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As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and return not thither but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and prosper in the thing for which I sent it.

Isaiah 55:10-11



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Mass Schedule

Weekend
Saturday 5:00 p.m. (R)
Sunday 9:00 a.m. (B)

Weekday

Tuesday 8:00 a.m. (R); Wednesday 8:00 a.m. (B); Thursday 4:00 p.m. (R) (Mass & Adoration); Friday 8:00 a.m. (B)

Communion to the Sick & Shut-ins

If you have a loved one or know of someone who is homebound that would like to be receiving communion, please let Fr. Petrica know at steve.petrica@gmail.com so that he can make certain that they are able to receive this sacrament.

Anointing of the Sick

Call to request this sacrament anytime.

Sacrament of Penance

First Saturdays, 8:15-8:45 a.m. (R)
Third Saturdays, 8:15-8:45 a.m. (B)
Confession by appointment anytime.
Saturday confessions followed by Mass at 9:00 a.m.

Key: (B) Barneveld • (R) Ridgeway



FROM THE RECTORY

Fr. Steve Petrica

Summertime, and the Living May Not Be All That Easy

Summertime has inspired songwriters for a long time. Tin Pan Alley gave us “In the Good Old Summer Time” in 1902. Some will remember Nat King Cole inviting us to roll out “Those Lazy-Hazy-Crazy Days of Summer.” And what’s more evocative than “Summertime,” George Gershwin’s 1934 song from *Porgy and Bess*?

Summertime, an’ the livin’ is easy.

Fish are jumpin’ an’ the cotton is high.

It’s the season when things slow down, school is out of session, and people go on vacations. But this year, Shakespeare’s line from *Richard III* is turned backwards: “Now is the winter of our discontent / Made glorious summer...” just doesn’t seem to apply in 2020. Instead, this seems to be a *summer* of discontent like we haven’t seen since 1968. I don’t need to rehash all the stress and strain our entire society is under. The upshot is that this summer may not be as easy to enjoy as others we can remember. Perhaps airline groundings make travel difficult. Perhaps your favorite vacation spot is closed to protect the public health. Perhaps your family finances are reeling from disruptions to the economy. Perhaps the fear of social disorder keeps you from heading to city destinations.

Fear is all around. But as we heard in last week’s gospel, Jesus invites us to take his yoke upon us. The paradox is that while this sounds like an invitation to *take on* a burden, in fact it’s an offer to let him *share* your burden. Let him be for you what St. Paul calls a “yokefellow” (Phil. 4: 3) His promise isn’t to take away our suffering, but to be with us as we undergo it and to see us safely through.



Peter’s Deliverance, continued from page 3...

still knocking at the door. Finally, someone decides to let him in, and he relates the night’s events. Then Peter departs, free to preach the gospel and support the brethren as the rock on which the Church is built. He is heard of only one more time in the book of Acts.

Peter leaves Jerusalem to preach the gospel, and King Herod leaves for the seaside town of Caesarea Maritima,

where the ruins of his extravagant palace can still be visited today. There he receives a delegation from the cities of Tyre and Sidon (in modern-day Lebanon). Herod has been at odds with their cities, and they have been sent to patch things up, because they need to import food from Herod’s kingdom. The king, arrayed in regal glory, favors them with an oration; and they, eager to ingratiate themselves to him, acclaim “the voice of a god, and not of man!” (Acts 12:22) Herod in his hubris revels in their praise, and Acts notes that “an angel of the Lord smote him, because he did not give God the glory; and he was eaten by worms and died.” (Acts 12:23)

Here the story takes an unexpected turn. Biblical accounts rarely find corroboration in non-biblical sources, but the story of Herod’s death does. The first-century historian Josephus in his *Antiquities of the Jews* narrates the death of Herod. At a festival in honor of Caesar,

he put on a garment made wholly of silver, and of a texture truly wonderful, and came into the theatre early in the morning; at which time the silver of his garment being illuminated by the fresh reflection of the sun’s rays upon it, shone out after a surprising manner, and was so resplendent as to spread a horror over those who looked intently upon him: and presently his flatterers cried out that he was a god; and they added, “Be merciful to us; for although we have hereto revered you only as a man, yet shall we henceforth own you as superior to mortal nature.” Upon this the king did neither rebuke them, nor reject their impious flattery. (*Antiquities* 19:344-346)

And soon thereafter, he died. In other words, the history as Josephus relates it tracks very well with the history as St. Luke relates it in Acts. Gratifying as this “secular” corroboration of the “sacred” story is, the upshot is even more important, and it’s what makes this account a key event: “The word of God grew and multiplied.” (Acts 12: 24)

On the Cover

“A sower went out to sow...”

A fresco of Jesus as the sower in today’s gospel parable. Completed in 1858 by the Austrian artist Karl von Blaas (1815–1894), it is in the nave of the “Altlerchenfelder Pfarrkirche,” Vienna.

The two natures of Christ — divine and human — are suggested by his having one foot in the clouds of heaven and the other foot on earth; also by his tunic in the red of earth and his cloak in the blue of heaven. The composition of the image suggests that the purpose of his Incarnation — stepping, so to speak, from heaven to earth — is his going out to sow the seed of faith.

Key Events on the Bible Timeline #66c
Peter's Arrest and Deliverance: Acts 12

This story has both tragic and comic elements. The first five verses relate the martyrdom of St. James (traditionally accounted the first Bishop of Jerusalem) and the arrest of St. Peter. Peter is enchained in prison, guarded by four squads of soldiers (which seems to be overkill). Yet one night an angel appears in the prison, the chains fall from Peter's wrists, he is ushered past the guards and



St. Peter's chains, preserved in a reliquary in Rome.

through the front gate, which opens of its own accord. Peter, miraculously delivered, "comes to" on a side street and decides he has *not* been dreaming. He has the presence of mind to go to the home of Mark's mother Mary,

where believers are gathered in prayer.

This is evidently quite a late-night prayer meeting! Remember that the prisoners and jailers had already settled in for the night, and verse 18 implies that dawn had yet to come, but everyone's up at Mary's house. Here things take a comic turn. Peter knocks at the outer gate, and the servant girl is so flustered when she recognizes his voice that she leaves him outside while she runs to tell everyone he's there. They debate the matter with her, suggesting that she's crazy, with Peter all the while

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Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, July 18 at 5:00 p.m. **Ridgeway**
 Lector Chuck Walczak

Sunday, July 19 at 9:00 a.m. **Barneveld**
 Lector Mike Ashmore
 EMHC..... Suspended for now

St. Bernadette's Offerings
 Weekend of July 5, 2020

Envelopes	\$840.00
Loose offerings	260.00
Online offerings	345.00
Total	\$1,445.00
Same weekend last year	\$1,506.00
Difference	-61.00

May the gift you have promised not be an exaction, but a willing gift. (cf. II Cor. 9:5)



The Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Also known as the Brown Scapular, this is spoken of as "the Scapular," and the "feast of the Scapular" is that of Our Lady of Mount Carmel on July 16. According to a pious tradition the Blessed Virgin appeared to St. Simon Stock at Cambridge, England, on Sunday, July 16, 1251. In answer to his appeal for help for his oppressed order, she appeared to him with a scapular in her hand and said: "Take, beloved son, this scapular of thy order as a badge of my confraternity and for thee and all Carmelites a special sign of grace; whoever dies in this garment, will not suffer everlasting fire. It is the sign of salvation, a safeguard in dangers, a pledge of peace and of the covenant." In other words, St. Simon Stock was assured in a supernatural manner of the special protection of the Blessed Virgin for his whole order and for all who should wear the Carmelite habit, that the Blessed Virgin also promised him to grant special aid, especially in the hour of death, to those who in holy fidelity wore this habit in her honor throughout life, so that they should be preserved from hell. And, even though there is here no direct reference to the members of the scapular confraternity, indirectly the promise is extended to all who from devotion to the Mother of God should wear her habit or badge, like true Christians, until death, and be thus as it were affiliated to the Carmelite Order.

—Adapted from *The Catholic Encyclopedia*

Mass Intentions

"Remember me at the altar of the Lord."

—St. Monica to her son, St. Augustine

Tuesday, July 14: St. Kateri Tekakwitha

8:00 a.m. Donald Dunbar (R)

Wednesday, July 15: St. Bonaventure

8:00 a.m. Judy Straus (B)

Thursday, July 16: Our Lady of Mount Carmel

4:00 p.m. Joanne Murphy (R)

Friday, July 17: Weekday

8:00 a.m. Kathryn Weilep (B)

Saturday, July 18

9:00 a.m.: Of Our Lady Judy Straus (B)

5:00 p.m.: Of the Sunday People of the Parish (R)

Sunday, July 19: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Laura Zander (B)

When requesting Mass intentions, be sure to specify the date and time you'd like.

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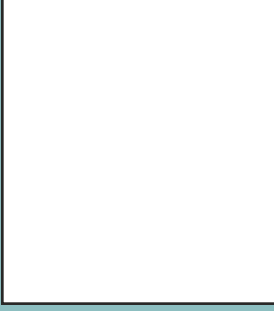
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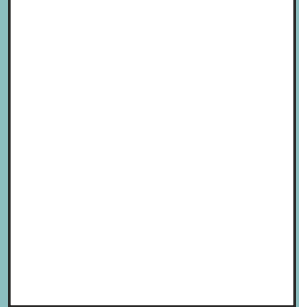
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