

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JULY 4, 2021

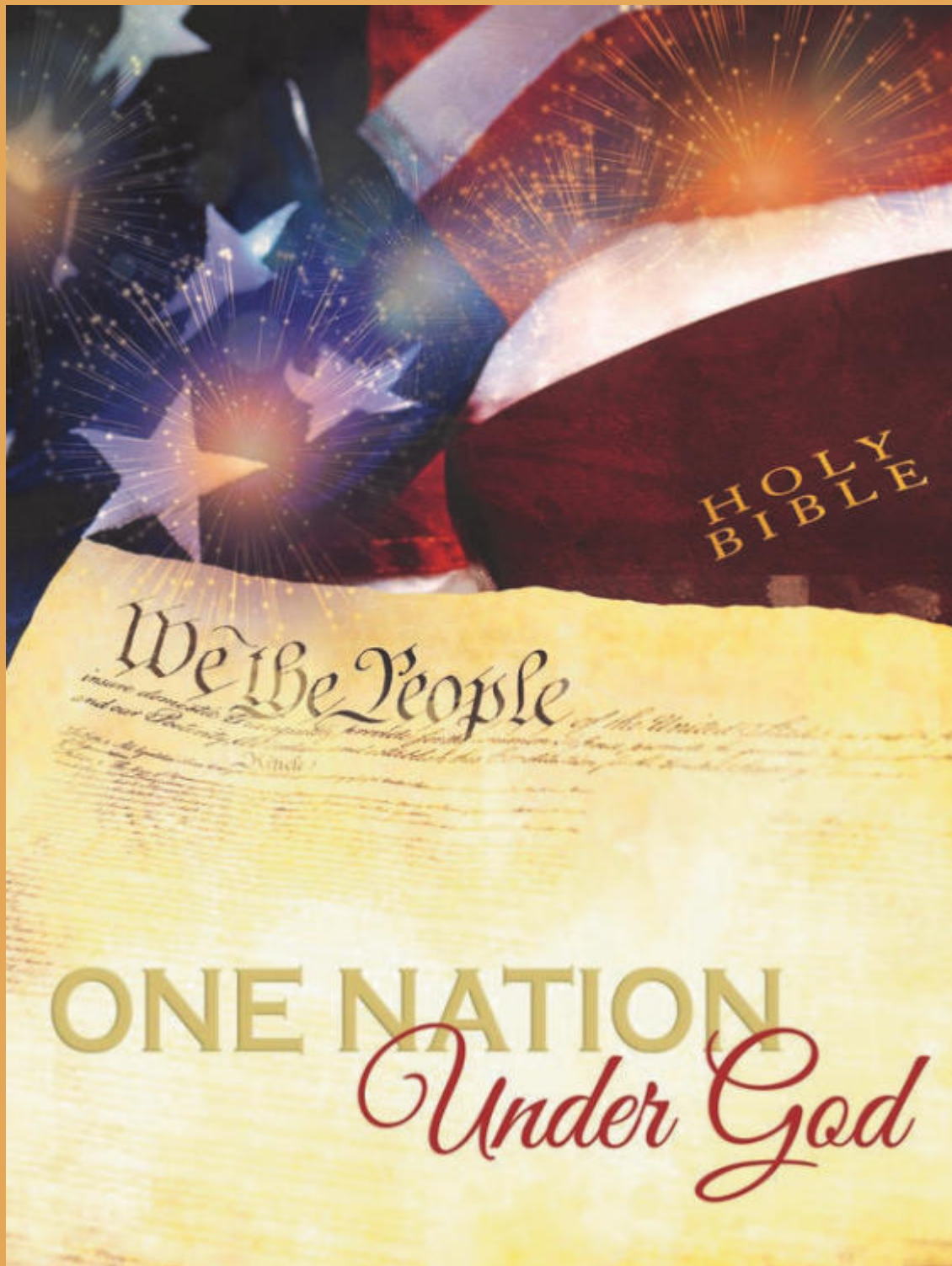


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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

It has been a very challenging and stressful year and half for all of us. Some time of rest, reflection and renewal is needed. This is exactly what I will do. I will be on a 2-week time off from July 7 - 21.

In my absence, Fr. Henry Nwanguma will be in residence at the Rectory for daily priestly ministry in the Parish for the period of my time off. He will celebrate Masses, attend to sick calls, preside at funeral (if any comes up) and conduct Eucharistic Adoration.

If there is a need for a priest or any other concerns that require urgent attention, please call the parish Office.

My elder brother Ken is visiting from Pittsburgh to spend the 4th with me. He will be with me from July 2 to July 5. During his stay, we will participate at the Independence Parade in North Middleboro on July 3. On July 4, we will enjoy a Boat Ride on Long Pond from 7.30pm to 9.00pm that will allow us a unique opportunity to have a good view of the beautiful sunset and experience the independence fireworks out on the lake.

On July 6, I will travel with Ken to Pittsburgh to visit his family and spend some time with his 3 kids: Kristen, Brennan and Britney. My two brothers here in the U.S. (Ken & Alvan) and their families were unavoidably absent at my installation as Pastor due to very strict interstate Covid-19 travel protocols at the time.

Wishing all a Happy 4th!

JT

**The Sorrowful Mysteries
Tom Medlar**

The consoling angel daubs beads of blood,
With tears and sweat congealing into mud.
Above their anguished groaning can be heard,
Be done to me according to your word.

Beads and hooks arrayed along leather strips.
Birds of prey, cruelest talons upon whips.
How is this, that the ones who will assail
Are healed by this very one that they flail?

My pride and arrogance a mockery
Of you wearing that wicked crown for me.
Imitating your naked humbleness
Merits the cloak in which I hope to dress.

Too heavy, too great, too fearful for me.
Yet fear is tempered by pity for thee.
Who carries my guilt, pays my penalty
Through death on a cross to eternity.

Transfixed is my gaze, my hopes pinned on thee,
Hanging suspended on Calvary's tree.
I thirst, you say, as you pour out your heart.
Finished, you say, creating a new start.

Live the Liturgy—Inspiration for the Week

God never ceases to proclaim His Word.
His life-giving presence continues to sustain all things and keep them in being regardless of whether there is the faith to receive or perceive Him. Our personal agendas, preconceived ideas, misconceptions, and expectations can often cause us to be so hard of heart and obstinate that we fail to see what God is trying to do. While God remains ever present, faith is necessary for God's power to bear fruit. As we celebrate our country's independence, let us not forge the difference between liberties and freedom. While the liberties we have are most welcome treasures, only freedom from what blinds, deceives, and weighs us down can bring happiness.

God is all about healing, transformation, and hope.
In order for God to do what God does best, we have to invite Him in and see Him for who he is. Otherwise, God's will for humanity will be something at which we simply take offense, a common reaction when something challenges or unsettles us.



**The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, July 5th
in observation of the July Fourth holiday.**

Weekly Bible Study With Father JT



Thursday, July 8th
Saints Martha & Mary Church Hall
11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Genesis 12: 1-3 Abraham's Blessings are Mine!

**Eucharistic Adoration with Mass
& Divine Mercy Chaplet**

Every Friday 6:00 p.m. -7:30 p.m.



Intention for the week of July 9th

For a peaceful Summer & safe Summer travels

Mass Intentions—Saints Martha & Mary

Sunday, July 4th

7:30 a.m.

9:30 a.m. People of the Parish

Monday, July 5th

8:00 a.m. Luke F. Kelley & Family, Memorial

Tuesday, July 6th

8:00 a.m. Manuel Costa, Memorial

Wednesday, July 7th

8:00 a.m. Ralph J. Fiore, Birthday Memorial

Thursday, July 8th

8:00 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. Dias and their son, Memorial

Friday, July 9th

6:00 p.m. Mary Skelly, Memorial

Sunday, July 11th

7:30 a.m.

9:30 a.m. Victor & Antoinette Swindall, Memorial

Mass Intentions—Sacred Heart

Saturday, July 3rd

4:00 p.m. Amos, Diaz, Jr., 8th Anniversary

Sunday, July 4th

11:00 a.m. Robert Poudrier, Louise Gorrie & Shannon Gorrie, Memorial

Saturday, July 10th

4:00 p.m. The Carriero Family, Memorial

Sunday, July 11th

11:00 a.m. Earlene Lemmo Levesque, 1st Anniversary

Mass Intentions—St. Rose of Lima

Sunday, July 4th

8:00 a.m. Leo & Evelyn Garvey, Memorial

Sunday, July 11th

8:00 a.m. Robert Sly, Month's Mind

6-20-2021

Saints Martha & Mary	\$3,446.33
Sacred Heart	\$3,700.15
St. Rose of Lima	\$TBD

St. Anthony Mary Zaccaria, Priest

Feast Day July 5th

Patron of The Barnabite order

Birth 1502

Death 1539



St. Elizabeth of Portugal

Feast Day July 5th

Patron of the Third Order of St. Francis

Birth 1271

Death 1336

Canonized May 25,
1625 by Pope Urban VIII



**St. Maria Goretti,
Virgin and Martyr**

Feast Day July 6th

Patron of youth, young women, purity, and
victims of rape

Birth October 16, 1890

Death July 6, 1902

Beatified by Pope Pius XII on April 27, 1947

Canonized by Pope Pius XII in 1950



**St. Augustine Zhao Rong,
Priest, and Companions, Martyrs**

Feast Day July 9th



St. Isidore Pray for Us

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Bill Dow, Regina R. Perez, Ruth Santos, Jim Medas, Jacob Layman, Wanda Daglis, Joyce Parenteau, Elaine Tomlinson, Christopher Perry, Marie LaFrance, Marissa-Lynn, Janet Macedo, Kevin O'Hara, Melissa Hatfield, Aidan Dougherty, Joseph Drolette, Rebecca & Steven Cummings, Katie Westhaver, Bernard Moisan, Jessica Morrison, Alan Douillette, Maryann Wilson, Kechy Ikejiofor, Nathan Ware, Kathaleen Arruda, Marianne Cokely, Claire Rousseau, Vivian Lee, Brian Martin, Mickey Clark, Eva Jackson and Brenda Soares

To be added to the prayer list please call the parish office.

Names will remain on the list for one month and will only be listed as requested by family members please.

Now hiring: Sacramental Coordinator

St. Isidore Parish is looking for a Sacramental Coordinator to join our faith formation team and oversee both one-year programs for First Eucharist and for Confirmation. The Sacramental preparation sessions will be held at St. Isidore Parish Hall at Saints Martha & Mary Church on Sundays. The First Eucharist program is scheduled to meet once a month following and including the 9:30 a.m. Mass. The Confirmation program is scheduled to meet once or twice a month on Sunday evenings from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity to join our Faith Formation team and prepare our parish children to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist, as well as prepare our teens for Confirmation.

This is a part-time benefits eligible position. For a full description of the responsibilities, please refer to the job posting on the Archdiocese of Boston website at: <https://www.bostoncatholic.org/sacramental-coordinator-pt-st-isidore-parish-lakeville-middleboro-rochester-ma> All interested applicants are asked to please email their cover letter and resume to michellesylvia@cranberrycatholic.org. I look forward to growing our Faith Formation team together!

Michelle Sylvia

We hear in today's gospel that Jesus returned to his hometown where he did not receive a warm reception. What they saw was a carpenter's son and so they questioned his wisdom, his authority and "they took offense at him." St. Paul also refers to the trials and hardships he encountered in his preaching. Despite the rejection they experienced, neither Jesus nor St. Paul backed away from their mission. How about you? When you encounter rejection or obstacles in speaking the good news, does following Christ feel too much for you. At those times, ask Jesus for the help you need to persevere as his disciple, in spite of the difficulties you may face.

Gospel Meditation—Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

It's all so ordinary that we can easily miss it. The seagulls hunting and diving for mollusks at the beach offer a display of determination and precision as they gather their food for the day. It's simply what these creatures do. Yet, there's a magical artfulness and skill to their work that speaks volumes about the One who breathed life into their being. This is pretty much the way it is with God's presence. God comes in common ways through common things and ordinary people. Sadly, we are so engulfed in our little worlds of order and ideas to notice the beauty and wonder of it all. Many have numbed themselves to the Divine spark at the essence of all life because that's just the way it is. What's so special about it? A sunset is a sunset and a seagull is a seagull. That's precisely what they thought about Jesus too. After all, isn't he just the carpenter's son? What merit can his words possibly have?

If we're looking for God to come in an event that is so dramatic and intense that it knocks our socks off, then think again. When pondering God's relationship with His people and God's action in our lives, we have to go back to the stable and the recurring, creative, unending power of God's presence. It was a quiet, run of the mill kind of night. There was nothing spectacular or extraordinary. To the naked eye, a woman gave birth to a child and there wasn't anything extraordinary to see. We have a hard time understanding God's ordinary-ness. Jesus grew up in an ordinary town, had neighbors and did normal human things. Perhaps that's why we don't always like the Gospel. It doesn't dazzle us with extraordinary things but simply challenges us to take a different look at our ordinary stuff. That makes us



uncomfortable. We prefer things as they are. Our lack of faith can even cause us to take offense at what Jesus says and does, dismissing it as folly.

God's life-giving presence continues to sustain that seagull in flight and keep all things in being regardless of whether we have the faith to see and understand this. Our personal agendas, preconceived ideas, misconceptions, and expectations can often cause us to be hardened and blinded to what God is doing or desiring to do. While God continues to do what he has done for all eternity, faith is needed for God's presence to bear fruit. The blinders we wear and the expectations we bring to life can often prevent us from seeing graced moments that radiate with God's graceful presence.

They also prevent God's transforming, healing, and hope filled vision for our world from being realized. Without faith, God won't be able to do much for us either.

Setting Our Hearts Aflame

The Road Less Travelled

*TWO roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveler, long I stood...**

The poet Robert Frost wrote these lines in the early 1900s. I was reminded of this poem, during my a vacation to Lake George, NY, when I felt that Jesus was calling on me to reflect on my roads that I have travelled and the roads that I have yet to meet. I could not help but think that Jesus definitely chose the road less traveled. Whenever two paths diverged, Jesus always chose the more difficult route. This leads me to muse that perhaps it is the journey that is important and not the destination. So when on vacation I try to go where not many people go. One time, years ago I went on a tour in the Poconos, the bus stopped at a place called Holly Berry Pottery shop and I was faced with two paths, one that lead to the pottery shop and one the led to a nature trail, barely trodden upon. Do I go into the shop that bore my name, or do I choose the nature trail? I chose the nature trail as all my travel mates went into the shop! I took the path less travelled and in a way I was walking in God's version of gift shop, where beauty and nature abound!

In life we are faced with many diverging paths and roads. In January, we make resolutions and set goals for the year. And then, we aim straight for those goals not really paying attention to how we obtain them. So often we see a goal in front of us that we rush to reach without enjoying the scenery on the way. We look at obstacles on our path as hindrances to our goals rather than signposts pointing out new paths and new adventures. This summer let us think more about the journey of life rather than the destination. Let us be more mindful of the road we travel and what there is to see and learn on the journey. Let us also put aside fear of the unknown and travel down the road less traveled... it will make all the difference in your vacation and your life...

*Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.**
“The Road Not Taken” – Robert Frost, 1916

Peace be with you, Holly

Do You Want To Become Catholic? Do You Need To Complete The Sacraments?

After many months of being hindered by Covid restrictions, we are pleased to announce the restart of the St. Isidore Parish Rite for Christian Initiation of Adults. (RCIA). The RCIA is designed for those who are interested in becoming part of the Catholic Church. It is also for Catholics who have been baptized but have not received Confirmation or Holy Eucharist. In addition, it accommodates those that have been baptized in another faith but wish to become Catholic. The RCIA process is an individual journey leading to the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. Guided by Scripture and the Catechism, the process includes learning many aspects of the Catholic faith. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, would like to complete the Sacraments, or simply get more information, please contact the parish office at 508-947-0444, and ask for Holly Clark. Please note that our St. Isidore Parish website, accessed at cranberrycatholic.org, has more information under the heading of “Newcomer” and “Liturgy and Sacraments”. All are welcome to inquire.



Virtual Rosary for Couples Struggling with Infertility, Difficult Pregnancies, or Infant Loss

Join Fr. Ed Riley and the Archdiocese Family Life team on Monday, July 26 from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. to pray for couples struggling with infertility, difficult pregnancy, or infant loss. We'll be praying on the Feast of Saints Anne and Joachim as part of National Natural Family Planning Week from July 25th to July 31st.

You can register through bit.ly/VirtualRosary2021 or visit bostoncatholic.org/nfp for more information.

Coffee, Donuts, Hospitality and Socials!



Post-pandemic we are looking to revitalize our Hospitality Ministries at our Churches. We are looking for organizers and helpers. In the past this has been “Coffee and Doughnuts” at Sacred Heart and Martha and Mary and “Coffee Social” at St. Rose. We are planning to have each church take different weekends for parishioner hospitality time. If you are interested in heading up, or helping out, with this effort in either Sacred Heart or Saints Martha & Mary please let Holly know at 508-947-0444. Please also let Holly know if you wish to help at St. Rose where a committee is already organizing!

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Eve

4:00 p.m. Middleboro (Confessions 3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.)

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Lakeville

8:00 a.m. Rochester (Confessions 7:30 a.m. to 7:50 a.m.)

9:30 a.m. Lakeville (Confessions 8:45 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.)

11:00 a.m. Middleboro

Weekday

Monday–Thursday 8:00 a.m. Lakeville

Friday 6:00 p.m. Lakeville with Eucharistic Adoration & Divine Mercy Chaplet

Holy Days - As Announced

Additional Confessions

Thursdays 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Lakeville

For the Sacraments of Baptism, Marriage and Anointing of the Sick, please contact the Parish Office

Readings for the week of July 4, 2021

Sunday: Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 [2cd]/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a

Monday: Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15 ab [cf. 2b]/Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15 [15a]/Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19 [22]/Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 [39a]/Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7 [cf. Ps 69:33]/Mt 10:24-33

Next Sunday: Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13

Observances for the week of July 4, 2021

Sunday: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Independence Day

Monday: St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest; St. Elizabeth of Portugal

Tuesday: St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday: St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

Saturday: BVM

Next Sunday: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Thrift Shop News

The hours of operation are Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.!



The Thrift Shop is currently accepting donations! Please no computers, furniture, mattresses or televisions.


We are looking forward to an amazing year! Thank you to all of our volunteers and all of our shoppers! See you soon!

Al-Anon and A.A.

Al-Anon: Meets at Saints Martha & Mary downstairs in the Parish Hall every Tuesday morning at 10:30 a.m.

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