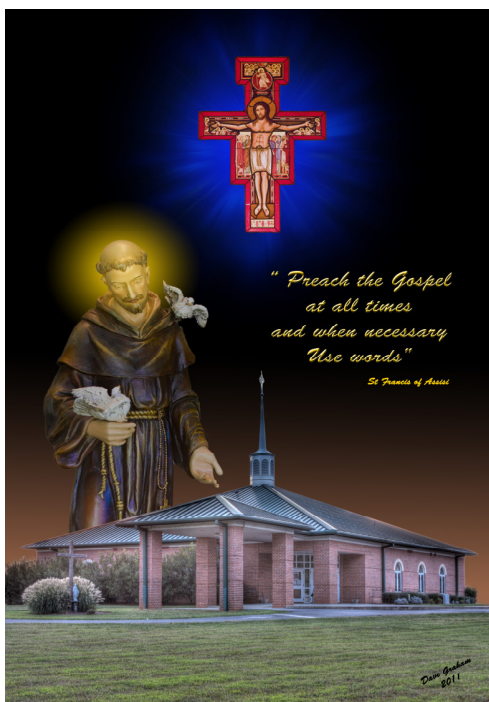


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Fifteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
July 16, 2017
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Pastor

Rev. Fr. John Starczewski

Permanent Deacon (retired)

Rev. Mr. John Zimmerle

MASS SCHEDULE:

Weekend

Saturday Vespereal Liturgy: 5pm

Sunday: 8am, 10am, 12:30pm (en Español)

Daily

Monday, Thursday, Friday: 8am

Wednesday; 6pm with Adoration

Saturday: 10:30am

First Friday: 12pm with Adoration until 1:30pm

Holy Day Masses: Vigil 7pm, 8am Daily, 7pm (unless otherwise scheduled)

1st Saturday Eucharistic Adoration:

7pm-7am

Wednesday Eucharistic Adoration:

6:30pm-8:30pm

SACRAMENTS:

Reconciliation: Saturdays 4pm, Sundays 7:30am, 9:30am, 12pm First Fridays after the 12 noon Mass, or by appointment.

Baptism: First Saturday monthly at 11:30am. Contact the Parish Office at least one month prior to date of baptism.

Marriage: Contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to date of wedding.

Care of the Sick: Anytime, day or night, please call (336) 751-2973 x 5 when someone is seriously ill or in the hospital.

OFFICE HOURS:


Monday, Thursday, Friday 9am-2pm

Wednesday 9am-5:30pm



The **Outreach Pantry** could use the following for the month of July: Salt, Pepper, Flour (including Masa Corn Flour), cooking oil, sugar, ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, Canned items (evaporated milk, tuna, chicken, corn, beans, carrots, peas, beets, tomatoes, fruits, spaghetti sauce), bagged white rice, bagged beans (black, dark red, or pinto only), coffee, tea

Your offerings will be designated to the families on the outreach program or delivered to Just Hope or A Storehouse For Jesus. Please think of these items as you do your weekly shopping.

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Please keep the following in your prayers:
 Loretta Campbell, Mike Cevalasco, Tony Cohrs, Fr. Andrew Draper, TOR, Geri, Jimmy, Helen and Leon Falk, Richard Ferger, Cathi Fruchterman, John Gibson, David & Donna Guest, Hardin & Cohrs families, Bobbi Hoover, Asher Huberty, Al & Margaret Mondlak, Bruce & Jean Muzia, Paul Poirier, Fr. John Starczewski, Samuel Warren, Rev. Mr. John Zimmerle
Names are removed from our prayer list after 4 weeks. If you wish to extend your request, please contact the Parish Office.

Saint Peregrine - Patron Saint of Cancer Patients Prayer List

Annie Askew, Judy Ball, Michael Barmada, Ronald Bodamo, Carlos Bonilla, Jack Burke, Raymond Carney, Jr., Rose Church, Greg Cline, Tom Crosby, Benjamin Crowe, Tom Cunningham, Joseph Dean, Phil Diehl, John Drum, Kay Epperson, Emilio Estrada, Riene Evans, Donna & Patty Falk, Mark Freeze, Joseph P. & Joseph A. Gallagher, Joseph Gerstemeier, Patricia Gilchrist, Sandy Glock, Maria de Jesus Gonzalez, Ruth Gonzalez, Mayra Alejandra Guzman, Don Hall, Linda Knight, Carol Kramer, Tanner Ladd, Barry Langenbach, Nancy Leiman, Guadalupe León, Paula Leonardo, Adriana Lopez, Ivania Majano, William Marshall, Juana Martinez, Heather McClamrock, Steve Miller, Jimmie Mullis, Judy Myles, Margaret O'Connor, Michelle Osberger, Grace Palozzolo, Nicholas Palozzolo, Jackie Patton, Joe Purcell, Cathy Sanchez, Berta Santos, Tracey King Schaller, Geoff Schimmeck, Teci Schultz, Susan Shaw, Becky Sinclair, Ron Slater, Neal Smith, Freddie Sprinkle, Peter Solomon, William Sorrosa, Edward Stasko, Jr., Sylvia Steele, Lee Wilson

O great St. Peregrine, you have been called "The Mighty," "The Wonder-Worker," because of the numerous miracles which you have obtained from God for those who have had recourse to you. For so many years you bore in your own flesh this cancerous disease that destroys the very fiber of our being, and who had recourse to the source of all grace when the power of man could do no more. You were favored with the vision of Jesus coming down from His Cross to heal your affliction. Ask of God and Our Lady, the cure of the sick whom we entrust to you. Aided in this way by your powerful intercession, we shall sing to God, now and for all eternity, a song of gratitude for His great goodness and mercy. Amen.

| PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY | |
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| <i>Please contact the Parish Office to add / remove names</i> | |
| Thomas Bailey—Marines Bryan Boggs—Air Force Brandon Boogie—Army Chris Braniff—Army James Buchanan—Navy Phillip Chandler —Army Stephan Church—Air Force Adrian Crumpton—Navy Christopher Davino—Air Force Brittany Dyar—Coast Guard Chris Dyar—Coast Guard Angelo Eury—Marines James Hattenbach—Marines Christan Hodnett—Navy Austin Householder—Marines Brian Jackson—Army Delaney Jackson—Army | Erik Jackson—Army Robert Jackson III—Marines Brent Lead—Army Adam Low—Air Force Justin McEwen—Army Andrew Montgomery—Marines Billy Page—Air National Guard John Parker—Coast Guard Tanner Penley—Air Force Eric Prin—Air Force Andrew Mark Sales—Marines Hunter Scholl—Navy Michelle Scholl—Navy Rhys Scholl—Navy Anthony Toriello—Navy Christopher Veal—Marines Stephen Wedderburn—Army |

PARISH STAFF
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 Sister Martha Hoyle, RSM, Music & Nursing Ministry
 Renee Hoke, Coordinator of Religious Ed. (336)751-2973 ext. 4
 Agnes Lipnicki, Facilities Housekeeper
 Jay Niland, Webmaster & IT engineer

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
 Faith Formation Classes (September – May)
 Kindergarten—6th Grades Sundays 11am—12:15pm
 1st & 2nd year Confirmation—Sundays 6:30pm—8pm
 RCIA – Wednesdays 7:00pm—8:30pm

PARISH COUNCIL Jay Niland, Chairperson

FINANCE COMMITTEE Pat Tagnani, Chairperson

JULY 16, 2017

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Readings: page **970** in the Green JourneySongs:
The Word's Return: Scott Hahn Reflects on the
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 55:10-11
Psalm 65:10-14

**The seed that falls on good ground will yield a
fruitful harvest.**

Romans 8:18-23
Matthew 13:1-23

Today's readings, like last week's, ask us to meditate on Israel's response to God's Word—and our own. Why do some hear the word of the kingdom, yet fail to accept it as a call to conversion and faith in Jesus? That question underlies today's Gospel, especially.

Again we see, as we did last week, that the kingdom's mysteries are unfolded to those who open their hearts, making of them a rich soil in the which the Word can grow and bear fruit.

As we sing in today's Psalm, in Jesus, God's Word has visited our land, to water the stony earth of our hearts with the living waters of the Spirit (see John 7:38; Revelation 22:1).

The firstfruit of the Word is the Spirit of love and adoption poured into our hearts in baptism, making us children of God, as Paul reminds us in today's Epistle (see Romans 5:5; 8:15-16). In this, we are made a "new creation" (see 2 Corinthians 5:17), the firstfruits of a new heaven and a new earth (see 2 Peter 3:13).

Since the first humans rejected God's Word, creation has been enslaved to futility (see Genesis 3:17-19; 5:29). But God's Word does not go forth only to return to Him void, as we hear in today's First Reading.

His Word awaits our response. We must show ourselves to be children of that Word. We must allow that Word to accomplish God's will in our lives. As Jesus warns today, we must take care lest the devil steal it away or lest it be choked by worldly concerns.

In the Eucharist, the Word gives himself to us as bread to eat. He does so that we might be made fertile, yielding fruits of holiness.

And we await the crowning of the year, the great harvest of the Lord's Day (see Mark 4:29; 2 Peter 3:10; Revelation 1:10)—when His Word will have achieved the end for which it was sent.

† FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS †

July 15—July 23

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| SATURDAY | 10:30AM | † Kathleen Haughey | |
| | 5:00PM | † Cathie Bacher | (Bob Bacher) |
| SUNDAY | 8:00AM | † Mike & Ruth Coffey & Lynn Johnson | (Coffey & Johnson families) |
| | 10:00AM | † Jim Dietrich | (Jim & Linda Harris) |
| | 12:30PM | People of the Parish | |
| MONDAY | 8:00AM | † Helen Jinkara | |
| WEDNESDAY | 6:00PM | † Lisa Fell | (Ben & Carol Wasilauskas) |
| THURSDAY | 8:00AM | † Lisa Fell | (Ben & Carol Wasilauskas) |
| FRIDAY | 8:00AM | Intention of Fr. John Starczewski | (Joann Kohl) |
| SATURDAY | 10:30AM | † Timohty J. Shurtleff | |
| | 5:00PM | Intention of Raymond Carney, Jr. | (Pat & Mary Kronner) |
| SUNDAY | 8:00AM | † Charlotte McManus | (Roxanne Yankee & Paul Poirier) |
| | 10:00AM | † Leo & Cecilia Marcotte | (Joan Church) |
| | 12:30PM | People of the Parish | |

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 15—July 23

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| SATURDAY | | |
| SUNDAY | Priest Retirement Second Collection | |
| MONDAY | 9:00AM | Yard Sale Volunteers—FFB |
| TUESDAY | 4:00PM | Prayer Quilt—PH |
| | 6:00PM | Music Ministry—C |
| WEDNESDAY | 6:00PM | Mass w/ Adoration until 8:30pm |
| THURSDAY | 6:00PM | Hispanic Music Ministry—C |
| FRIDAY | 7:00PM | Grupo de Oración—C |
| SATURDAY | | |
| SUNDAY | Priest Retirement Second Collection | |
| | C—Church | CCR—Church Conference Room |
| | FFB—Faith Formation Building | PH—Parish Hall |

STEWARDSHIP

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| <u>May Offertory</u> | |
| July 2, 2017 | \$ 3,091.00 |
| July 9, 2017 | \$ 4,000.00 |
| July 16, 2017 | \$.00 |
| July 23, 2017 | \$.00 |
| July 30, 2017 | \$.00 |
| July Total | \$ 7,091.00 |
| July Budget (estimate) | \$19,980.00 |
| July Overage/(Shortfall) | |

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| Diocesan Support Appeal Assessment | \$17,736.00 |
| Amount Pledged | \$22,515.00 |
| Amount Paid | \$17,085.34 |
| Donors | 69 |

The Second collection this weekend is for the Priest Retirement & Benefits.

PARISH FLOWER MINISTRY

† Anthony Grimaldi

Flowers at the Altar are donated by

The Grimaldi Family

DIOCESAN NEWS

Stress in Your Marriage? – **Retrouvaille** is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness. Others experience conflict in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation. This program has helped many couples experiencing such difficulties. For confidential information or to apply to attend the program beginning with a weekend on September 22, 2017 call 800-470-2230 or email: retrouvailleenc@msn.com or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org.

“... my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it.” Discover how God's loving words can help us show his love for us and the world by participating in a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** weekend. The next weekends are: Nov 10-12, 2017 in ATLANTIC BEACH, NC and Oct 13-15, 2017 in Myrtle Beach, SC. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: <https://NCMarriageDiscovery.org> or contact us at applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org or 704-315-2144.

KNIGHTS & SQUIRES CORNER



Upcoming Schedule:

- Tuesday, July 18—General meeting @7pm—GH
 - Saturday, July 29—Installation of Officers @6pm—C
 - Monday, August 14—Officer's meeting @7pm—GH
- Vivat Jesus, Grand Knight Stephen Grimaldi

*The Knights of Columbus from St Francis of Assisi Council will be holding their Installation of Officers Ceremony on **Saturday, July 29th, at 6 pm in the Church.** All parishioners are invited to attend this free and memorable ceremony.*

We've been busy
 732 Church Hours
 451 Community Hours
 249 Council Hours
 Providing our support and help for
 Faith Formation, Ushers,
 helping Parishioners
 Lector's, Eucharistic Ministers
 Garden, Shamrock Run,
 Parish Buildings, Special Olympics
 These are just a few things we do here at
 St. Francis of Assisi Parish.
 Who are we?
 Your Knights of Columbus
 That's who!
 So please join us!

† **FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Congratulations to Aranza Roque for winning the State Knights of Columbus Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest. Aranza, and two other young parishioners from Saint Francis of Assisi Parish, won at the local and district levels earlier this year, and their poster entries made it to the State level for consideration. Aranza won in the 8 - 10 year old division; her winning entry will now be submitted to Supreme for consideration, along with many other entries from around the world. Please join the Knights in wishing her well.

What Percentage Of People In Your State Are Catholic?
 How Catholic Is Your State? Listed below are the percentage of people in each state that are Catholic. What you might find could surprise you!

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| 1. Rhode Island - 63 | 30. Indiana - 20 |
| 2. Massachusetts - 47 | 30. Missouri - 20 |
| 3. New Mexico - 41 | 30. Kansas - 20 |
| 4. New Jersey - 39 | 33. Ohio - 19 |
| 4. Vermont - 39 | 34. Wyoming - 18 |
| 6. New York - 38 | 35. Idaho - 15 |
| 7. New Hampshire - 35 | 35. Kentucky - 15 |
| 8. California - 34 | 35. Oregon - 15 |
| 8. Connecticut - 34 | 38. Virginia - 14 |
| 10. Arizona - 31 | 39. Alabama - 13 |
| 11. Illinois - 30 | 40. Delaware - 10 |
| 11. North Dakota - 30 | 40. North Carolina - 10 |
| 11. Louisiana - 30 | 42. Georgia - 8 |
| 14. Texas - 29 | 42. West Virginia - 8 |
| 14. Wisconsin - 29 | 44. Oklahoma - 7 |
| 16. Nebraska - 28 | 44. Tennessee - 7 |
| 17. Pennsylvania - 27 | 44. Arkansas - 7 |
| 18. Florida - 26 | 44. South Carolina - 7 |
| 19. Maine - 25 | 44. Mississippi - 7 |
| 19. Minnesota - 25 | 44. Alaska - 7 |
| 19. South Dakota - 25 | 44. Utah - 7 |
| 22. Colorado - 24 | |
| 22. Hawaii - 24 | |
| 22. Nevada - 24 | |
| 22. Montana - 24 | |
| 26 - Maryland - 23 | |
| 26. Michigan - 23 | |

RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

Parables put things or events side by side so that something profound can be seen and understood. Jesus uses parables to open our eyes and ears to his good news. At baptism, the priest opens our ears to receive the faith and our mouths to proclaim it. Today's Gospel does just that for the Apostles and for us. Receiving the seed of God's Word is our best way to richness and fruitfulness beyond our imaginings. Are we, are you, good ground for God? Hear God's Word and keep it!

