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Fourteenth Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 3, 2022

"He said to them,
'The harvest is abundant
but the laborers are few;
so ask the master
of the harvest
to send out laborers
for his harvest.'"

- Luke 10:2

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Mass Schedule

Monday - Friday: 9 am*

Saturday: 9 am, 5:30 pm (Vigil)

Sunday: 7:30 am, 9 am* (Sp.),
10:30 am* & Noon.

(* Masses are also live streamed on our Facebook page.)

Private Prayer

Monday - Saturday, 10 a.m. to Noon

Confessions

Saturdays: 5 - 5:20 p.m., or by appointment.

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JUNE 26, 2022

First Collection Total To Parish\$4,762
(This includes \$2,542 from collection baskets and \$2,220 from Faith Direct.)

Catch Up Collection..... \$935
(This includes \$770 from past First Collection envelopes, and \$165 from past Second Collection envelopes.)

Total to Diocese (Propagation of the Faith) for June 19
Second Collection for Visiting Missionary..... \$3,673

Thank you for your generosity.

A NOTE FROM FR. LARRY

Last Sunday, June 26, Deacon Gerry Devine had the privilege of baptizing Margaret Mae Fay and her first cousin, James Robert Touhey, here in Holy Name Church. We welcome Maggie and James as our newest Catholic Christians and congratulate them, their parents, and all their loved ones.

I want to thank everyone who attended Fr. Charles Keeney's Farewell last Sunday, and I especially want to thank all those who worked so hard to prepare for that very successful event.

Please read Bishop Brennan's Letter on last Friday's Dobbs v. Jackson Supreme Court decision. It appears on the next page.

Independence Day, Monday, July 4, is a secular holiday, but we will have prayers appropriate for the day at our 9 a.m. livestreamed Mass.

I hope you and your loved ones have safe and happy Fourth of July Holiday Weekend!



The Rectory Office Will Be Closed Monday, July 4, 2022

We will reopen on Tuesday, July 5.

Looking More Closely at the Word

SUNDAY'S READINGS:

Isiah 66:10-14c; Galatians 6:14-18; Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

Freedom properly defined is freedom properly understood. The Cambridge Dictionary tells us that it is, "the condition or right of being able or allowed to do, say, think, etc., whatever you want to, without being controlled or limited." That same dictionary defines liberty as, "the freedom to live, work, and travel as you want to." Both definitions sound very similar. Is there a difference between freedom and liberty? Many are accustomed to believing that freedom and liberty are interchangeable and simply involve possessing rights and privileges. For the Christian, however, there is a big difference between the two.

St. John Chrysostom directs that "the only person who is free is the one who lives for Christ." There are many other inspirational people throughout history who see freedom as something far greater than liberty. True and properly understood freedom has little to do with entitlement or self-promotion. For the believer, it is a matter of the heart and soul. Freedom (and liberty, for that matter), seen only in terms of the world, can quickly be taken away. The freedom spoken of by St. John Chrysostom can only be lost by personal choice. When one lives for Christ, they live in pursuit of virtues that enlighten one's soul (faith, hope, and love) and strengthen one's character (justice, fortitude, temperance, and prudence). Rather than having the ability to acquire or do more things, true freedom asks us to be detached. Privileges, rights, and responsibilities are important, but they do not define us.

The world is not always open to listening to the truth. "I am sending you like lambs among wolves," Jesus tells his disciples. The secular definitions of freedom and liberty are very attractive. They promise us a great deal. It is no wonder Jesus asks his disciples to travel with very little. The Gospel is not dependent upon things or anything those with worldly power or investment can say or do. When one chooses to live for Christ, they choose to live with peace. That's what true freedom will give us. If we do not want what Christ offers, we can close the door, and the messenger will walk away. Distracted by the lure of personal liberties, we risk losing our freedom. We will not have anything truly life-giving to share with others.

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These sessions will introduce you to an investigation of the ultimate question posed by Our Lord Jesus: "Who do you say that I am?". Fr. Cush will begin to examine why these theological distinctions matter in terms of our prayer and pastoral ministry in the Church.



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June 24, 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today's decision by the Supreme Court in *Dobbs v. Jackson* is certainly encouraging. I offer sincere appreciation to all of you who have worked tirelessly as witnesses and advocates for the unborn, as helpers of mothers and babies before and after birth, and as healers of all who have been wounded by the horrors of abortion. Those of us in the pro-life movement could have easily been discouraged throughout these past fifty years. However, the Lord has always renewed our strength and our hope in the most difficult moments as we continued to fight for the rights of the most defenseless members of society.

Today's decision corrects the crucial errors of *Roe v. Wade* and accompanying cases that have prevented our elected representatives from enacting even modest legal protections for the unborn. However, we surely still have a long way to go to convert hearts. We are challenged now to do more to foster a Culture of Life that respects the dignity of every human person, created in the image and likeness of God, from the first moment of conception to natural death and at every moment in between.

This decision is an important step along the way and will allow individual states to enact limits on abortion that have widespread support, especially with respect to abortions later in pregnancy. So, where do we go from here?

Prayer – We must beg the Lord's mercy for the sins against the unborn and against women in crisis pregnancies who were made to think that they had no alternative to abortion. We ask God to transform hardened hearts and renew within the Catholic community the firm resolve to win greater protection for the little ones in the womb.

Charity and respect – We must meet the vitriol of the negative reactions to this decision as true followers of Christ. We must exercise tremendous charity in our words and actions. This will contribute to the conversion of hearts and minds to the cause of life.

Dialogue – As Catholic citizens, we will seek to build consensus around the fundamental value and dignity of all human life. Participation in public debate in advancing pro-life legislation is not only our right as Americans, but also our responsibility. We know that there is widespread agreement on some limitations to abortion and on greater support for women and families during pregnancy. Though it may prove difficult to pass pro-life legislation here in New York State, we can attain some positive change by holding our elected officials accountable. We must seek allies from around the state, from other churches, religious communities, and the broader public.

Solidarity – We must accompany those most afraid and in need, especially women and families facing unexpected or difficult pregnancies. The bishops of New York State recently released a statement entitled ["Toward a Pro-Life Future in the Empire State."](#) We are proposing new initiatives and policy changes that would assist women in carrying their babies to term and renewing our commitment to do our part. Faithful Catholics in Brooklyn and Queens have long been generous and even heroic in volunteering at pregnancy and early-childhood centers such as the Life Center and Bridge to Life. The credibility of our witness will demand that we redouble our efforts to support women and children in need, not only until birth but beyond. Unfortunately, here in New York State those pregnancy centers are under attack not only from fringe groups, but even from the state government itself, which recently enacted legislation harassing the centers under the guise of "studying them."

The Church's pro-life witness is marked by joy and respect for every human person, even those who oppose our message or even wish to silence us. Authentic pro-life witness demands consistent advocacy for the respect for human dignity in truth and love at every stage of life for every human person created in the image and likeness of God. I am grateful for that witness and proud to stand alongside you.

May God continue to bless us at this important and historical moment remembering the unborn need us to continue to champion the cause of their life. May we be bold, joyful, and credible instruments of His peace as we strive to build a society in which all children are welcomed into the world and cherished for the beautiful gift they are.

Faithfully yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Robert J. Brennan
Bishop of Brooklyn

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, July 3

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. Parish Purgatorial Society

9 a.m. Roberto Garcia Escamilla
The People of the Parish

10:30 a.m. Antonio Randazzo
& Carmela Basile

12 p.m. Francesco Pira

Monday, July 4 - Independence Day

9 a.m. All Those Who Have Died
Defending Our Country's Freedom

Tuesday, July 5

St. Anthony Zaccaria; St. Elizabeth of Portugal

9 a.m. Intentions of Robert, Ghislaine,
Marlon, & Brandon Mangal

Wednesday, July 6

St. Maria Goretti

9 a.m. Richard T. Swenson, Jr.
23rd Anniversary

Thursday, July 7

9 a.m. Intentions of Robert, Ghislaine,
Marlon, & Brandon Mangal

Friday, July 8

9 a.m. Anna Maseslla

Saturday, July 9

St. Augustine Zhao Rong & Companions

9 a.m. Roberto Garcia Escamilla

5:30 p.m. Ann McAvey
Dolphi Monteiro
Mr. & Mrs. Philip Farran
Edward Gelling

Sunday, July 10

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. Juliet Garzino
Parish Purgatorial Society

9 a.m. Roberto Garcia Escamilla
The People of the Parish

10:30 a.m. Sally Swenson

12 p.m. Walter & Martha Kash

MEMORIALS

The Sanctuary Lamp and Altar Candles will be lit for the week in loving memory of **Anna Masella** as requested by Carolyn & Tom Coyne.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

Please pray for the health and wholeness of all the sick and those who give them care, especially: Anne & Jason Quigley; Patricia Donleavy; Bill Slattery; Camille Tiftafeh; Brian Thomason; Emelio Lugo; Carmen Soriano Rojas; Patrick Cregg; Josephine Barrucco; Catherine Donovan; Judy Heegan; Richard & Frances Day; Joseph Cox; Vincent Camastro; Cheryl Jablow and all those afflicted with the Coronavirus.

Please note: Names will remain on the sick list for a period of four (4) weeks. Please contact the Rectory if you wish to have someone put back on the list after that time.

... AND FOR OUR DEPARTED LOVED ONES:

We ask for your prayers for those of our community who have gone before us into the fullness of life.

Please remember all those who are enrolled in our Purgatorial Society as well, especially **Joe Evangelista**.

THIS WEEK'S REFLECTIONS

RED, WHITE, BLUE, AND CATHOLIC

July 4 — Independence Day: Catholics were a small minority in America's colonial period—at the end of the Revolutionary War, there were only about 25,000 Catholics in the United States out of a total population of 3 million. Catholics faced persecution, first in the original colonies, and then in the new country that was ironically founded in part on freedom of religion. Today there are 70 million Catholics in the United States, or 22 percent of the population, and for many years Catholics have made up about a third of the U.S. Congress—more than any other denomination. With the values of our faith, Catholics have made countless contributions to the betterment of our country through myriad kinds of service—what's yours?

THE CEDARS OF LEBANON

July 8 — Branch out: Chances are you're spending some time outside this summer, enjoying the glories of nature. One ancient tree worth noting is the cedar, which has deep spiritual roots in Hebrew and Christian tradition. The height and breadth of the mighty cedar of Lebanon are associated with the greatness of God. It is long-lived, evergreen, fruit-bearing, and a place of refuge—all characteristics of Yahweh and Mary, in her role as Mother of God and protector of the church. The next time you feel vulnerable or distant from God, call to mind the grand cedar and know that divine comfort awaits if only you seek its reach.

"He shall strike root like the Lebanon cedar, and put forth his shoots." - Hosea 14:6-7

HOLY NAME FOOD PANTRY SERVING THE COMMUNITY SINCE 1987

The Pantry will distribute food from the Rectory Basement:

**1:15 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.* on Saturdays
July 2, 16, & 30.**

Thank you to everyone who made donations to the Girl Scouts' "Summer Stock at the HNJ Food Pantry" drive. Your support is greatly appreciated!

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