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Masses: Saturday at 4:00pm & Sunday at 7:30(Memorial -Labor Day)& 9:00am
Tuesday – Friday 8:00 a.m.

Holy Days: check bulletin

Adoration: 1st Friday of the Month Following 8am Mass

Confessions: Saturday 3:00 – 3:30 pm, Anytime by request

Parish Office Hours Wed 10:30-4:00 pm

REFLECTIONS:... from Father Daniel

A child's world is very simple and easy going. Jesus liked children, and they seem to have liked him. The disciples tried to send them away, but Jesus rebuked them. In today's Gospel, Jesus lets us in on a secret. He says that the children understand what the "learned and clever" can't quite grasp.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and find life burdensome, and I will refresh you." A simple message, one that a child would believe. Our savior will come "riding on an ass," and he will proclaim "peace to the nations." Only a child, or a Christian, would believe that. Just as the time of Zechariah in the first reading, God's people had been under the rule of foreign nations for about 250 years. First there were the Babylonians, then the Persians, then the Greeks. So when the prophet Zechariah tells God's people "Rejoice!" Many of them probably thought he had been out in the sun too long. But God's prophet has reason to be full of joy. He could in the future a time when there would be no more war, or exile, destruction or conquest.

Adult solutions to problems are much more complex. Adults go to health spas, they work out, they take stress management classes, they spend years in therapy and they get high blood pressure. Children take naps, they play, when something hurts them they cry. Children have an easier time than adults do admitting that some things are out of their control, and that Jesus can refresh and renew them.

To recognize our Savior, to rejoice and shout for joy, we must be like children. We must give our cares and concerns to the Lord, take up his yoke and shout for Joy! He is our partner in bearing our burdens. We won't be alone. He promised at the Last Supper he would not leave us orphans (Jn 14:18)

The nine-year-old boy had worked after school and weekends for nearly a year earning enough to purchase a racing bike with a 10 speed gear set-up. His joy quickly turned to sorrow when, the day after he tried out the racer, it was stolen. Rather than lament his misfortune, the youth was running errands the next day to save for another bike. Moreover, he ran an ad in the City Star newspaper with these words: "To the teenage boy who rode off with my red 10-speed bike. May you enjoy the bike I worked and saved so hard for." Recall a good experience you had as a child that was important to you. Did you feel loved? Where do you find refreshment? When St. John XXIII was dying, he smiled at those around his bedside and said, "My bags are packed and I am ready to go."

Homes: please contact the Parish Office.

Homebound: Wishing to receive Communion? Please contact the parish office.

Anointing of the Sick is available anytime, please contact the parish office.

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated as needed.

One parent must be a practicing Catholic. One godparent must be a Catholic at least 15 years of age. Contact the Parish Office for more info and to schedule.

Marriage: Anyone contemplating marriage in the Catholic Church must be a practicing Catholic. Father must be contacted six months prior to the wedding. Prenuptial requirements must be completed prior to the wedding. Contact the Parish Office.

In the Event of Death: Please notify the parish office

Those interested in being put on a prayer list: Please contact the parish office. There is also a form on the website.

Register w/the Parish: Can do so on the website or by requesting a form from the parish office.

Last Week's Collection:

Loose: \$429

Envelopes: \$2,005

Readings for 14th Sunday of Ordinary Times:

Reading 1 Zec 9:9-10

Psalms Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14

Reading 2 Rom 8:9, 11-13

Gospel Mt 11:25-30

Mass Intentions for the Week and Activities:

Saturday, July 8, 3:00 Reconciliation

4:00 + *Dave & Kay Harter*

Sunday, July 9, 14th Sunday of Ordinary Times

7:30 *Our Parish Family*

9:00 + *Leo Dahm*

Monday, July 10, *No Mass* Gn 28:10-22a Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday, July 11, 8:00 + *Marjorie Fortman Fox*

Wednesday, July 12, 8:00 + *Beverly Meinert*

Thursday, July 13, 8:00 *Intention of Celebrant*

Friday, July 14, 8:00 + *Judy Smyjunas*

Saturday, July 15, 3:00 Reconciliation

4:00 + *Donald Woitas*

Sunday, July 16, 15th Sunday of Ordinary Times

7:30 *Our Parish Family*

9:00 + *Anita Constance*

Upcoming Events:

Thursday, July 20	Community Dinner	5pm-till out
Friday, July 28th - July 29th	Piercetown Days	
Tuesday, August 1	Parish Council Meeting	7pm
Sunday, August 6	Donuts & coffee	Following Mass

Ministers Schedule:

Saturday, July 15, 4:00pm

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Sandy Miner

Lector: Bill Johnson Sr.

Sunday, July 16, 9:00am

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Tracy Gaunt

Lector: Rhonda Jubinville

Please Keep in Your Prayers This Week:

Teresa Crockett, Joseph Hemphling, Wyatt Bridegman, Larry Cobble, Martha Bohn, & Todd Cobble.

Volunteering and ways to get involved:

If you are interested in helping out with funeral dinners, would like to be a eucharistic minister or lector or want to connect with fellow ladies in the parish, please contact the office via email at sfpiercetown@aol.com, through the registration form on the website, or by phone at (574)594-5750. You can also volunteer to bring the gifts up during Mass.

Restoration Project:

The Parish Council has taken steps for the restoration of the stained glass windows in the church. A bid has been solicited from a popular local stained glass professional and the Diocese has approved. Work will begin in the near future. The restoration will require windows to be removed and releaded. Any cracks or damage will also be repaired and matched as best as possible at that time.

Isaiah 42 Ministry:

Sacred Heart's jail ministry program has an immediate need for pen pals for prison inmates. We have nine men who are waiting to be matched to someone who will write a letter at least once a month and be a positive influence by offering encouragement and hope through friendship, scripture and prayer. Our pen pal program has been in place for over five years and we currently have 10 members on the team. For safety and to protect privacy, mail is always sent and received using our ministry's post office box address. If you are interested in this ministry and would like more information, please call/text Jody Burns at 574-267-6447 or e-mail jodyburns6927@gmail.com

Local Food Pantry: Item of the week- *Soups*