



Joyful News

July 12, 2020

15th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

“Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.” - Mt 13:7-8

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. July 13	8:30am	Al & Cecile Boglarsky Req. by Julie & John Barile
Wed. July 15	Noon	Daughters of Divine Charity Req. by John & Julie Barile
Thurs. July 16	8:30am	Wanda & Edward Bis Req. by Cindy Bis-Sevon
Fri. July 17	8:30am	Katie Walsh-Dombrowski Req. by John & Julie Barile
Sat. July 18	4:30pm	For Chelsea Pates & Devin Dowling on their wedding day Req. by Carol Pates Gerald McNerney Req. by Lorraine McNerney Daniel Pernak Req. by Family For Michelle Wheeler Req. by Nick Angelsosanto
Sun. July 19	8am 10am Noon	For Our Parish Family O'Bey Family Req. by Theresa O'Bey Maryann Pietrowski Req. by Husband & Family Herbert Beadle Req. by Machowicz Family Joanne Klopac Req. by Sherry Broyles Tom Payne Req. by Julie & John Barile DePalma & DeToma Families Req. by Mike & Olimpia DeToma

Readings for the week of July 12, 2020

Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14 /Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9
Monday: Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 /Mt 10:34—11:1
Tuesday: Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8 /Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15 /Mt 11:25-27
Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21 /Mt 11:28-30
Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16 /Mt 12:1-8
Saturday: Mi 2:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14 /Mt 12:14-21
Next Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 /Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Steve Anderson
Marilyn Barlage
Jerry Borycz
Boyington Family
Cathy Burdis
Jim Burns
Mary Lou Demaree
Faith Falzon
Janet Fleis
Mike Fusco
Deb Gorski
Dawn Griffith
Ellen Howell
Evangeline Kabacinski
John Kaminsky

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Joan Klein
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John Kolar
Lucy Kollar
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Kathryn Piotrowski
Annette Puczkowski
Kim Quinn
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Bill & Rose Rodriguez
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Grace Rysztak
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Andy Scheich

Tom Shafer
Jack & Nancy Shea
Dianne Shekell
Delores Stark
Natalie Tanana
Mary Tavana
Helen Tasiemski
George & Jackie Tindall
Roberta Troher
Doris Urbanski
Cathy West
Nicole Zapinski
Joseph Zasa

If there are any names that can be removed from our Prayer List, please let us know by calling 734-425-4421.

OUR ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS

CPT Joey Saunders, U.S. Marines; **Joseph David Onadia**, U.S. Navy; **PVT Marcus Rodriguez**, U.S. Army



LITTLE FREE PANTRY

Our Little Free Pantry is finally here! Thank you Knights of Columbus, Msgr. Kohler #15204 for building it for us!

We hope everyone in our community will use this box, both to bring food, but also to take food when they need a little help. Look for it next to our office building!

*"For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat;
I was thirsty, and you gave Me something to drink..."
Matthew 25:35*



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

In today's Gospel, we hear the story of the sower and we know that "some seed fell on rich soil, and produce fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirty fold."

This week by giving a monetary gift in the St. Vincent de Paul, know that together they will produce fruit a hundred fold.

NOTES FROM PAUL

I grew up on a farm. Most years my father grew oats and wheat. My grandfather and uncles had dairy farms, but they also had fields of hay, corn, and many other crops to feed their livestock. You may ask why did the farmer in today's parable sow seed on the path, on rocky ground, among thorns as well as in the rich soil? This seems like a waste of seeds. The answer is hope. Field often have a spot that is too wet in rainy years, or too sandy in dry ones, but there is always hope that the field will bare great fruit. We never know if the year will be rainy or dry. So as workers in God's fields; sow where you can. Only some of the seed will bare great fruit, but we will never know what the year ahead will look like, and what seed's will find rich soil. Don't worry if some of the seed's you sow fall on the path, or end up in thorns, you only do what you can. I pray that we all see great harvests in parts of God's fields that we are each working.

God Bless you,
Paul Zbytowski
Pastoral Associate



YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

The High School Youth Group continues to have weekly Monday evening "Youth Group Fireside Chats". What is that you ask? We have a socially distanced meeting around a bonfire in the parking lot.

Teens are asked to bring their own chair, mask, and something to drink if they would like. Bottled water and individual size snacks are also provided along with supplies to make your own s'mores. We are able to pray together and have some fellowship time. Reminder no one is allowed in the parish center building at this time.

Since we are in these new challenging times, if you are feeling sick or have a temperature we ask that you do not attend in respect for everyone else. Meeting times for "youth group fireside chats" will be 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. and are weather permitting. If it is raining at that time, the meeting will be canceled.

If you are in Grades 9 -12 , you are welcome to join us!

We continue to make ongoing plans for our "new" normal for the summer months. If you want to make sure you have the most current information on what is happening in youth ministry, please contact me so I can add you to our flocknote emails and text message communications.

Carol Nelius,
Coordinator of Youth Ministry
Email: youthministry@stmarycooj.org
Text or Call: 734-765-5525

Queen's Quotes from Religious Formation

Greetings and Salutations,

On Tuesday this week, July 14th, we celebrate the canonization of the "Lily of the Mohawks." Saint Kateri Tekakawitha was a Native-American member of the Algonquin – Mohawk tribe. She was born in upstate New York (before there were any United States), she died near Montreal, in French Quebec. (In Canada, her feast day is celebrated on April 17 instead of July 14.) Saint Kateri converted to the Catholic faith at the age of 19, and was famous for her devotion to God and for her ascetic practices – which means denying herself things she might enjoy, in order to focus more on prayer and doing good for others.

Pray for us, Saint Kateri Tekakawitha. May the intercession of Saint Kateri Tekakawitha help us to focus on Jesus. Have a great week everyone!!!

And in honor of our friend Chewie's Birthday which is also July 14th here is a laugh for the road... What did the Dalmatian say after lunch?

That hit the spot. LOL!!!!

Peace and Prayers,
Sabrina Queen



Parish Mission Statement

The Parish of St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy, inspired by Mary's "Yes" and led by the Holy Spirit, strives to be a faith-filled community, joyfully welcoming all to witness and to celebrate the Gospel.



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St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy

Office Hours—closed for now
Monday to Thursday: 8:00am–4:00pm
Friday: 8:00am–Noon

Mass Schedule

MON, THURS & FRI	8:30 am
WED	12:00 Noon
SAT	4:30 pm
SUN	8:00 am 10:00 am 12:00 Noon

Confession

Saturdays: 3:30pm

Baptisms

Please call our Parish Office during regular business hours. Parish membership and preparation class required.

Marriage

Arrangements must be made by registered parishioner at least six months in advance to allow sufficient time for instructions and preparation.

Anointing of Sick and Ministry to Homebound

Our pastor is available to visit upon request.

RCIA

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

For those interested in becoming a full member of the Catholic Church. Please call the office.

Hearing Devices are available. Please see our music director in the choir area.

Bulletin Articles due by 9 am on Monday (5 days prior to publication). Submitted bulletin content is subject to approval.

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DO YOU HAVE A PYX AT HOME?

It has come to our attention that we are almost out of Pyx in the sacristy. We do not mind if someone needs to borrow one but our supply has dwindled down significantly. If you have one you borrowed please return it to the sacristy or to our Pastoral Associate, Paul Zybtowski. Thank you!

ELECTRONIC ONLINE GIVING

We appreciate everyone's patience and support during these challenging times. Therefore, please consider registering for Online Giving to make your contributions to St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy. We also welcome your contributions dropped off at the parish mailbox or by mailing. Thank you for your continued support!

To begin, go to our website - www.stmarycooj.org - Click on "Support St Mary" then click "Online Giving" in the drop down box. Click the big blue DONATE button. Follow the simple directions.

**If you have any questions or need assistance with set up,
please contact the parish office at 734-425-4421.**

FLOCKNOTE

What is Flocknote? It is a free email/text service, which will allow us to send up to the minute information. You decide what information you would like to receive. You can sign up for **Flocknote** by going to: <https://app.flocknote.com/StMaryCauseofOurJoy> or by texting "COOJ" to 84576



SUNDAY CONTRIBUTION REPORT			
Offertory	Actual	Budget	Variance
07/05/20	11,075	9,195	\$ 1,880
06/28/20	10,017	10,960	\$ (943)
06/21/20	12,820	10,960	\$ 1,860
06/14/20	9,067	10,960	\$ (1,893)
THANK YOU			
Fiscal Year	Actual	Budget	Variance
FY 20-21	\$ 11,075	\$ 9,195	\$ 1,880
This time last year			
FY 19-20	\$ 11,028	\$ 10,960	\$ 68

Using the best seeds doesn't always guarantee the best plants. An older Italian gentleman straight from Italy gave me these amazing tomato seeds that he claimed produced the best tomatoes ever grown. Without doubt, the fruit he shared with me was a testament to that fact. These tomatoes were amazing! I couldn't wait until the next growing season to plant these seeds and harvest my own tomatoes. The whole experiment ended up a failure. I did everything the gentleman said, but my fruit didn't even come close. What happened? At first I was perplexed, then some years later the light dawned. The problem wasn't the seeds, it was the soil!

You cannot sow seeds in any old place and in a haphazard way and expect them to be at their best. It doesn't work that way. Planting the seeds is the easiest part. Preparing the soil is the challenge. Tilling, mulching, enriching, and building up the nutrients are all required for good fruit. Then after the seeds are planted, more care is required in order to maintain that healthy, nutrient rich environment for those seeds to sprout, grow, and flourish. God happily sows the seeds of his Word. What do we do with them?

If we expect to be a passive bystander and have good fruit magically grow, we are mistaken. Bearing the good fruit of God's Word requires preparation and work. We have to cultivate the soil of our lives so that those seeds can find a proper home. This one thing alone takes a great deal of patience, time, and effort. What kind of preparation have we put into our lives so that we can be a recipient of God's seed? It takes a great deal of soul-searching and ego-checking to properly prepare. God is the ever faithful and persistent sower. If the seeds do not bear fruit the first time, God will come back time and time again, giving it another try.

If we have created a suitable bed for sowing, then once the seed is sown, we must properly maintain them. What is our maintenance plan for the seeds of God's Word? We need not only a source for water but a watering schedule. We need to weed, aerate the soil, nurture the young plants, protect them, and provide proper nutrients. What does our spiritual maintenance plan look like? If we have done all things well, imagine what the seeds of God's Word could produce in us!

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Phase Two Directives for Resumption of Public Masses

- Churches are permitted to seat up to 50 percent capacity provided that face-coverings are still worn and physical distancing between households can be maintained. Their total capacity should be less than 50 percent if this number cannot be obtained while maintaining physical distancing.
- Outdoor Masses are permitted without a capacity limit provided physical distancing can be maintained.
- With the permission of the pastor, non-liturgical gatherings may take place indoors if they observe strict health and safety guidelines, face-coverings are worn, and the gathering not exceed 10 persons. Non-liturgical gatherings up to 100 people are permitted outdoors provided physical distancing is maintained.
- Collection: Baskets will not be passed from person to person. Please drop offering in basket in baptismal font.
- Distribution of the Precious Blood to the faithful is suspended at this time, nor should the lay faithful receive by intinction.
- Holy Water and Baptismal fonts remain empty.

THE DISPENSATION FROM THE SUNDAY OBLIGATION TO ATTEND MASS IS GRANTED TO ALL THE FAITHFUL THROUGH SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

Those older than 65 years old (the recommended CDC age), with a compromised health condition or caring for the sick in any way, are encouraged to stay home. *Anyone who is ill, has a temperature, cough, etc., should definitely stay home as an act of justice to the whole community.* Clergy with a respiratory infection of any kind should avoid celebrating public Masses or administering the sacraments. The same applies to other ministers, e.g., deacons, lectors, ushers, etc. Although the faithful are dispensed from their Sunday obligation to attend Mass, they must observe the Lord's Day and are encouraged to spend time in prayer on Sunday, meditating on the Lord's passion, death, and resurrection (an excellent way to do this is through participating in a broadcast of the Sunday Mass) or participating in a spiritual or corporal act of mercy.



MASSES HAVE BEGUN AGAIN!

ALL PARISH EVENTS ARE SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Please check stmarycooj.org for the most current information and/or sign up to receive important messages, at Flocknote. See how to sign up on page 4.

Mass: Livestreamed through the Archdiocese at: <https://www.aod.org/livemasses>

Parish and Church Office Hours:

- The office is closed at this time during the “stay at home” order from our governor. We are checking messages daily and will return calls as necessary.

Resources during these challenging times:

- Daily meditations from The Word Among Us: <https://wau.org/meditations>.
- Magnificat has offered free access to their online version: <https://us.magnificat.net/free>.
- Unleashthegospel.org/2020
- Visit 52Sundays.com simple and insightful ways for your family to spend time together each Sunday learning more about the Catholic faith
- Spiritualcloseness.org
- Visit www.formed.org and click “sign up”
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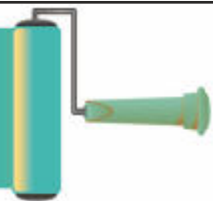
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My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul.

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