

# FOURTEENTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

## JULY 5, 2020

From the priests' desks:

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Sacred Heart:



On this Independence Day I am reminded of all those who have sacrificed for my freedom, following the example of your Son, Jesus Christ. Let me not take my freedom, both physical and spiritual, for granted. May I always remember that my freedom was purchased with a very high price. My freedom cost others their very lives.

Lord, today, bless those who have served and continue to give their lives for my freedom. With favor and bounty meet their needs and watch over their families.

Help me to live my life in a way that glorifies you, Lord. Give me the strength to be a blessing in someone else's life today and grant me the opportunity to lead others into the freedom that can be found in knowing Christ. **Amen**

*Fr. Michael Rafferty, OAR*  
*Fr. John Gruben, OAR*

Today's reading from Matthew's Gospel comes after a discourse in which Jesus reproaches people who have witnessed his mighty deeds yet still lack belief. In this context, today's Gospel explains the reason for this unbelief and reveals what is necessary for faith. Today's Gospel also continues to enhance our understanding of discipleship as last week's Gospel did.

Jesus first prays in thanksgiving to God who has made himself known to Jesus' disciples. He praises God who has made himself known to the "little ones" and not to the wise and learned. As in other recent readings from Matthew's Gospel, a contrast is made here between the unbelieving Pharisees, who are wise and learned, and the faithful disciples, tax collectors, and sinners with whom Jesus keeps company. The second part of this reading calls to our attention the unity between the Father and the

Son. God has made himself known through Jesus, and in knowing Jesus, we come to know the Father. In Jesus' life and in his person, God reveals himself to us.

In the concluding sentences of today's Gospel, Jesus' teaching is again contrasted to the teaching of the Pharisees. This common theme of Matthew's Gospel probably reflects tension that existed between Jesus and the Pharisees and between the Pharisees and the community of Christians for whom Matthew wrote. Pharisaic Judaism became the predominant form of Judaism after the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem about 70 A.D. Here that tension is expressed as alternative paths of holiness. The careful observance of the Mosaic law taught by the Pharisees could be experienced by some as difficult and burdensome. In contrast, Jesus' way of holiness is presented as uncomplicated and even restful. **Loyola Press**

**HAPPY 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY  
GOD BLESS AMERICA!**

**RECTORY OFFICE IS CLOSED  
JULY 6<sup>TH</sup> IN HONOR OF THE  
HOLIDAY  
AND WILL REOPEN  
TUESDAY, JULY 7<sup>TH</sup>**

### PHASE III

Currently we are having daily Mass at 12:00 noon each Day. Beginning July 1, we are moving the Mass to 9:00am. This will be the only Mass of day for next month at least. Funeral Masses, Baptisms and Weddings are allowed, but we are still at 25% occupancy. Reconciliation will be administered by appointment only, please call the rectory office which is now open Monday thru Thursday from 9am to 5pm, and Friday 9am to 2pm. All precautions are being taken (wearing of masks, maintaining a six-foot distance, no physical contact except for communion, frequent washing of hands, and sanitizing surfaces). Our first priority is the safety of the clergy and people, and self-care of all ministers.

Please remember, that because of the ongoing health crisis, the Cardinal has *dispensed* everyone from the Sunday Mass obligation, so if you are

uncomfortable about being with a group, watching Mass and a spiritual communion is still in effect.

Please observe the following when planning to attend:

+ If any member of your household has a fever, or is feeling ill, please remain at home.

+ If you have any pre-existing health conditions, you should remain at home at this phase.

+ Pews have been premeasured for seating with appropriate 6' social distancing in-between.

Members of the same household may sit together. Available seating is marked with a green X.

+ Since seats will be filled-in as people arrive, there will be no choice of seating location.

+ Facial coverings (masks) must be worn to Mass.

+ To avoid contact, there will be no offertory procession or *exchange of peace* during the Mass.

+ The Sacred Host will be distributed in the hand only. For those who feel that receiving in the hand is unacceptable we ask that you wait to receive until the celebrant asks those who wish to receive on the tongue come forward. Please form a single line and observe the 6' social distance as you proceed down the center aisle. Disabled persons may remain seated.

+ Hand sanitizer dispensers are available on the walls of the church, and at the entrance

+ Entrance into the church is on the awning side of our building only.

Due to the need to disinfect between Masses our Mass schedule for the month of July is as follows: Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:30pm, Sundays 8:30am, 11:30am and 5:30pm. If you attend Mass, please note the new layout for seating in the Church. These measures have been implemented to assure as best we can the health and safety of all. Blessings to All,

Fr. Michael Rafferty, OAR, Pastor

Fr. John Gruben, OAR, Assistant

## PARISH CALENDAR

### Monday, July 6

Mass at 9am Office Closed

### Tuesday, July 7

Mass at 9am

### Wednesday, JULY 8

Mass at 9:00am

### Thursday, JULY 9

Mass at 9:00am

### Friday, July 10

Mass at 9:00am

**Saturday, JULY 11 – 12pm The Holy Rosary (live streamed)**

### Sunday, JULY 12

– Masses at 8:30am, 11:30am, 5:30pm – Mass in Spanish 10:00am

## CARDINAL'S APPEAL 2020

Parishes are only as strong as its parishioners.

As you are aware a church's resources come only through the generosity of its parish family. When things start to return to normal parishes needing support through the Archdiocese can only get it through the funds the Appeal makes yearly. Please consider donating today. Bless you all and pray for an end to this virus. To date we have raised \$82,419.00. towards our goal of \$122,500.

## SACRED HEART RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM REGISTRATION 2020-2021

Registration for all is now being taken. First Graders and New Registrants, please visit our website: [www.sacredheartparish.org](http://www.sacredheartparish.org) for forms and needed items for registering your child. There are also re-registration forms on the website under Religious Education, found in the drop-down menu at the top of the page. For further information please call 357-6044 or to receive registration forms via the mail.

If you are uncomfortable about registering under the current pandemic, we do understand and want to make you aware that we will be providing an online course that will mimic in class work until the current health issue is resolved. **Registering is required.**

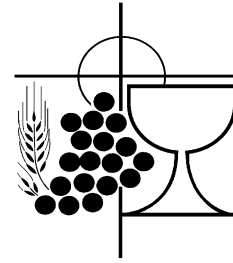
A program for children with Special Needs is also available. Please supply us with a copy of your child's baptismal certificate for registration. Thank you.

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK JESUS CAME TO HEAL THE WHOLE PERSON BODY AND SOUL

The Rite of Anointing tells us there is no need to wait until a person is at the point of death to receive the Sacrament. When the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is given, the hoped-for effect is that, if it be God's will, the person be physically healed of illness. But even if there is no physical healing, the primary effect of the Sacrament is the healing of the soul by which the sick person receives the grace of the Holy Spirit and the peace and consolation the Spirit brings to deal with the difficulties that accompany serious illness or the frailty of old age, or the anxiety of having surgery. Please call the Rectory and ask at any time if you or someone you know desires this Sacrament of Healing.



Please pray for those who are ill and have asked us to pray for them: Keith Alanis, Jenna Applebaum, Theresa Anselmi, Michael Brady, Angie Clifford, Robert Conly, Comerford Family, Teresa & Tom Consolo, Mirella Cosentino, Joe Davey, Anthony DeFrancesco III, Matthew DeMayo, Cledha Desir, Mary Discini, John Duffy, David Eckert, Sr., Ginny Figula, Stefanie Gaudelli, Arlene Gentile, Mark Goldman, Debra Gravina, Senan Halpin, Roy Harris, Clement Hayes, Mr. Harris, Domenic & Anthony Iannaccone, Rob Incognoli, Bob Janson, Fran Janson, Anna Kasperska, Eileen Kennedy, Fred Lemoine, Elizabeth Lempka, Vasily Lockhart, Roberta Lynch, Laura Mack, Rosemarie Manthey, Matthew Luludis, Marie Marasuilo, Thomas Mathai, Jeanne Matera, Richard McCarthy, Rosemary McCormick, Debra McGovern, Catherine McMenamin, John McLoughlin, Jacob Mendelsohn, Ken Meyer, Florence Mohan, Barbara Neilson, Robert Nunes, Thomas O'Connor, Jennifer O'Hara, Pat O'Neill, Nancy Overend, Shace Paljusevic, Noreen Pidgeon, Peter Princi, Etta Rooney, Claudia Spallanzani, Joseph Pasculli, (Baby Ty) Reilly, Michael Shumway, Jean Simons, Roberto Sorgo, Maureen Starke, Shaun Stein, Patricia Steiper, Janet Tamburro, Richard Vanadio, Barbara Veraldo Strano, Phyllis Varacalli, Kali Villela, Robert Vogt, Fr. Wing, and Vladimir Zaslavsky.



**BEGINNING JULY 1  
DAILY MASS  
WILL OCCUR AT  
9:00AM DAILY – (MONDAY- FRIDAY)  
AND IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC  
SUNDAYS AT  
8:30AM, 11:30AM AND 5:30PM  
10:00AM – (SPANISH)**

**MASS WILL ALSO BE LIVE STREAMED ON OUR WEBSITE:**

[WWW.SACREDHEARTPARISH.ORG](http://WWW.SACREDHEARTPARISH.ORG)

**SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS**

5:30pm – Nancy Collins

**SUNDAY, JULY 5**

8:30am – Dianne Messina/ All Parishioners

10:00am – Spanish

11:30am – Amalio Zuño / Roseann Niemi

5:30pm – Parish Memorial / Michael DiFilippo

**MONDAY, JULY 6**

9:00am –Salvatore Cambria

7:15pm – **NO Novena**

**TUESDAY, JULY 7**

9:00am – Joseph Mikulka

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 8**

9:00am – Catherine Greeley

**THURSDAY, JULY 9**

9:00am – Palma & Henry Heck

**FRIDAY, JULY 10**

9:00am – Special Intention Marianne & Michael Charles Collins

**SATURDAY, JULY 11**

12:00pm – **HOLY ROSARY (LIVE STREAMED)**

**SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS**

5:30pm – Jane A. Yannaco

**SUNDAY, JULY 12**

8:30am – Catherine E. Brennan / Herman Jongebloed

10:00am – Spanish Mass

11:30am – Richard Doran/Lucian & Irene Antonucci

5:30pm – Parish Memorial / All Parishioners



**FOR OUR ARMED FORCES & FIRST RESPONDERS OF ALL KINDS, AND OUR DOCTORS & NURSES**

We pray for all the men and women serving our country AND especially the sons and daughters, grandchildren and loved ones of our parishioners.

**ALTAR MEMORIALS**

**JULY 5, 2020**

**Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of PALMA & HENRY HECK**



Let us pray for our deceased parishioners, and family members and loved ones:

Especially: **Rosemary Falato, Danete deLima**

**BOOSTER CLUB**

**WEEK 20 – KEVIN & ANN MEAGHER**