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Mass Schedule

Sat.— 5:30 pm

Reconciliation:

Before Mass or by Appointment

Sacrament of Baptism – Baptisms are celebrated during the Saturday 5:30p.m. Mass. Please call the Rectory to make arrangements.

Marriages – Diocesan Policy require at least a six month preparation process. Couples who are planning to marry should speak directly with the Pastor before setting a date. No Weddings are scheduled on Sundays.

Hospitalized Parishioners – Due to a change in the privacy law, Father cannot go to the hospital and ask for a list of parishioners for him to visit. As a patient, you must ask the hospital to notify the Rectory that you are requesting a visit. For our homebound parishioners, if you would like Father to visit, please call the Rectory and Father will be more than happy to come and visit you. Thank you!

Mass Intentions:

- 7/02/16 Sat. 5:30pm +Brian Buckley (Mary R. Hale)
- 7/07/16 Thurs. 8:30am +Mary Jo Murphy
- 7/09/16 Sat. 5:30pm + Kenneth P. O'Connor (William O'Brien Family)

If you would like a Mass Intention said, please contact the Rectory. Suggested Donation is \$10.

Remember in Prayer our deceased relatives and friends, the ill of our parish and community, nursing home residents, the homeless, hungry and unemployed, those living alone and our own special intentions we hold deep in our hearts. Keep in prayer all men and women serving our country, the injured and those being held prisoners. Let us not forget all men and women who gave up their lives so that we may live in freedom and peace!

Liturgical Schedule for Lectors/Servers

- 7/02/16 Sat. 5:30pm Lector—Mary K. /Servers—Mike, Matt
- 7/09/16 Sat. 5:30pm Lector—Bill./Servers—Miles, Jackson, Elsie

Holy Father's Intention for the month of July:

General Intention: That indigenous peoples, whose identity and very existence are threatened, will be shown due respect.



Weekly Income:

Sunday Collection	\$ 548.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 107.00

Thank you for your generosity!

The Rectory will be closed on July 4th and July 8th.

Happy & Safe 4th of July to All!

May your pockets be heavy and your heart be light, may good luck pursue you each morning and night.

Thank you for your generous support of our Holy Father's charitable works through the Peter's Pence Collection. Our contributions will be combined with those from our brothers and sisters around the world to help Pope Francis provide essential relief to people in need. Your generosity is an act of solidarity with the universal Church, answering the call to become a witness of charity. May God bless you.

Declaration of Dependence- America...Our Declaration of Independence was in reality a declaration of dependence on God. Even our money we keep telling ourselves and the whole world: In God We Trust. Today many of our problems as a nation can be traced to the fact that we are forgetting our God. Over half the American people have no church affiliation. Christ has been ruled out of our classrooms. How, then, can we expect our boys and girls to grow up believing God? In this age of adultery our divorce courts make mockery of marriage. In 1776 our nation believed what God told us: "Unless the board builds the house (of America), they labor in vain who built it.

"The noblest declaration of independence is based on the declaration of our dependence on God"


Symbolism of FLAG—When we show respect to our flag, we are showing respect for our country, for its founders, and its ideals... The colors of our flag are significant, too, and were especially chosen for their significance. The Continental Congress said 'White signifies purity and innocence; red, hardiness and valor; blue signifies vigilance, perseverance, and justice.' The Congress no doubt hoped that our nation and its people would live up to these lofty principles

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekend of July 2/3, 2016

In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus inviting his disciples to be evangelizers. "The harvest is abundant," Jesus says. But those who are willing to invite others to a deeper relationship with the Lord are few. Good stewards who are willing to witness their Catholic faith to others know they are "like lambs among wolves." They are encouraged to be gentle, patient and loving, knowing they may face rejection and even fierce opposition.

The Year of Mercy invites us to be better stewards of our faith, to give positive, courageous, joyful witness to others who have turned away from their relationship with Jesus. Is there someone we should be reaching out to this week?



Be sensuous. Be bold. Be sent. Two great stories are heard today. Isaiah invites us to look around and notice how a mother comforts her child. God says to Israel: "That's exactly how I comfort you." And God says it to us today! So let us be bold and be like God. Give comfort. Luke invites us to go ahead of the Lord, just like the 72 sent out to the nations. Say "Peace." Then take care of the sick. Can we be bold just like them?

- Who needs comfort today? What will I do?
- Who is sick? What peace and comfort will I bring?
- How will I be bold?

