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# 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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JULY 11, 2021



## MINISTRY OF COMFORT

A new ministry is being formed to support and console those who have lost a loved one.

Spearheaded by Julie Laurenzi, a retired social worker who was recently widowed, the **Consolation Ministry** will be comprised of a small core team of volunteers who have completed an orientation regarding grief and bereavement with her.

Ministry members will reach out to grieving families immediately following a death, delivering a packet of appropriate information and resources. Whenever possible, they will attend wakes and funerals. Cards and notes will be sent and at a family's request, they will visit – especially during holidays and anniversaries.

If you are interested, please contact Julie directly at 518-225-1170 or [Julie.laurenzi@gmail.com](mailto:Julie.laurenzi@gmail.com)



5 p.m.: Peter Capria, Frank Valenti, Peter Pace and Christian Lombardi

10 a.m.: Janet Stinson, Jack Shapiro, Hilde Goodwin and Nika Dushaj

## GRATITUDE

Your Parish Community is

## GRATEFUL

for your consistent contributions.

June 27-July 4: Totalled \$ 5,359.37  
Envelopes: \$3,105.00 – Online: \$ 2,254.37  
THANK YOU!

## Reading I: Amos 7: 12-15

Amaziah banishes Amos from Israel to Judah, where he is to carry out his unexpected calling. Amos avows that he is not one of the so-called “prophets for hire,” but instead has a calling to preach from Yahweh.

## Reading II: Ephesians 1: 3-14, or 1: 3-10

St. Paul blesses God the Father for calling upon him with a spirit of adoption as added motivation. Paul asserts that it is by our baptism that we are incorporated to the death and resurrection of Christ and also been redeemed.

## The Gospel: Mark 6: 7-13

St. Mark presents Jesus' commissioning of the apostles as a matter of extending His own ministry of teaching and healing. Material comfort is not a component of the work, nor is over confidence. Trust in God is paramount for the great work of their calling.



## THE TIMELESS EMBRACE OF GOD

I have always been very conscious of my clock-time. Often I asked myself: “Can I still double my years?” When I was 30 I said: “I can easily live another 30! When I was 40, I mused, “Maybe I am only halfway!”

Today I can no longer say that, and my question has become: “How am I going to use the few years left to me?”

All these concerns about our clock-time come from below. They are based on the presupposition that our chronology is all we have to live. But looked upon from above, from God's perspective, our clock-time is embedded in the timeless embrace of God.

Looked upon from above, our years on earth are not simply *chronos*, but *Kairos* - another Greek word for time - which is the opportunity to claim for ourselves the love that God offers us from eternity to eternity.

- Henri Nouwen

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*Yesterday is gone.*

*Tomorrow has not yet come.*

*We have only today. Let us begin.*

- St. Teresa of Calcutta

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS



The schedule for the **Solemn Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel**: 6:30 p.m. Thursday, July 15, Evening Prayer at outdoor Mount Carmel Shrine.

On **Friday, July 16**: 10 a.m. Morning Prayer; 11:30 a.m. Mass with Bishop Kevin Sweeney, Diocese of Paterson, NJ, followed by procession and crowning at outdoor Mount Carmel Shrine; 1-3 p.m. Adoration, Scriptural Rosary and Benediction. Bring your own breakfast or lunch for outdoor picnic area.

For more information, contact Carol Bezak, shrine director, 343-1879 or [cbezak@carmelites.com](mailto:cbezak@carmelites.com). Also, visit the website [www.ourladyofmtcarmelshrine.com](http://www.ourladyofmtcarmelshrine.com)



**THE ENTIRE CHURCH BUILDING WILL BE CLOSED Monday-Friday July 26-30**, during which time a **deep cleaning** will be performed, including stripping of floors.

Voicemail and email will be checked for emergencies. Mass schedules will not be interrupted either weekend.



**America's Night Out Against Crime** will make its debut from 6-9 p.m. **Tuesday, August 3**, at the Town of Crawford Park, 21 Red Mills Road, Pine Bush.

Along with promoting police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie, as is the intent of annual National Nights Out, this event also celebrates the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Town of Crawford Police Department. Food, music, information and resources – as well as fun and fireworks – are planned.



**SummerFest** at Our Lady of the Assumption Church in Bloomingburg is all set to sizzle on **Saturday, August 14**. Featured favorites include a flea market, tricky tray, 50/50 raffle and chicken barbecue. Stay tuned for more details.

## NEW RE-REGISTRATION DATES

Because of a scheduling conflict, **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION RE-REGISTRATION HAS BEEN PUSHED BACK A WEEK**. Currently enrolled children will now be re-registered from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on **Tuesday, August 3**, and **Wednesday, August 4**.

If these dates are not do-able or for children who have not yet participated here but are either entering first grade or relocating from another parish, please contact Jessica Carpino, religious education coordinator, at 361-5816.

## LAST CALL FOR RELIGIOUS GOODS

St. Mary Mission will be here this week to pick up all of the unwanted religious items that we have collected. The deadline to drop off your crucifixes, rosary beads, statues, pictures, prayer cards, etc. is this **Tuesday, July 14**. Questions? Call the office at 361-3107.



## WE ALL SCREAM FOR ICE CREAM

**The Ice Cream Lady**, as she is affectionately known by the Youth Ministry, was faced with a broken truck last Friday and had to cancel her appearance.

But that wasn't last licks for this quintessential summertime event. She'll be rolling this way at **7 p.m. this Wednesday**. Small ice cream or Italian ice cups, in dozens of flavors, are \$3 per serving; 50 cents per topping.

To ensure plenty of product, please RSVP to [saintpaulsym@gmail.com](mailto:saintpaulsym@gmail.com). And don't forget to bring your friends!

## A CALL TO SOCIAL JUSTICE

We are continuing to share resources for insight into current social-justice issues from a church perspective.

Pope Francis has appointed Andrew Small, O.M.I., a 53-year-old English priest, as the secretary of the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors.

"I look forward to doing my part to help rebuild trust in a church whose mission is to protect, support and love any and all, but especially those wounded by the church's ministers," said Fr. Small.

To read the full article, visit: [http://www.americamagazine.org/faith/2021/06/22/andrew-small-oblate-priest-pope-francis-pontifical-commission-protection-minors?pnspid=ifV.8fhDWVCNYG4J7nuM\\_oZ9BjflJZlgyDiAnqZg&utm\\_source=piano&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=10609http/](http://www.americamagazine.org/faith/2021/06/22/andrew-small-oblate-priest-pope-francis-pontifical-commission-protection-minors?pnspid=ifV.8fhDWVCNYG4J7nuM_oZ9BjflJZlgyDiAnqZg&utm_source=piano&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=10609http/)

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