



Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold."

Matthew 13:23



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†MASS INTENTIONS †

SATURDAY, July 15

4:00pm – Florinda Faria

SUNDAY, July 16

8:00am – Manual DaCosta

10:30am – Antonio Resendes

MONDAY, July 17

8:00am – Gordon Blevins

TUESDAY, July 18

8:00am – Frank Camara

WEDNESDAY, July 19

8:00am – Parishioners of the Parish Living & Deceased

THURSDAY, July 20

8:00am – Laura & Len Wordell

FRIDAY, July 21

8:00am – Al Teixeira

SATURDAY, July 22

4:00pm – The Botelho Family, Mr & Mrs Manuel Faria,
Mr & Mrs John Duarte

SUNDAY, July 23

8:00am – Larrissa Carasquello

10:30am – The Casella Family

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BAPTISM

Parents who are registered and practicing members of the parish should call the rectory to make arrangements.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:00pm to 3:30pm or by appointment

WEDDINGS

Couples who are registered and practicing members of the parish may call the rectory eight months in advance to make arrangements.

NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome you to our parish! Registration forms are available at the entrances of the church. Please complete the form and return as soon as possible.

WOMEN OF FAITH

For more information, please contact President, Kathy Duarte at 508-822-5455.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #11914

For more information, please contact Grand Knight, Bob Crossman, at 508-823-7920.

PRAYER and ADORATION

MONDAY NOVENA

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Novena is held on Monday evenings at 7:00pm with Rosary and Benediction.

TUESDAY PRAYER GROUP

Meets every Tuesday at 6:30pm in the Church. Rosary adoration and prayer.

WEDNESDAY HOLY HOUR

Wednesday evenings from 6:00pm to 7:00pm includes the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

First Friday of the month after 8:00am Mass until 6:00pm.

*You have crowned the year with your bounty,
and your paths overflow
with a rich harvest.
— Psalm 65:12*

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**From
Father Murphy**

**INTERPRETING
GOSPEL PARABLES**

GOSPEL MATTHEW 13:1-23

We begin a series of Gospel readings on the parables used by Jesus to describe the kingdom of God. I suppose it is easy for us to understand the message behind the parable, hearing it again for the umpteenth time. For those listening to Jesus, it must have been tough to grasp the full extent of the metaphor. However, that's not to say that the parable has nothing more to teach us. Like the image from Isaiah, the Word of God coming down upon us again, might just nourish and give life to some other part of us and open us up to a new way of looking at the parable

The question of the disciples in this Gospel passage is a fair enough one. Jesus used parables for the same reason that a homilist today might use a movie reference or something from a soap opera. These are the things people are used to. There were many preachers and rabbis at the time of Jesus and the common tool used by many of them was the story. It was a method that he people both knew and understood.

There are essentially four words or phrases to be remembered from this Gospel –

*edges of the path
patches of rock
among thorns
rich soil*

The metaphors are obvious. And if they aren't, then Jesus goes on to explain them to us. Commentators give a beautiful explanation for where the seed falls. Soil in Palestine is scarce and sometimes was only a thin enough layer over a limestone bedrock. Where soil had been washed away, the rocks were exposed. There were public paths in between the usually long strips fields. The chances of seed falling on the path were high. Thorny plants and scrubs are found in many places in the world where water is scarce. The seed seems to have had very little chance.

It is easy to take the reading as a personal meditation – seeing the areas of my life where the seed of the world might find rich soil to take hold and produce a harvest. However, I think it is a meditation on the seed of the word and its place in the world today. Society has shown on plenty of occasions that the seed of the word is not something it is particular interest in. In the pursuit of a modern society, the place of the Word of God, or even a very public People of God is considered redundant. Christianity has been consigned to history and its artifacts to a museum, where one can view them in their proper historical context. As so rightly put by Isaiah, “*For the heart of this nation has grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes.*”

STEUBENVILLE EAST

Please remember to pray for the youth this weekend as they are attending the Youth Conference in Lowell, MA. May they receive the gift of inspiration and renewal as they join with other teens praying, worshipping and sharing in their faith.

RESTORATION OF THE ORGAN



Thank you to all who have already contributed toward the Organ Fund. A very special way of donating to the Organ Fund would be in memory of a loved one. Many who have come before you and worshiped in the church and listened to the organ

ORGAN FUNDRAISER COOKOUT

A parish cookout to help benefit the organ fund is being planned for **July 15th**, after the 4:00pm Mass July 16th rain date.



\$25	Sharon Luongo
\$50	Micheline Saladyga
\$100	Lorna Williams

MASSES FOR YOUR INTENTIONS

There are Masses available during the week to pray for your deceased and special intentions. Please call the rectory if you would like to schedule a Mass.

TOWARD HEAVEN

Think well. Speak well. Do well. These three things, through the mercy of God, will make a person go to heaven. —St. Camillus de Lellis

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Classes will begin on September 10th and will be held at Galligan Public Schools on Sunday mornings from 9:10am – 10:20am.

All students of both Catholic and Public Schools enrolled in First Grade should be attending our First Communion Faith Formation Classes. It is a two-year program (beginning in 1st Grade and receiving the sacrament in Grade 2). Baptismal Certificates are needed if your child has not been baptized at St. Paul's, St. Joseph's, or St. Andrew's. Registration Forms are available in the entrances of the church or /online (www.standrewtaunton.org).

Volunteers are needed to serve as Catechists, Catechist Assistants and Hall Monitors. Please consider giving some time to our program by serving in one of these capacities – we can't do it without your help! Please email standrewtaunton@comcast.net if you are interested in volunteering.



Thinking about being a Faith Formation teacher or aide but just aren't sure? Here are a few reasons why it can be rewarding to help out in the religious education program.

- 1. You will grow your own faith.**
- 2. More than ever, children, teens and adults need good role models of faith.**
- 3. You will be handing on a 2000 year old tradition that changes lives.**
- 4. The children provide you with energy and hope.**
- 5. You will be helping nourish the faith of the parish children.**

Foundation to Advance Catholic Education

If you've ever considered Catholic Education for your student, but have thought it was out of your reach financially, now is the time to reconsider. The Foundation to Advance Catholic Education (FACE) had financial aid available for K-8 students in all Catholic elementary schools. Contact your local school or if you need help finding your local school contact Sarah Heaton at 508-678-2828 or sheaton@dfrcs.org.

PARISH COUNCIL and FINANCE COUNCIL

Each Parish should have a Parish Council and Finance Council in place.

During the next few weeks it is hoped to form both councils and to start at least one meeting for each council over the summer. For the Parish Council, I would like to have one representative present from each organization.

The Finance Council, I would like to have members who have a financial background. Notices will go out shortly.

Note: We will meet with the new council Wednesday July 26 at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall.

LASALETTE SUPPORT GROUP

LaSalette Retreat Center is the location for a new bi-weekly support group for separated and divorced persons. The next meeting will be **Tuesday, July 18th at 7:00-8:30pm.**, every other Tuesday evening. More information call Dottie at 508-642-1928 or dojale@icloud.com.

RETREATS

Sacred Hearts Retreat / Spirituality Center

August 4-6 “A Retreat for Women” guided by Sr. Claire Bouchard, ss.cc.. Cost \$175.00

August 7-12 “A Vacation with the Lord for Adults”. Silent, private, self-directed. Arrival and departure flexible. One day/night with 3 meals \$80.00 a person. Call 508-295-0100 for more details.

ST JOHN NEUMANN FESTIVAL

St. John Neumann Womens Guild Sponsoring their **“One Day Only Barn Sale”** To be held RAIN OR SHINE at St. John Neumann Parish Barn. Located next to Cathedral Camp On Route 18 – Middleboro Road in East Freetown, Mass. On Saturday, **July 22nd, 2017.** From 9:00am to 3:00pm. Take exit 8 (Chace Road Exit) off Route 140 ~FREE ADMISSION~ Wheelchair Accessible.

FALL RIVER DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN FUNDRAISER

August 14th Clamboil - Fish & Chips at LePage’s Seafood in Fall River on 439 Martine St. (Rte. 6) 4:00 - 7:00pm
Clamboil \$25. Fish & Chips \$20. For tickets call 508-824-8395. Deadline is August 6th.

Hymns ~ Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Times

Opening — By All Your Saints Still Striving # 191
Offertory — Here, I Am Lord # 376
Communion — Table of Plenty # 310
Recessional — Take Up Your Cross # 710

WEEKLY PARISH SUPPORT

Thank you for your gifts to our faith family. The Offertory for the weekend of **July 2:**

Weekend Masses	\$ 2401.00
Religious Education Collection	1065.00
Candles	33.00

The Offertory for the weekend of **July 9:**

Weekend Masses	\$ 2464 .00
Fuel Maintenance and Repairs	1467.00
Candles	39.00

Upcoming Second Collections

July 16 – Diocesan Assessment Collection
July 23 – Grounds and Beautification

BUDGET ENVELOPES

During the summer, many families will be travelling and going on vacation, a reminder to please submit your budget envelopes if you are unable to attend Mass here. Your support to the parish is greatly appreciated.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul
St. Andrew Conference

WE HELP PEOPLE...

with food, clothing, utility bills, emergency shelter, and other needs. Your generous donations of supermarket gift cards, nonperishable foods and monetary contributions are always appreciated. For details or assistance, call **508-880-1503**



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JULY

ST ANDREW THE APOSTLE PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
						1 3:15 PM CONFESSIONS 4:00pm VIGIL MASS
2 8:00AM MASS 10:30AM MASS	3 8AM DAILY MASS 7PM Miraculous Medal Novena	4 Independence Day 8AM DAILY MASS 6:30PM PRAYER GROUP	5 8AM DAILY MASS 6PM HOLY HOUR	6 8AM DAILY MASS	7 8AM DAILY MASS	8 3:15 PM CONFESSIONS 4:00 PM VIGIL MASS
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