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“Being a disciple means being constantly ready to bring the love of Jesus to others, and this can happen unexpectedly and in any place.”
 ~ Pope Francis, *Joy of the Gospel*

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

~ July 11, 2021 ~

God's Face... As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory. Ps 17 (16): 15

Sunday (11)

8:00 AM **Isabelle Suborits** by son Paul and Family
 10:00 AM **Ralph Negrete** by Family

Monday (12)

No Mass

Tuesday (13)

No Mass

Wednesday (14)

No Mass

Thursday (15)

No Mass

Friday (16)

No Mass

Saturday (17)

No Daily Mass

5:00 PM **Mom and Dad Zelasko** by daughter Charlene and Family

Sunday (18)

8:00 AM **Debra Neidert** by husband Jim
 10:00 AM **Ralph Negrete** by brother Carlos and wife Juanita & Family

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Sunday, July 11, Readings:


➤ **First Reading:** Am 7: 12-15... (God Makes a Prophet)
 Amos writes how he was chosen by God to go out and prophesy to the people of Israel.

➤ **Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 85... (The Lord's Salvation)
 "Lord, let us see your kindness and grant us your salvation."

➤ **Second Reading:** Eph 1: 3-14 or 1: 3-10... (Christ's Headship)
 God chose his followers to be holy, blameless, and filled with love—to be his adopted children in Jesus. In Jesus and through the seal of the Holy Spirit full redemption shall come to humankind.

➤ **Gospel:** Mk 6: 7-13... (Spreading the Gospel)
 Jesus sent out the Twelve, instructing them to take only a walking stick and to preach the gospel. If they were refused a listening ear, they should leave the locality. They worked many miracles.

- ▶ (12) **Monday: Weekday**
 - Ex 1: 8-14, 22... Come, let us deal shrewdly with them to stop their increase.
 - Ps 124: 1-8... Our help is in the name of the Lord.
 - Mt 10: 34—11: 1... I have come to bring not peace, but the sword.
- ▶ (13) **Tuesday: Weekday; St. Henry**
 - Ex 2: 1-15a... She called him Moses for she said, "I drew him out of the water." After Moses had grown up, he visited his people.
 - Ps 69: 3, 14, 30-31, 33-34... Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.
 - Mt 11: 20-24... It will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon and for the land of Sodom on the day of judgment than for you.
- ▶ (14) **Wednesday: St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin**
 - Ex 3: 1-6, 9-12... The angel of the Lord appeared to Moses in the burning bush.
 - Ps 103: 1b-4, 6-7... The Lord is kind and merciful.
 - Mt 11: 25-27... Although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to the childlike.
- ▶ (15) **Thursday: St. Bonaventure, Bishop, Doctor of the Church**
 - Ex 3: 13-20... I AM WHO AM. I AM has sent me to you.
 - Ps 105: 1, 5, 8-9, 24-27... The Lord remembers his covenant forever.
 - Mt 11: 28-30... I am meek and humble of heart.
- ▶ (16) **Friday: Weekday; Our Lady of Mount Carmel**
 - Ex 11:10—12:14... It shall be slaughtered during the evening twilight. Seeing the blood, I will pass over you.
 - Ps 116: 12-13, 15, 16bc, 17-18... I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.
 - Mt 12: 1-8... The Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath.
- ▶ (17) **Saturday: Weekday; BVM on Saturday**
 - Ex 12: 37-42... This was a night of vigil for the Lord as he led them out of the land of Egypt.
 - Ps 136: 1, 23-24, 10-15... His mercy endures forever.
 - Mt 12: 14-21... He warned them not to make him known to fulfill what had been spoken.



Year of Real PRESENCE
 CENTERED IN THE HOLY EUCHARIST

"For where there are two or three gathered together in my name, there I am in the midst of them." Mt 18: 20

Our prayers are strongest when we say them together!

~ Every Tuesday ~

Holy Hour... 6:00-7:00 PM

Rosary
Praying the Angelus

6:15-6:45 PM... Confessions

Benediction

*The sparrow finds a home,
 and the swallow a nest for her young:
 by your altars, O Lord of hosts,
 my King and my God.
 Blesses are they who dwell in your house,
 forever singing your praise.*

Ps 84 (83): 4-5



Sacred Heart Parish Office Hours:

Monday-Tuesday- Wednesday:
9:15 AM – 3:15 PM
Thursday:
9:15 AM – 1:15 PM
Friday:
9:15 AM – 3:15 PM
Saturday – Sunday:
Closed

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St. Francis Retreat House, Summer and Fall Retreats:

● Friday, July 30–Sunday, August 1: “Love Endures All Things: Seven Stages of a Healthy Marriage” with Jeanne Hunt, MA

Weekend Retreat... Arrival: 4 pm Friday; Departure: after lunch on Sunday. Suggested onsite donations: \$390 for couples, \$215 for an individual; and \$75 per virtual viewer. PRICING INCLUDES: Private room with bath, all meals, and materials. Please notify us with any accessibility needs or special dietary requirements.

TO REGISTER: 610-258-3053 x 10, or on our SFRH WEBSITE: www.stfrancisretreathouse.org. Please register 14 days prior to the retreat. Thank you. ADDRESS: 3918 CHIPMAN ROAD, EASTON, PA 18045.

NOTE: Scholarship money for those needing assistance to make a retreat is available. Please contact Fr. Henry

● “You are my Beloved Son: Discovering the Heart of the Father” with Fr. Keith Laskowski **Men’s Weekend Retreat** Friday, August 27th through Sunday, 29th, 2021.

On this *Men’s Weekend Retreat*, we will take up the invitation of Jesus Christ to “Come away by yourselves ... and rest a while.” Reflecting on the inspired Word of God, we desire to experience a renewed encounter with the Living God. We will invite the Holy Spirit to illuminate, to heal, and to renew our hearts so we can return to live out our vocations as disciples of Jesus Christ.

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Sacred Heart “Little Lot”

June 2021 Winner:

Karen Figueroa: \$50 – #2792



Winning Number is the Evening Draw of “Pick 4 PA Lottery” exact match ONLY!

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May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, that we may know what is the hope that belongs to our call. Eph 1: 17-18



To All My Wonderful Friends at Sacred Heart,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you from the bottom of my heart for all the kindness you showed me during my transition to Saint Joseph. I was humbled by the amount of cards, gifts, and words of encouragement that I received.

It was overwhelming to see the amount of people that attended my going away reception and the amount of time people stood in line, just to say goodbye and talk to me for a few moments. I will never forget Sacred Heart and all of you will be forever in my heart.

**God Bless You!
Father Bob and Grace and Sophie!**

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Sacred Heart Knights of Columbus is partnering with Miller-Keystone Blood Center to host an *Adopt-a-Week Blood Drive!*

▶ Make your appointment to donate blood anytime during the week of Monday, July 26th through Saturday, July 31st at the Bethlehem Donor Site and use our Group ID #7392, Sacred Heart K of C.

To make an appointment call 800-B-A-DONOR (223-6667) or go online www.GIVEaPINT.org. Be sure to use our Group ID #7392.

For additional information contact Bernie Mikulski at 610-691-6054.

Each donor will receive a Miller-Keystone T-Shirt!



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Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel. Saint Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen



Commission for Men Monthly Rosary: July 21st

As we enter into this new year, the Commission for Men will be hosting a monthly rosary for men and their families every 3rd Wednesday at 7:00 PM. Join us to pray for peace in our nation and in our world, for an end to the coronavirus pandemic, and also for an increase in vocations to religious life and priesthood – in our Diocese and throughout the Church.

For more information and to pray the next rosary on Wednesday, July 21st, at 7:00 PM, check out the website: <https://www.menaliveinchrist.org/mens-rosary/>

Men and their families are welcome!

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► **Queenship of Mary Parish Festival is Back!** Sunday, August 8th, 11:30 AM – 7:00 PM. Food, Fun, Fellowship. Homemade pierogies, mac & cheese, funnel cakes, fries, cabbage & noodles and much more. Dave Betz Polka Band 11:30 AM – 2:45 PM; Flirtin' with the Mob 3:30 PM – 6:45 PM. Donations and Info: 610-262-2227. 1324 Newport Ave., Northampton

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Please pray for our sick, for all those homebound, in the hospital or nursing homes and especially those who care for them. We also ask prayers for those not listed and those we are not aware of that are ill.



Donna Miller, Joan Szemenyei, Joseph Ludrof, Susan G. Tinschmidt, David Cap, Lisa Dreher, A.J. Shuck, M. and D. Shuck, J.A. Rutkowski, Anthony Viera, Bev Russell, Hank Straub, Albina DaSilva, Andrew Filbert, Christopher Brennan, Selena Chaikowsky, Bill White, Jessica Hewitt, Joan Raymond, John and Charlotte Rzepiela, Lori Watts, Jacob Jarvis, James and Janet DeVaney, Beth Coleman, Mary Saraceno-Wright, Dorothea Saraceno-Atherholt, Mary Lou Schuler, Joe Field, Louis A. Gray, Gail Schneider, Molly Weidemoyer, James Lankford, Karen Hegedus, Patrick McBride, Jane Schreiber, Ron Rutkowski, Jamie Heston, Terry Macripo, Patrice Schwartzman, Leona Oberholtzer, Colleen Pinzon, Sanford Kravett, Jack Herczeg, Grandson, Sheri Radzelovage, Janet Zambo, Theresa Mitchell, Emerson Davenport, Gina Teel, Nonna Frances, Charlotte Gazzana, Russell Gazzana, Rebecca Wasniewski, Larry Muzyka, Teresa Yatko, Pat Warminsky, Carmela Azzolina, JoAnn Connors, Frank Donchez, Manny Martinez, Ann Lester, Dorothy Fekula, Irene Nagy, Jackie Swartley, Bobby Ricks, George Treisner, Paul Micci, Janice Mitchell, John Witmer, Neal McNulty, Marion Gombocz, William Balliet, Lorraine Parton, Michael Stern, III, Eileen J. Kokosky, T. & E. Moskella, Julius Balogh, Kevin Jung, Al Nuckols, Gloria Negrete, Anna Mae Stern, Josephine Snow, Tom Gazzana

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coming soon!

Sacred Heart Knights of Columbus will soon be taking orders for **Zook's delicious Pot Pies and Apple Dumplings**, from August 21/22 thru September 12. Order sheets will soon be available.

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"Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two."



The National Blue Army Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, 674 Mountain View Rd. E. in Asbury NJ, invites you to join us Tuesday, July 13, in celebrating a **Mary-thon of Prayer in honor of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist**, on the 104th anniversary of the third apparition at

Fatima. We welcome Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke, Celebrant, and Rev. Joshua Caswell, SJC, Speaker. Schedule: 10:30am confessions; 12pm Rosary Procession; 12:30 Speaker; 1:15 Holy Mass, followed by Exposition, Eucharistic Procession, Benediction, Divine Mercy Chaplet, blessing of religious articles, Fatima Farewell and enrollment in the Brown Scapular. Events can be viewed online. Visit bluearmy.com/marython for details, or call 908-689-1700, ex. 210.

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► **First World Day for Grandparents and Elderly scheduled for 25 July...** The Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life announces the first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly under the theme *"I am with you always"*.

The *First World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly* will be celebrated on Sunday 25 July.

The theme chosen by Pope Francis for this inaugural commemoration is *"I am with you always"* (Mt 28:20). It expresses the closeness of the Lord and the Church to every older person, especially in these challenging times of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The theme, *"I am with you always"* is also "a promise of closeness and hope that young and old can mutually share", notes the press release. Not only are grandchildren and youths invited to be present in the lives of older people, but older people and grandparents also have a mission of evangelization, proclamation and prayer, and of encouraging young people in their faith.

Pope Francis has also granted a plenary indulgence to grandparents, the elderly, and all those who participate in a solemn celebration of this day as well as to those who spend time (actually or virtually) with an elderly brother or sister in need on this day.

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A time of war, and a time of peace: We pray for those that serve in our military: Michael O'Donnell; Jarrett Buchanan; Blair Holva; Nick Massari; John Flannigan; Joe Owens; Rob McGuire; Joseph Salmento; David

Principato; David Colarusso, Jr.; Paul K. Browne, II; Anthony T. Browne; LCpl Timothy F. Cassidy; Mark McNulty, Jr.; Josh Brueningsen; Sgt. Jared Steirer; Senior Chief Ian Hudak

Keep Them In Your Care... Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad, defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trails and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Home of the Free because of the Brave... Thank you!!



Sanctuary Lights... Candles can be lit for 7 days (Saturday to Saturday) on the High Altar of the Tabernacle, Blessed Mother Altar, St. Joseph Altar, St. Anthony, St. Jude, and Sacred Heart of Jesus. The Sanctuary Candles can be lit for any intention, death remembrance or anniversary, birthday, wedding

anniversary, thanksgiving for blessings from God, for those who are ill or having surgery, or any special intentions which someone would like special prayers for. To have one of these Sanctuary Lights lit, drop a little note in the collection basket marked "Sanctuary Lights". A donation of \$12.00 is asked. The intention will appear in the bulletin, unless directed not to.

Blessed Mother Altar:

➤ **Special Intention**

St. Anthony:

➤ **Special Intention**

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Sacred Heart Memorial Society... Those who are enrolled in the Memorial Society will have their names written in a special book. The Memorial Book will be on display by the St. Joseph Altar. An intention will also be included in the Sunday petitions for those enrolled in the Memorial Society. All donations from the Sacred Heart Memorial Society will be used for the

purchasing of items needed to celebrate the Sacraments. Suggested offering: \$20. A contribution has been made to the Sacred Heart Memorial Society:

- ✠ **In Memory of Carol Kalata Jacob**
By: *Sonny's Family (Laura, Cheri, Stacie)*
- ✠ **In Memory of Maria J. Franzoni**
By: *The Sobota Family*
- ✠ **In Memory of Michael J. Gancarcik, Jr.**

Rest in the Lord... Come to me, all you that labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord. Mt 11: 28

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St. Theresa currently needs a DRE/CRE to assist with the Religious Education of our parish members. This opening will be a full-time position with benefits and salary. Contact the rectory for a job description. It will be necessary to submit clearance documentation, a resume and

participate in an interview. 610-838-7045.

•**St. Theresa Preschool Secretary...** We are looking for someone to join our preschool family! This part time position is Mon-Fri 8:00 am-1:00pm during the school year. Summer hours are flexible. Full job description is available at the school. Please call the preschool 610-838-8161 for more information or secretary@sttheresaotcj.org

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Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord. Jn 6: 57



Wednesday, July 14: St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin... In the 17th century, the relationship between the U.S and Indigenous tribes was quite tense. The life of St. Kateri Tekakwitha reflected this struggle. Her mother was a Christian Algonquin, taken captive by the Iroquois and given as wife to the pagan chief of the Mohawk clan. From that union Kateri was born. St. Kateri Tekakwitha, a Catholic saint who was an Algonquin–Mohawk laywoman, was the first Native American saint in the United States and Canada. The Mohawks of Akwesasne, an offshoot of Kateri's community of Kahnawake, pronounce her name as "Gah-deh-LEE (Kateri) Deh-gah-GWEE-tah (Tekakwitha). St. Kateri Tekakwitha lived from 1656 to 1680. Born in the Mohawk village of Ossernenon in upstate New York. Kateri was four years old when the horrible European disease of smallpox devastated her village. Many perished along with Kateri's parents and younger brother. She survived the deadly disease, but her eyesight was greatly affected, and her face ravaged with smallpox scars. Because of Kateri's near blindness, she held her hands in front of her to feel her way along and protect herself from injury. It was from this characteristic she was renamed Tekakwitha or "She moves things".

Anastasia, a friend of Kateri's mother, took care of her and told her stories about the Christian God. When Anastasia left for Canada to join other Christians there, she was adopted by an uncle, a Mohawk who succeeded her father as chief. He hated the coming of the *Blackrobes*—Jesuit missionaries—but could do nothing to them because a peace treaty with the French required their presence in villages with Christian captives.

She was moved by the words of three *Blackrobes* who lodged with her uncle, but fear of him kept her from seeking instruction. She told a missionary that she often meditated on the great dignity of being baptized. Tekakwitha refused to marry a Mohawk brave, and at 19 finally got the courage to take the step of converting to Catholicism when she was renamed Kateri and baptized in honor of Catherine of Siena.

Now she would be treated as a slave. Because she would not work on Sunday, Kateri received no food that day. Her life in grace grew rapidly. She was powerfully moved by God's love for human beings and saw the dignity of each of her people.

She was always in danger, for her conversion and holy life created great opposition. On the advice of a priest, Kateri was advised to go to Canada where she would be with other Christians. One day when her uncle was not home, she left for Canada with a Christian named Hot Ashes. Kateri began a 200-mile walking journey to a Christian Indian village at Sault St. Louis, near Montreal. When Kateri's uncle found out she was missing, he followed her but did not catch her.

Father de Lamberville had given her a letter for the Superior of the Mission. The words of this letter were, "I ask you to please take charge of directing her; it is a treasure which we are giving you. Guard it well and make it bear fruit for the glory of God and the salvation of a soul which is certainly very dear to Him." Kateri lived an outstanding Christian life. She went to Mass daily, made frequent visits to the Blessed Sacrament, and prayed the rosary often. She cared for the sick and the old and taught the children. She did much penance. A few months after her arrival, she received her First Holy Communion on Christmas Day at the age of 21. For three years she grew in holiness under the direction of a priest and an older Iroquois woman, giving herself totally to God in long hours of prayer, in charity, and in strenuous penance.

Sadly, just five years after her conversion to Catholicism, she became ill and passed away at age 24, on April 17, 1680. Kateri's last words were, "Jesus, I love you." Witnesses said that minutes later her scars vanished, and her face appeared radiant and beautiful. She is the fourth Native American to be venerated in the Catholic Church.

Under the pontificate of Pope John Paul II, she was beatified in 1980. Pope Benedict XVI canonized her on Oct. 21, 2012. St. Kateri Tekakwitha is the patroness of ecology and the environment, as well as people in exile and Native Americans. She is often called "Lily of the Mohawks."