



MASS
INTENTIONS

- Sat. July 11th**
St. Benedict
4:00 PM Beatrice Gharett
(Catholic Council of Wmn.)
- Sun. July 12th**
10:00 AM William Gallagher
(Wife, Helen)
- Mon. July 13th**
St. Henry
9:00 AM Angela & Frank Masseria
(Muscarella Family)
- Tues. July 14th**
St. Kateri Tekakwitha
9:00 AM Elizabeth Muscarella
(Joe & Judy Reese)
- Wed. July 15th**
St. Bonaventure
9:00 AM Wally Rose & Steven Yocum
(Bill & Angie Gates)
- Thurs. July 16th**
Our Lady of Mount Carmel
9:00 AM Beverly Hausammann
- Fri. July 17th**
9:00 AM Mark Andrews
- Sat. July 18th**
St. Camillus de Lellis
4:00 PM Anna Leitzel
(Vince & Mary Emery)
- Sun. July 19th**
10:00 AM Bill Brown
(Wife, Linda)

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July 12, 2020
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME

ST. JOSEPH IS A TITHING PARISH
God's Plan for Giving

In return for the Lord's generosity, our people returned to God the following:

Sunday Offerings:	\$5,955.00
Our Faith Our Future	\$ 673.00
Missionary Cooperative	\$ 75.00
Last Year:	\$3,142.00

The above are bank deposit amounts

First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11

Just as the rain and snow water the earth and make it fruitful, so does the word of God bring forth good seed.

Second Reading: Romans 8:18-23

Reminding all that the trials and sufferings of this life are "as nothing," Paul says that the glory we shall receive will overshadow all things.

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23

Jesus tells the parable of the sower and the seed. The seed that landed on the footpath, on rocky ground, or among thorns withered and died; the seed that fell on good ground -- "the man who hears the message and takes it in" ... "bears a yield of a hundred-fold."

Second Collections
Missionary Cooperative
July 12-Repair & Maintenance
July 19-Cemetery Care
July 26-Love of Neighbor

Fundraising Update: Proceeds from the Fish, Shrimp and Macaroni & Cheese Fundraiser was deposited into our fundraising account. \$661.00 was collected. Thank you for your continued support of St. Joseph.

Sharon Grove and Joan Wasilewski thank you for creating and adorning the Church Office window planters. You two have a great talent and it's much appreciated. Parishioners, please take time to view their beautiful artwork.

From your pastor,

My dear family please pray for continued patience and endurance as we remain under the “cross” of carrying through with masks and counter-pandemic social distancing. No one likes what we are obligated to do, but we must do for the well-being of all. We can at least offer it up as a prayer cross for the victory over this virus. I appreciate every one’s support.

If we do not do so and if any one comes down with the virus that has attended our parish Masses and meetings, then we would be under investigation and the bishop could be forced to put us in a closed down status. I would hate to return to that position of not having you come to Mass. Let us be careful and prayer-full. Amen.

If anyone who has attended our Masses and who has then come down with the virus, please let us know as we are required to report that fact to the diocese. No problem if we have followed all the directives for social distancing. But we do need to report. There are only four parishes in the diocese, which have reported parishioners with the virus. That does not mean that those persons were exposed at church, it could have been else-where in the community. But we need to be careful. Thank you.

As we listen to and reflect upon the Sacred Lessons for this Sunday, we see a very complicated theological argument rendered very simple. All we have to do is to look at nature, to the wonderful farms around us to get a clear answer.

So many theologians have debated over the last 500 years whether it is by faith alone, the action of God all alone without human involvement, or is it by God’s grace given to us to be receive, lived and produce good works that is the whole story of salvation. God sends the rain, but the rain does not return to God until it has watered the field. The fields are to be watered by God, cultivated by the farmer and finally the family gathers the produce in a spirit of thanksgiving to God. Amen

Be sure to be putting a few extra donations into the large basket near the table of offerings. This is for our annual Mission Cooperative Offering. The missionaries can’t come because the pandemic so we will give, knowing how much they are in need of support. Let us bear good fruit. Thanks Be to God, Amen

REMEMBER THOSE WHO ARE SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS ESPECIALLY: Bonita Joy McDonald, Tresha Sudol, George Sudol, Ed Arndt, Kirsten Koons, Andrea Rea Young, Mike Walters, Dr. Weisner, Ed Wilhour, Rita Patynski, Anna Lee Fagnano, Abram Koons Jr., James Tomedi, Lisa Ressler, George Baran, Christine Koons, Bernice Yocum, Keith Robenolt, George Sarfine, Abram Koons Sr., Tom Robenolt, Theresa Folk, Rita Prentiss, Aiden Barsis, Connie Buehler, Mason Reeder, Maria Harper, Matthew Rosboschil, Charlotte Farrell and Jackie Rando. **PRAYER IS OUR WAY TO CALL UPON GOD.**

Contributions to the 2020 Lenten Appeal are still being accepted. This is especially critical for our Parish due to not being able to organize fund raisers. You can still participate by going to the Diocesan Website or using a Lenten Appeal envelope at our Church. Remember this is the only way to give money to the parish that will not be taxed with an assessment from the diocese. What you give goes 100% to the parish. It is a great way to pull the parish back to a better standing to face a tight lean year of offertory giving. For those who have sent in their pledge and requested coupon booklets, the payment coupon booklets have been sent out. Due to Covid-19 the booklets were sent out late. If at all possible, please send in double payments this month.

Across: The Father Tolton Movie - Short film viewing about the boyhood of the first African American priest and his attempt to escape slavery in 1863. Film will be followed by historical presentation about Venerable Augustine Tolton and Q&A with Writer/Director Christopher Foley. Bishop Ronald Gainer and Bishop Joseph Perry, postulator for the Fr. Tolton canonization cause, will join our discussion. Screening and presentation will be offered using the zoom platform on Friday, July 31, 2020 at 6:30 PM. To receive the zoom link to access the presentation, please register online. Youth groups are encouraged to join us and learn about one of America’s unknown heroes. *To register, please visit St. Joseph website for the link.*