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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time A

Sisters and brothers in Christ Jesus!

"Bread that was sown in our fields and valleys, now harvested becomes one; from all the world gather your people, O God, into the feast of your love... of your love.

1. Sisters and brothers, words taken from the song, "Bread that Was Sown" by the Benedictine Brothers of Weston Priory, Vermont.

· In today's scriptures there are two images that are dominant that come from the world of nature—rain and the sowing of seeds.

· Together they are used to describe not just the Kingdom of God, but more importantly, how that KINGDOM is part of who we are as disciples of Christ.

2. In our first reading from the prophet Isaiah, he contrasts "rain and snow watering the earth to make the land fertile and fruitful...giving seed to the one who sows and bread to the one who eats."

· And God says that his WORD will do the same....the Word coming from his mouth through the scriptures and the Word—made -flesh that is Jesus the Lord.

3. Jesus telling the parable of the "Sower and the Seed" breaks open the mystery of Faith using common terms that the large crowds could hear and understand.

· The parable is not simply about the soil on which the seed falls—it is about the process of growing in our Faith....for it is here that we truly find the Kingdom!

· The SEED is the Word of God while the SOWER is Christ.

· We know that Jesus is a heavy—handed sower of the SEED. We pray that the SEED of God's Word fills our lives with new and continuous growth.

4. Sisters and brothers, human growth like the SEED is contingent on patient—planting, and slow germination; of cultivating and fertilizing the Word of God in the soil that is the "stuff" of our everyday life.

· And essential to growth is the gift of RAIN....that like the rain, the teachings of God's word is meant to soak in our hearts,

permeate our lives, and release our spiritual potential that we may live lives of witness and service. Amen!

· Where has the SEED of God's WORD fallen in your life?

· Is the WORD on the edge of the path? Represents those who skirt the real issues and are eager to follow the first distraction that comes their way. These are Christians who have a surface commitment and no depth.

· Is the WORD on rock soil? These are Christians who are initially enthusiastic. They are folks who are looking for a quick fix, but lose interest when the demands of the Kingdom call for change in one's life!

· And is the WORD of God on a patchy or thorn-infested soil where the SEED is entangled with self—seeking concerns and apathy. Consequently, the SEED does not come to maturity nor bear fruit.

· Finally, the SEED falls on "GOOD SOIL" where one welcomes the Word, listens and follows and the seed bears a fruitful harvest for the Kingdom!

5. Church, let us welcome and receive the seed of God's WORD as a gracious Gift from a loving God.

· Jesus is that SOWER who believes in abundance and knows that in the end there is enough good soil there is enough potential in the seed, and enough time for the Harvest to come to full fruitfulness to feed everyone! Amen....

· If we see that with five pallets of food can fill a neighborhood on a Thursday morning....we know that the WORD—Jesus the Christ alone can fill our hunger and quench our thirst. AMEN!

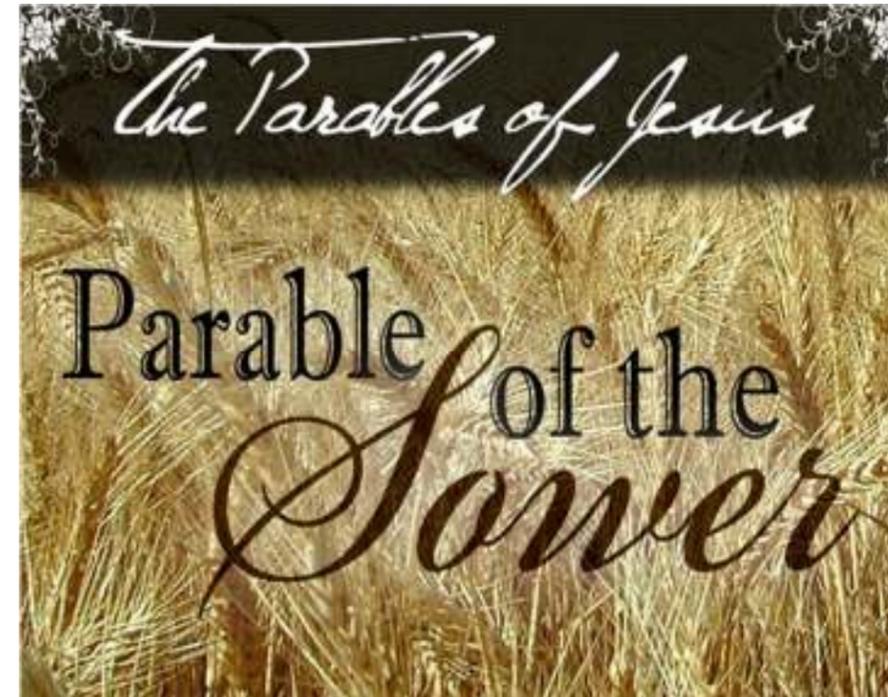
· Church: let the Word of God in the scriptures speak to your heart and to your life!

· And like the Emmaus disciples, may our hearts be set on fire as we recognize Christ in the mirror and in our sisters and brothers.

· Seize the opportunity today, and break—bread with someone and let the Lord speak to you in the simple and the ordinary stuff of LIFE!

Your brother on the journey,
Friar Noel

St. Benedict the Moor Church



Our Mission

St. Benedict the Moor is a Catholic Christian Community that celebrates its African-American heritage and welcomes cultural diversity. Join us at the Table of the Eucharist as sisters and brothers in the Lord. We are committed to grow and diversify the Church through the new evangelization, family, catechesis, young adult ministry and outreach to the poor. In the spirit of the prophet Joshua, we can say:

"As for me and my household; we will serve the Lord."

July 12, 2020

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest."

St Benedict the Moor Parish

Sunday Mass: 10:30 am
Daily Masses: Mon.-Fri. 12:00 noon
Saturday: 8 am

Holy Days of Obligation:
Mass: 12 noon & 6:30 pm
(Exceptions will be posted)

Sacrament of Penance: Divine Mercy
Room Saturday 8:30-9:30am
or by Appointment

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Happy Birthday

This month we are blessed with the following sisters and brothers, who celebrate their birthdays. We pray God's blessings of health, happiness and holiness of LIFE upon you as we thank God for you in the life of the St. Benedict the Moor Church—Family.

Rhonda Savoy	July 1
Robert Cole	July 2
Evelyn Pough	July 5
Friar Paul Pantiru	July 5
Kristopher Hill	July 6
Gwendolyn Parker	July 9
Adryonna Rutherford	July 13
Stacy Campbell	July 24
Clarence Johnson	July 31



May the Lord keep on blessing you as you celebrate another year of LIFE in Christ Jesus! Stay healthy and stay well!

Altar Flowers



Flowers were donated in memory of
Daisy McKenney
by
Junius Julien

Rosary Line

During the length of COVID-19, we will continue to pray for a cure and vaccine to keep humanity protected from this pandemic. If you are already part of the Church—Family praying the Rosary invite someone else to join us for prayer...this is an evangelical moment to grow the Church. We begin each evening on 8PM as we seek the intervention of Mary, Mother of the Church. Simply dial on your phone or cell phone: 706 894-9969.

Bishop of the Diocese of Savannah

Sisters & Brothers, Our Holy Father Pope Francis has named Father Stephen Parks as the 15th Bishop of Savannah. His ordination and installation will be at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist on Wednesday, September 23, 2020. We give God thanks and let us pray for Bishop-elect Parks.

July Saints ~St. Kateri Tekawitha

Saint Kateri Tekawitha was born near Auriesville, New York and died at the age of 24 in Caughnawaga, Quebec. She led a life of prayer and austerity and love in spite of ridicule and abuse. Kateri is known as "the Lily of the Mohawks" she is the first native American to be declared a "blessed" in 1980 and was canonized a "saint of the Church" on October 21, 2012 by Pope Benedict XVI. St. Kateri is the patroness of ecology and the environment. She was born the daughter of a Mohawk Chief and a Catholic Algonquin mother who converted to Catholicism as a teenager despite the disapproval of her tribe. Her once blanked face disfigured and her vision was impaired by small-pox, but upon her death Kateri was totally healed. Her very name, "Tekawitha" means: "for one who bumped into things." really signified that she "bumped into Christ" and in Him she found the love of God. We Friars run the National Shrine of Saint Kateri Tekawitha in Fonda, New York. Friar Timothy Lyons is the Chaplain. Close to Fonda is the Shrine of the North American Martyrs in Auriesville, NY. A pilgrimage site if you are visiting New York state.

July Saints~ St. Kateri Tekawitha
July 14th

Stewardship Report

Week of July 5, 2020	
• Offertory envelopes	\$2658.00
On—Line Giving	2179.00
Utilities	60.00
On-Line Giving	189.00
Kitchen Renovation	185.00
Flowers	200.00
Poor Box	<u>100.00</u>
	\$5571.00

Sisters and brothers, may the Lord keep on blessing your giving and generosity, as we continue to support our outreach ministry in the community.

Gratefully in the Lord, Fr. Noel

Communications

Prayer of Spiritual Communion by Sr. Judith Marie Kulbicki, cssf

"Lord Jesus Christ, you promised to be with your church always, until the end of time. We long to experience your presence more deeply and more intimately even when we cannot gather in person as church to celebrate Eucharist. We believe that you are present when we gather to worship. We believe that you are present in the ordained minister and in your sacred Word when the scriptures are proclaimed. And we believe that you are present when your sacred body and blood become our food and drink. Our relationship with you is truly grace. When I am not able to be physically present at the Eucharist with the community, help me to strengthen and deepen my relationship with you as I seek to encounter and serve you, not only in prayer but in all I meet, especially in the poor and needy of our world.

Amen.

Felician Franciscan Sister, Judith Kulbicki is an associate professor Emeritus of theology at Fordham University, NYC and a past president of the North American Academy of Liturgy.

Pastoral Concerns

Sisters and brothers: during the time of COVID-19 we are insisting that all of us wear a MASK when coming to Mass on Sunday or during the week. As well, as when you are conducting business at the Church Office. Finally, a MASK is required to be worn when picking up FOOD on Thursday morning at 9:30 AM. Also, observing social distancing when gathering for any event. Please use the disinfectant spray for your hands as well-before entering the Church for Mass. We have extra masks should you leave home without one. Let us do all that we can to stop the spread of this virus and keep one another from being at risk. We thank the Ushers for their diligence in wiping down the pews after each Mass. God bless!

Profession of First Vows

Today, Sunday, July 12th at our Friary and Shrine of St. Anthony in Ellicott City, MD, Friar Kristopher Fernandez during the 12 Noon Liturgy professed his First Vows of Poverty, Chastity and Obedience as a Conventual Franciscan Friar May the Lord Jesus who has called him to our Gospel Life in Fraternity keep on blessing his Yes!

IN OUR PRAYERS

Our sick list is for parishioners, family and friends in need of prayer. Please keep our list current by calling the office to add or remove a name.

Sr. Agnes, fsma	Mittie Lewis
Sr. Delores Anne, cssf	Sr. Maximiliana, PC
Helen Bell	Fr. Jeremiah McCarthy
Amanda Cole	Delores McLeod
Mik Cole	Ruben Meinhofer & Fam.
Robert Cole	Denvey Nelson
Robert Dozier	Sr. Norberta, fsma
Bertha Gibbs	Cordell Parker
Yvonne Gilberti	Gwendolyn Parker
Elizabeth Grey	Anna Perez
Ginnette Hughes	Debra Pough
Clarence Johnson	Evelyn Pough
Donald Julien	Marcus Ransom
Paul Julien	Beverly Rumley
Elvia King	Lydia Sliva
Michael King	Madeline Smith
Jerry Korona	Dorothy Stewart
Ida Ruth Lane	Friar Jude Winkler



Mass  for the
Intentions  for the
Week

Sunday, July 12th 10:30 AM
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
St. Benedict the Moor Church-Family

Monday, July 13th 12 Noon
Ordinary Time
+Robert Korona 7-2-20 bro of Sr. Edna

Tuesday, July 14th 12 Noon
St. Kateri Tekawitha
+Michael Nejfelt /my nephew

Wednesday, July 15th 12 Noon
St. Bonaventure, Friar/Doctor
+Nobie Archibald/Michael Barnett's Mom

Thursday, July 16th 12 Noon
Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Friar Kristopher, Profession-1st Vows

Friday, July 17th 12 Noon
Ordinary Time
+Sophie Archacki, req. Sr. Patricia Marie

Saturday, July 18th 8 AM
St. Camillus de Lellis
Dorothy Stewart, for healing

