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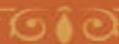
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July 4, 2021— Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



When the sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What kind of wisdom has been given him? What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands!" - Mk 6:2

CATHEDRAL MASSES

Saturday (Vigil Mass) 4:30 p.m. Sunday (Choir) 10:30 a.m.
Monday — Friday...12:10 p.m. (in the Cathedral)
 Holy Days and Holidays as announced

The Sunday 10:30 am Mass is available every week via
<http://www.youtube.com/SaintJosephCathedral>

CONFESSIONS

Wednesday & Friday at 11:45 a.m.
 Saturday at 4:00 p.m.
 (or call for appointment)

OFFICE HOURS

8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. **Amen.**

The Road to Renewal

Where is Jesus in the Renewal? The Road to Renewal means that we have to take a hard look at ways in the which our Diocese and parishes have not responded to the mission of Jesus. The Renewal must be about introducing people to Jesus Christ, inviting them to become missionary disciples and journeying with them on their pilgrimage towards heaven. Our Renewal must be about saving souls! All of us can be better at this and our Renewal will help in our efforts.

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 4:30 p.m.	July 3: (Vigil Mass for Sunday Special Intentions of Charlotte Klosko Oczeck (Charlotte Oczeck)
Sunday 10:30 a.m.	July 4: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Deceased Members of the Dolan Family (Family) ✝
Monday	July 5: St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest; St. Elizabeth of Portugal NO MASS
Tuesday 12:10 p.m.	July 6: St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr Mildred Vacco (DeMeo Family) ✝
Wednesday 12:10 p.m.	July 7: Weekday Parishioners of St. Joseph Cathedral
Thursday 12:10 p.m.	July 8: Weekday Deceased & Living Members of the Gentile, Oczeck & Caputi Families (Family) ✝
Friday 12:10 p.m.	July 9: Weekday James Campise (DeMeo Family) ✝



Due to the Independence Day holiday being observed on July 5th, there will be no Mass celebrated at the Cathedral, and the office will be closed.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading: Today's reading is an excerpt from the prophetic call Ezekiel received while in exile in Babylon (Ez 1:1-3:27). The Lord commissioned Ezekiel to go and confront the "rebellious house" of Israel. How do you imagine the Israelites received Ezekiel's message?

Second Reading: Paul learned that the "thorn in his flesh" taught him to be humble and dependent upon God's grace alone. Where do you see God's grace most present in your life?

Gospel: Jesus was "amazed" at the lack of faith his fellow Nazareans had in him, suggesting Jesus *expected* a different response. Why do you think the villagers of Nazareth "took offense" at Jesus? ©LPI

Vocations: God bless America! We are "one nation, under God, indivisible," but people often forget that middle part. We need priests, deacons, religious, and lay ministers to remind us of our sacred duties to God & country. Is God inviting you to a Church vocation? Call Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.

CATHEDRAL STAFF

- Bishop: Most Rev. Michael W. Fisher
- Cathedral Rector: Rev. Seán Paul Fleming
- Music Director: Timothy Socha
- Secretary: Elaine Kishbaugh

Family Perspective: Today's gospel is so familiar, it hurts! The hometown folks could not accept the presence of God in Jesus. After all, they had watched him grow up. We can easily make the same mistake if we do not see God present in the ordinary routines of our family.

**"The Lord be with you" is a statement of fact.
 Believe it. Live it.**

“A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house.” — Mark 6: 4

Happy Independence Day! This is a day for family and friends, fireworks, and freedom. We know from history that this day did not grant independence for all in our land, but it certainly marked a good beginning that has taken two hundred forty-five years to develop, and we’re still trying to get it right in so many ways. Human beings, human constructs are imperfect! Yet, we thank God for all that we have and for the challenge and opportunity to seek freedom for all.

Although he never actually was president, one of my favorite “presidential speeches” comes from the 1995 movie *The American President*, starring Michael Douglas as President Andrew Shepherd. In a stirring speech meant to rehab his flailing re-election campaign, he says, in part, “America isn't easy. America is advanced citizenship. You've gotta want it bad, 'cause it's gonna put up a fight. It's gonna say, ‘You want free speech? Let's see you acknowledge a man whose words make your blood boil, who's standing center stage and advocating at the top of his lungs that which you would spend a lifetime opposing at the top of yours.’”

Jesus’ words in the Gospel, remind us that the message we have to offer those in our homeland of freedom and bravery—a nation built on freedom of expression and religion—will not always be accepted. That, however, should never discourage us from our belief or our witness to Christ in the public square.

We must continue to advocate for the principles of freedom and justice, life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. May we always thank those who have brought us this far and learn from their example. May we never lose our voice as compassionate Christians,—Catholics who, like Jesus, seek to build a better nation and a stronger community—one nation, under God, with liberty and justice for all. Happy Fourth!

Peace & Prayers,



Fr. Seán Paul.



Next weekend, we will welcome Rev. Peter Omwoyo, A.A., a priest of the Augustinians of the Assumption. He will speak on behalf of the Mission Appeals for Mexico, East Africa, and the Philippines, where the North American Province of his order does its work in spreading the Gospel.

In addition to improving the quality of life in general, the Assumptionists also form laity and clergy for ministry to underserved indigenous communities. **Please be generous with your attention and support!**

Word of Life: “O God our creator... through the power and working of your Holy Spirit, you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world, bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel to every corner of society.” United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
“Prayer for Religious Liberty”

Cardinal O’Hara High School will kick off its 60th year celebration at the O’HaraFest All Year Reunion on Friday, July 30 at 7 pm at the Cardinal O’Hara Sports Complex. Cardinal O’Hara opened on September 8, 1961 and all classes are welcome to celebrate along with all former teachers and staff who are invited back for the event. Ticket includes beer, wine, soda and food. In addition, the classes of 1970 and 1971 will also celebrate their 50th and 51st reunions that evening at a special location on the campus. For more information, visit www.cardinalohara.com or email rorr@cardinalohara.com.

Cardinal O’Hara Alumni Mass on August 1 at 10:30 am at the school, 39 O’Hara Rd., Tonawanda. Celebrant will be Fr. Charles Jagodzinski, OFM Conv., who taught at O’Hara for 13 years. For more information, visit www.cardinalohara.com or email rorr@cardinalohara.com.

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