

## Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 15, 2018

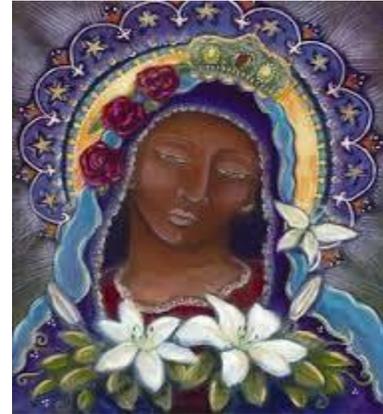
Every Christian **shares in Christ's mission**. When we were **baptized**, we became members of his body, that same body that reaches out to men and women in every age in order to lead them to God. That's the mission Jesus gave his apostles in today's Gospel: he sent them to **reach out to others** with Christ's good news of salvation. In fact, the very word "apostle" comes from the Greek word meaning: "**to be sent**." The first Apostles were the first Bishops, presiders, over their local Churches--Jerusalem, Antioch, Alexandria Egypt, and of course Rome. Every Christian through what we call parish life **shares** in this "apostolate" ---the mission of those sent, to help with worship, teaching, catechesis, reaching out to the lost or poor, helping the elderly or homebound, etc. **Every** Christian is **sent out to bear witness to Christ**, to bring his wisdom and his healing touch to those who are in need, spiritually and physically at school, neighborhood, work, university, and even clubs sports and recreation.

Under the supervision of our **bishops** (the successors to these first Twelve Apostles), we are **all called** to spread the Kingdom, to be **agents of evangelization**. Share the Good News! You can live forever, have a life of joy and freedom now, and belong to a worldwide family of God.

Therefore, the **missionary instructions** that Christ gives to his first followers apply, in analogous ways, to all his followers/disciples, us included. These instructions can be summed up in **two words: trust and perseverance**. Besides the clothes on their backs, the Apostles are **only** supposed to bring a walking stick and their sandals. **Every need** they have along the way will be met, but it will be met by God's **providence**, not by their own self-sufficiency: they are to **trust in God** to sustain their efforts. The walking stick and the sandals symbolize a **determination to continue moving forward**, to **persevere** in their efforts to fulfill God's will.

They must not give up. Even when they face **opposition**, persecution, and a cold welcome (which they will - Christ leaves no room for doubt about that), they are not to be **deterred**; they are to persevere. Trust and perseverance - **two key qualities of the Christian missionary** (and we are all Christian missionaries, in one way or another) whose relevance will **never** run out.

**Father Blake Evans, Pastor**

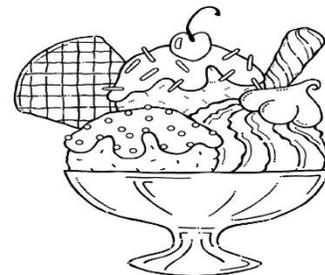


### **True Devotion (Consecration) to Mary at Nativity!**

*"This devotion was a turning point in my life. - Pope St. John Paul 2nd.*

Intro Meeting Sunday, July 15th following the 10am Mass, at 1130am. sign up is required

Starting this July, the parish will begin a 33 day journey for the faithful to entrust themselves to Mary by the Solemnity of the Assumption or the days following. What is it? In the simplest of terms, by means of Marian consecration, we give ourselves to the Virgin Mary to be formed into the image of her Son, Jesus. Outlined by the great Saint Louis de Montfort (France) (1673-1716), author of the classic book on Marian consecration, *True Devotion to Mary*, described consecration to Jesus through Mary as "the surest, easiest, and most perfect means" to becoming a saint. An enthusiastic promoter for Marian consecration, American Fr. Michael Gaitley wrote a book of simple meditations called "33 Days to Morning Glory" in modern English and the 33-day regimen typically followed to prepare for such a blessing from Our Lady. Books will be available for purchase. Refreshments will be served the Intro will last 30 minutes. Those already consecrated to Mary can always repeat the exercise and consecration, many do it yearly or twice per year.



Thanks to all the volunteers who gave our teens a nice and safe Ice Cream Social day on Saturday, July 14.



# Mass Intentions

## July 14 – 21, 2018

Sat. 7/14	8:00am	Rohini Perera
	5:30pm	+Willie Poole, Jr
Sun. 7/15	8:00am	+Cleofas Tañemor
	10:00am	People of the Parish
	1:00 pm	+Dionisia Amaya
Mon. 7/16	Noon	+José Antonio Campos
Tue. 7/17	11:00am	+Juanita Miller (funeral)
Wed. 7/18	Noon	Clare Hughes
Thu. 7/19	Noon	Nolan Family (thanksgiving to God)
Fri. 7/20	Noon	Collier Wright
Sat. 7/21	8:00am	Ramon Dominguez, Sr. (healing)
	5:30pm	+Willie Poole, Jr

### Please pray for the sick of our Parish:

\*Alice R. Allen, \*Amina Anderson-Pringle, \*Ann Butler, \*William Cammack, \*Lukas Pastier, \*Carla Andrea Catacora, \*Shawn Coleman, \*William Corbel, \*Jeff Corry, \*Maria Cruz, \*Maurice & Flora Detiege \*Kevin Fagan, \*Isel Fitzgerald, \*Dion A. Fortune, \*Linda Foster, \*Charlie Gick, \*John Green, Sr., \*Janet Henery, \*Blanca Hernandez, \*Lawrence C. Hill, \*Lee Hobbs, \*Francis Howard, \*Elaine Hunt, \*Helen Hurd, \*Larry Ivy, \*Geraldine Jones, \*Odile Kalla, \*Michael Kelly, \*Busara Keneddy, \*Claude Kolthoff, \*Betty Lawton, \*Yavonna Lewis, \*Sandra Lucas, \*Eric Malcolm, \*Edwin & Regina Mbanude, \*Edith Mebane, \*Maria Magdalena Medrano, \*Agnes Moore, \*Gina Myers, \*Maria Myers, \*Patrick Myers, \*Robert Myers, \*Tom Myers., \*Iris Newman, \*D. Cynhia Peters, \*James Pope, \*Margaret Pope, \*Dorothy Richburg, \*Father Vince Rigon, \*Rosa Maria Santos, \*Bonafacio Selayo \*Delores Sloan, \*Adrian Smith, \*Alice Smith, \*Bernadette Smith, \*Theresa Smith, \*Louise Sweatt, \*Emily Towles, \*Dominic Valentine, \*Dorothy Waring, \*Paul Williams, \*Florentina Zoretta

### Healing Prayer

*Heavenly Father, we pray that You will lay your healing Hands upon all those who are sick. We beg You to have compassion on all those who are suffering so that they may be delivered from their pitiful circumstances.*

*In Jesus, we pray.  
Amen.*

### ATTENDANCE REPORT

7/8/18

Attendance: 412 souls

Offerings & Tithes: \$7,487

Spanish Mass: \$172

Utility fund: \$336

Donations:

Nativity Sodality: \$750

El Shaddai Community DC Chapter: \$800

Youth Group: \$302

## SAINT JOHN PAUL II NATIONAL SHRINE

3900 Harewood Rd., NE. Washington, DC 20017

### SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

**Domestic Church Day.** Saturday July 21, from 1:30 to 6:30 pm. Join fellow Catholic couples and families for a half-day retreat. The day includes engaging talks for couples, children, and teens.

**Visit the official World Youth Day Pilgrim Cross and Icon.** Saturday, August 25. Join us for a special visit of the World Youth Day Pilgrim Cross and Icon as they make their way to Panama for the 2019 World Youth Day in January.

**Stronger – A Men’s Retreat.** Saturday, September 22. A retreat focused on strengthening Christian leadership in men so that each man can learn to be the great leader that God calls him to be.

Visit [jp2shrine.org](http://jp2shrine.org) for more information and other programs.



The Social Outreach Committee will be collecting school supplies (notebooks, backpacks, pencils, paper, folders etc.) for children in the Parish beginning Saturday July 14th until Sunday August 19th and distributing them on Sunday, August 19th, 2018 in the Church Lounge after the 10:30 am mass 11:30 am until 1:00 pm. Those in need of school supplies should fill out one of these forms. Please drop the bottom part in the collection basket at Mass before August 19<sup>th</sup>. You do not need to put your name on the form.