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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, Facebook, or website

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

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

Parish Office Hours Tuesdays 10:30-4:30pm

REFLECTIONS:... from Father Daniel

Our love of God, we learn from today's Gospel, will be assessed on our attitude towards people. A true religion is a religion of love, not one of mere words. The Samaritan was capable of sharing in God's compassion for all people. The first reading tells us that the commandments are not imposed from outside but spring from our hearts. The second reading is in line with this theme. Jesus holds the first place in love for his brethren. He was the first authentic "Samaritan".

One of the hard lessons in today's Gospel is, love is not a matter of reaching out to help someone, it's also a matter of how much you are willing to risk being hurt or letting someone use you or take advantage of you. By law, the priest and levite were doing what the Jewish law required of them if they were going to participate in any religious service. But, Jesus is telling us that love demands stick our necks out and take the risk of being hurt or being used or taken advantage of. Love is measured by what we give, it's not by the good we get out of what we do. The Good Samaritan may have felt good what he did, or he may have felt burdened by the extra stress and inconvenience this put on him. Jesus doesn't tell us how the Samaritan felt. He tells us of the good thing he did. Like the beaten one in today's Gospel story, have you ever been in a dangerous situation and in need of help? How did you feel? Did anyone help you? If yes; Thank God for this person who has loved you. Never stop being a good person

because of bad people. Do the right thing even when no one is looking. It's called integrity. St. Augustine said, "If you believe what you like in the Gospels, and reject what you don't like, it is not the Gospel you believe, but yourself."

Local Food Pantry: Item of the week-Soups!

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 a 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: There are registration forms on the bulletin board at the back of church, feel free to fill one out and throw it in the collection basket. Or you may register on our website.

Parish Hall: Parishioners may rent the hall, as long as the rental doesn't conflict with parish events/meetings. Contact the office for more info.
Suggested Donation \$50.00

Last Week's Collection:

Loose: \$446

Envelopes: \$1,635

Readings for 15th Sunday of Ordinary Times:

Reading 1 [Deuteronomy 30:10-14](#)

Psalm [Psalm 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37](#)

Reading 2 [Colossians 1:15-20](#)

Gospel [Luke 10:25-37](#)

Mass Intentions for the Week and Activities:

Saturday, July 12, 3:00 Reconciliation

4:00 + Dave & Kay Harter

Sunday, July 13, 1st Sunday of Ordinary Times

7:30 Our Parish

9:00 + Thomas Fortman

Monday, July 14, No Mass [Exodus 1:8-14, 22](#)

Tuesday, July 15, 8:00 + Steve Baker

[Matthew 10:34—11:1](#)

Wednesday, July 15, 8:00 +Joe Smyjunas
 Thursday, July 16, 8:00 +Matt Thomas
 Friday July 17, 8:00 +Peter Kuzma
 5:00 Drive Thru Community Dinner
 Saturday, July 18, 3:00 Reconciliation
 4:00 + Alexander & Gladys Rienks
 Sunday, July 19, 16th Sunday of Ordinary Times
 7:30 Our Parish
 9:00 + Raymond White

Upcoming Calendar Events:

Thursday, July 17th, Drive Thru Community Dinner 5pm-out
 Saturday, July 26th, Hot Dog & Ice Cream Social Following Mass
 Friday, August 1st, Adoration 8:30am
 Friday, August 1st, Women's Fellowship Meet-up 8am
 Friday, August 1st – Saturday, August 2nd Piercetown Days
 Sunday, August 3rd, Donuts & Coffee Following 9am Mass
 Sunday, August 3rd, Community Do's & Shoes 2-5pm(elementary)
 Tuesday, August 5th, Knights of Columbus Mass & Potluck 6:00pm
 Sunday, August 10th, Confirmation @Sacred Heart 2pm
 Tuesday, August 12th, Parish Council Meeting 6:30pm
 Friday, August 15th, Solemnity of the
 Blessed Virgin Mary Masses 8am & 6pm
 Friday, August 15th, TinCaps Parish Knight Out 7:05pm
 Saturday, August 23rd, Heirloom Tomato Festival 10-4pm

Ministers Schedule:

Saturday, July 19, 4:00pm

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Sandy Miner

Lector: Angie Burkhardt

Sunday, July 20, 9:00am

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Linda Seiss

Lector: Mary Sutton

Please Keep in Your Prayers this Week:

Sue DeLaCruz, Tom & Jena Brovont, Brent Widman, Niece of
 Carolyn Perry, William (Liam) Bindley, & Maggie Elipusan.

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Kingdom Builders:

Kingdom Builders is seeking a part-time Bookkeeper and a part-time Development Coordinator to support our growing mission! To learn more about these opportunities and view the job description, please email Stephanie Weigert at stephanie.weigert@buildingthroughhim.com.

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