all who refuse to repent, to turn from sin, and to welcome Christ.

This is a stark outcome for those unwilling to repent, and it forms the basis for our challenge for this week. Are we willing to pivot from old ways to new, from darkness to light, or are we content to be left behind?

Grace and peace,  
Fr. Tom

**Mass Times**

Mass celebrations are Saturday Vigil at 4:00pm & Sunday Morning at 10:00am

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