

Sunday, February 19, 2017

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

READINGS: Leviticus 19.1-2, 17-18
1 Corinthians 3.16-23 Psalm: 103
Gospel: Matthew 5.38-48

Saturday, February 18 - 4:00 pm

Offered for: James Thompson – Memorial Mass
From the funeral collection

Altar Servers: Megan, Philip and Morgan

Lectors: Jeanine Rourke and Amanda Rourke

Sunday, February 19 – 10:00 am

Offered for: Wilfred Bova – Memorial Mass
From the funeral collection

Altar Servers: Cheyenne, Keon and Summer

Lectors: Jamie Ross and Carole Ross

Tuesday, February 21 – 6:00 pm

Offered for: Jeanne 'Jenny' Cook – 2nd Anniversary (Feb. 24)
and Philomena Bertha Mae Thompson – 5th
Anniversary (Feb. 25).
Requested by the Children

Wednesday, February 22 - NO MASS

Thursday, February 23 – NO MASS

Friday, February 24 – NO MASS

Saturday, February 25 - 4:00 pm

Offered for: Mary White – Memorial Birthday
Requested by Liz and Mitch Sunday

Altar Servers: Megan, Philip and Morgan

Lectors: Jenny Dejung and Jamie Bay

Sunday, February 26 – 10:00 am

Offered for: Ida Thomas – Memorial Mass
From the funeral collection

Altar Servers: Reagan, Analeyna, Rylie and Kenia

Lectors: Valerie Garrow and Jamie Ross

Ash Wednesday – March 1st - Mass Times

7:30 am and 5:00 pm

Sacrament of Baptism

Next Baptism Seminar will be Tues., March 14 at 5:30 pm at St. Kateri Center. The child(ren) must be pre-registered with a copy of their Birth Certificate.

Reflection on Readings – Feb. 19, 2017

A grieving mother, speaking to the press after her son was charged with a deadly act of terrorism, is incredulous. "I don't know where this came from. We have a loving home. Our family always has been respectful and caring," she says. "Why would he do this? That's not who we are!"

We hear that phrase often lately. For instance, congressional leaders condemning torture as a means of getting information from enemies note, "That's not who we are!" An official of a city that had been making progress in race relations laments a hate crime, "That's not who we are!"

Their point is that our family, our country, our community is not one that lives by the power of subjugation and violence. It's not in our makeup. As a people, we renounce such conduct.

This weekend's Scriptures, in both the Old Testament and Matthew's Gospel, exhort God's people to take no revenge on those who hurt them and, in fact, to love their enemies.

According to Leviticus, God tells Moses to instruct his people thusly, "Though you may have to reprove your fellow citizen, do not incur sin because of him. Take no revenge and cherish no grudge." Why? God explains simply, "Be holy, for I, the Lord, your God, am holy." In other words, don't be a vengeful people, because that's not who we are!

Jesus encourages his disciples in the same way, if I may paraphrase: You have heard it said, an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth, but I say to you offer no resistance to the one who is evil — because that's not who we are! This is one of the most difficult teachings to follow. It's human nature to strike back when someone harms or threatens us. More than once have I convinced myself that even if two wrongs don't make a right at least it'll make me feel better. But it doesn't. It just incurs more sin. These Scriptures emphasize that being the people of God is not about seeking reward for our actions. It's more fundamental than that: It's about our actions growing out of who we are. Call it integrity; call it honor. God calls it being holy. *Article by Jean Denton*

REMINDER: If you would like to learn about DEACONS in the Church and whether that vocation might be for you, you are invited to attend the Deacon Information Session on Wednesday, February 22, at 6:30 P.M. at Our Lady of the Visitation Church in Norfolk, NY. Please contact Father Jerome to register for the meeting.

PREPARE FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

The holy season of Lent will begin on Ash Wednesday, March 1. The ashes that are blessed to be placed on our foreheads on Ash Wednesday are prepared by burning the old branches of blest palm received last year on Palm Sunday. If you can contribute any palms from your home to be used for ashes, please bring them to Church next weekend and place them in the special box prepared. Thank you.

The Lord's Prayer (in Mohawk)

Ta kwa ien ha, ne, ka ron hia ke, te si te ron, a ie sa sen na ien, a ie sa wen ni ios ta ke, a ie sa wen na ra kwa ke, non wen tsia ke, tsi ni iot, ne, ka ron hia ke, kie sa wen na rak wa. Ta kwa nont, ne, ken wen te, ia kion he kon, nia te wen ni se ra ke, sa sa ni konr hen, ne ion kwa ri wa ne ren, tsi ni iot, ni, i, tsi on kwa ni konr hens. O the non, ion ki ni konh rak sa ton, non kwe; to sa, a ion kwa sen ni, ne ka ri wa ne ren, ak we kon, e ren, sa wit, nio tak sens.
NE NE KA NA KE RAH TSHE RA, NE NE KA SATS TENH SE RA, KA IA TA NE HRA KWAH TSHE RA, SA WEN'K NON:WA NOK TSI NEN:WE – E THO E THO NA IA WEN.

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I HAVE NEVER really been put to the test when it comes to the set of expectations that Jesus places before us in today's gospel. I really don't know what I would do in the heat of the moment, if someone struck my cheek or demanded my coat. I do know that my instinctive responses seldom follow the path of the "WWJD – what would Jesus do?" movement. I think Jesus knew we would have a problem with this set of instructions. So instead of beating myself up about where my instincts lead me, I look to see if Jesus had some additional purpose in mind. Did he have an additional message that he hid among all those expectations? As I look more deeply I find a message about our "heavenly Father." I see that Jesus has actually painted for us a picture of the rich merciful love that God showers on us every day. All these extravagant behaviours are modelled on the extravagant behavior of God toward us. The extravagance of God is precisely why we gather today and every Sunday: to celebrate God's abundant love revealed to us in our very own lives. God's style of love is a hard act to follow, but nourished by the Body and Blood of Christ, we take up the challenge to show God's love to those who most need to experience it. *Margaret Bick, Toronto, ON.*

Chair of Saint Peter – Feast Day, Feb. 22nd

The First of the Apostles: Peter was recorded more than any other disciple in the New Testament. Peter was at Jesus's sides at the Transfiguration, the raising of Jairus' daughter, and the Agony of the Garden of Gethsemane. Peter played a major role in the Passion of Jesus. He helped organize the Last Supper. When Jesus was arrested, Peter cut off the right ear of a slave of the high priest Malchus. Just as Jesus had predicted at the Last Supper, Peter denied Christ three times. After the Resurrection, Peter went to the tomb with the other disciple. The first appearance of the Risen Christ was before Peter, ahead of the other disciples, at Tiberias. Jesus gave to Peter the famous command to lead the new Church, "Feed my lambs.... Tend my sheep.... Feed my sheep".

LET US PRAY: O God, who hast given unto Thy blessed Apostle Peter the keys to the kingdom of heaven, and the power to bind and loose: grant that we may be delivered, through the help of this intercession, from the slavery of all our sins: Who livest and reignest world without end. Amen.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND: for all who are sick and suffering in our hospitals, nursing homes, and at home. Today we join the faithful gathered on this feast and bring to your care, Brother Bertrand Girard, S.J., Orlo Ransom, Francis Cree, Clyde Cree, Isabel Rourke, Larry Pyke, John Taylor, George Towsley, Esther Burnham, Charlotte Lazore, Nancy Phillips, April Benedict, Marie Casey, and Betty Lamendola.

We pray also for those who have died recently, especially Mary Jacobs Duffy, Mae Tarbell and Anthony 'John' McDonald. May the Lord console their families and grant eternal rest to all the deceased. Amen.

February 22 to 28, 2017 – Father Jerome will be away on retreat, therefore there will be no weekday Masses during his absence. Please welcome Father John Downs (Father Jack), who will be with us during the weekend Masses.

Religious Education:

Confirmation: next class is on Mar. 1 at 5 pm at the St. Regis Church.

First Communion: next class is Mar. 2 at 6 pm at the St. Kateri Center. AMS school next class is Tuesday, Feb. 21, immediately following school hours at 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm (for students attending AMS school).

Altar and Rosary Society Benefit Fundraiser, Friday, Feb. 24th beginning at 11 am: all proceeds to benefit the Church altar supplies and decorations, such as candles, linen, and flowers. The Society will be selling meatball subs with a salad, dessert and drink for only \$10.00. Please support their efforts that support the beautification and upkeep of our Church.

WINTER RETREAT DAY – SAT., MARCH 4/17
The theme "Praying with Psalms", facilitated by Sr. Bethany Fitzgerald, SSJ, will be held at the St. Kateri Tekakwitha Center from 10 am to 3 pm. This invitation to "come aside and rest a while."(Mt. 11:28-30) will include time for prayer, presentations, time for sharing with one another on the Journey as well as time for quiet reflection. A suggested offering is \$20.00 for the day, and includes morning and afternoon snacks, and lunch. Please call the Rectory office.

Parish Ministry Meetings

@ St. Kateri Tekakwitha Center

Parish Council	April 26 – 5:30 pm
Finance Council	(to be announced)
Liturgy & Faith Ministry	Mar. 8 – 7:30 pm
Choir/Music Ministry	Feb. 25 – 9:30 am
Altar & Rosary Society	Feb. 24 – 12:30 pm

COLLECTIONS for Feb. 11 and 12, 2017
\$482.60 CDN \$431.81 US