

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY

**Happy
the nation
whose God
is the Lord,
the people
chosen as his
very own.**

PSALM 33:12



The Rectory Office will be
closed on Monday, July 5th.

St. Mark's Catholic Church

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Rev. José Fernández-Bangueses, Resident Priest

Rev. Bernard N. Mohan (Wednesday and Friday)

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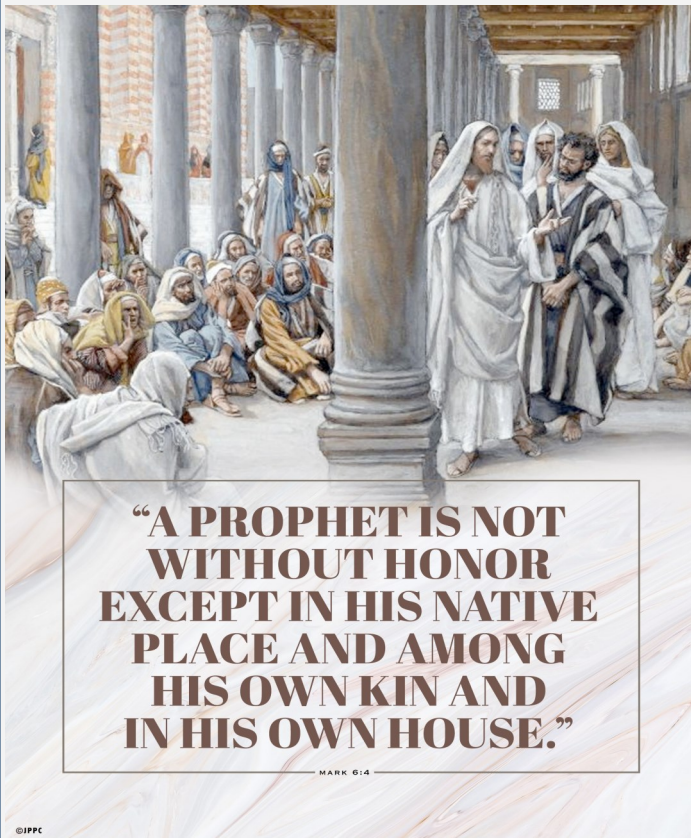
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 4, 2021

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Lectionary: 101

Reading I Ez 2:2-5

As the LORD spoke to me, the spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard the one who was speaking say to me: Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have revolted against me to this very day.

Hard of face and obstinate of heart are they to whom I am sending you. But you shall say to them: Thus says the LORD GOD! And whether they heed or resist—for they are a rebellious house—they shall know that a prophet has been among them.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4

R. (2cd) Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy. To you I lift up my eyes who are enthroned in heaven —As the eyes of servants are on the hands of their masters.

R. Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy. As the eyes of a maid are on the hands of her mistress, So are our eyes on the LORD, our God, till he have pity on us.

R. Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his

mercy. Have pity on us, O LORD, have pity on us, for we are more than sated with contempt; our souls are more than sated with the mockery of the arrogant, with the contempt of the proud.

R. Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

Reading II 2 Cor 12:7-10

Brothers and sisters:

That I, Paul, might not become too elated, because of the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, an angel of Satan, to beat me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I begged the Lord about this, that it might leave me, but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness. I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses, in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me. Therefore, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and constraints, for the sake of Christ; for when I am weak, then I am strong.

Alleluia

Cf. Lk 4:18

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Mk 6:1-6

Jesus departed from there and came to his native place, accompanied by his disciples. When the sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished.

They said, “Where did this man get all this?

What kind of wisdom has been given him?

What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands!

Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary, and the brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon?

And are not his sisters here with us?”

And they took offense at him.

Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house.”

So he was not able to perform any mighty deed there,

apart from curing a few sick people by laying his hands on them.

He was amazed at their lack of faith.



Readings for the Week

July 4, 2021

Monday: Gn 28:10-22a; Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab; Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33; Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b, 15; Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19; Mt 10:1-7
Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 10:7-15
Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mt 10:16-23
Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7; Mt 10:24-33
Sunday: Am 7:12-15; Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14; Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10; Mk 6:7-13

Pray FOR THE SICK

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Please Note: New Policy for the Pray for our Sick. Names will remain on the sick list read at mass for 4 weeks and then removed unless the requester calls to remain on the list for another 4 weeks. To ensure the consent of the person whose name appears here, the pastor's policy requires that only they or a family member may request a name be added to this list. Names will remain in the bulletin until the person or family request it be removed.

Janet Thomas, Edward Morea, Rosalie Renda, Lynn Jelliff, Alice Healy, Benjamin Ohlweiler, Jeremy Pavlick, Lucy Gargano, Christine Frauenheim, Robert MacPherson, Jake Gilbert, Bill Lesniak, Jim Bogan, Bruce Bogan, Sr., Bobbie Woods, Julia Buonocore, Alexandra Gavilanes, Sarah Gallagher, Jimmy Azzollini, Vivian Wilson, Ken Hauck, Dorothy Waugh, Patricia Cavanaugh, Rose Courtney, Grace Philhower, Maria Valdez.

BAPTISM



Congratulations to our Newly Baptized:

William Patrick Boyan, III, May 16, 2021
 Josue Cisneros Hernandez, May 22, 2021
 Owen Jael Skola, May 30, 2021
 Grant Hatami, June 5, 2021
 Maggie Patrice Hennessy, June 6, 2021
 German Cruz Bautista, June 12, 2021
 Eleanor Marion Callahan, June 20, 2021
 Lola Pilar Schmid, June 27, 2021

If you are a parishioner who has not been able to attend Mass and would like to have a Eucharistic Minister bring Holy Communion to you, please contact Donna at the rectory, 732-449-6364 x100 or email donna@stmarkseagirt.com.

Eternal Rest grant onto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Please remember in your prayers those of our diocese, parish, friends, and family members who have recently died.

† Virginia Brennan

May the angels lead you into paradise...

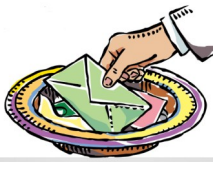
St. Mark's Bereavement Ministry

Our Bereavement Ministry helps those who are grieving the loss of a loved one during their most difficult times. They meet on Wednesdays at 11 AM in St. Mark's Church basement (Fr. Child's Hall).

Please call Sue Nolan at 718-637-1162 for more information. All are welcome!

Bishop's Anniversary Blessing

All couples celebrating their 1st, 25th or 50+ wedding anniversary during the 2020 or 2021 calendar year are invited to share the Eucharist, reaffirm your sacred wedding vows, and receive Bishop O'Connell's Episcopal Blessing. Couples from Ocean and Monmouth Counties may attend the Mass and Blessing at the Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine in Freehold on **Sunday, October 10, 2021 at 3 pm**. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, attendance at Mass is limited but both events will be livestreamed. **For more information or to register online go to www.dioceseoftrenton.org/bishops-anniversary-blessing. The registration deadline for all anniversary couples is September 15, 2020.**



Thank You! We are so grateful to all those who financially sacrifice each week to support our parish and its ministries!

We would especially like to thank all of those who faithfully use their weekly parish contribution envelopes and those who give online through the Parish Giving Program.

June 27, 2021 collection amount \$10,411.



This Week's Mass Intentions

DATE	INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
Monday, July 5		
7:30 AM	† Deceased Members St. Mark's Holy Name † Patrick Scatuorchio † Margaret H. Neilan	Family Clarke Family
11:00 AM	Living & Deceased Members of St. Mark's Altar Rosary † Anne Macencyak	Dempsey Family
Tuesday, July 6		
7:30 AM	† James E. England † Paul Tortorella	John and Maria Checton Bob & Jerry Dempsey
11:00 AM	† Buonocore and Hoblitzell Families † Cathy Mulvaney	Family Gene and Judy Mulvaney
Wednesday, July 7		
7:30 AM	† Colette Casey † Matthew Trotter	Estate Catherine Allgor
11:00 AM	† Patricia Buckley † Peg Krauss	St. Mark's Nursing Ministry Sara Lynch
Thursday, July 8		
7:30 AM	† Peter Warshaw	Oscar Birle
11:00 AM	† John Murray † Bob Weeks	Gene and Judy Mulvaney Pat Weeks
Friday, July 9		
7:30 AM	† Mary Gildea † Fred and Helen Hill	Family Kathleen Santella
11:00 AM	† John Abate † Flynn Sullivan	Mary Abate Pat McLaughlin
Saturday, July 10		
7:30 AM	† Eta Germaine † Anne Macenczak	Terri Germaine Dempsey Family
4:30 PM	† Marian Mariscia † Marylyn Bowman † Edward J. Labaj	Carol and Bruce Waitzel Eleanor and John Sullivan Joan Labaj and Family
Sunday, July 11		
8:00 AM	† William Kiliany † William Hutton	Paula Kiliany Robert and Jean Debacher
10:00 AM	† Dolores M. Randazzo † Dr. James Boozan † Al Logel	Richard and Rebecca Reilly Susan Dee and Family Rita Carbone Ciocca
12 Noon	People of the Parish † Helen Weiland Loguidice	Reynolds Family
5:00 PM	Alaina Manzano	Mother and Family

Next Weekend's Minister Schedule

July 10/11, 2021

	Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday, 4:30 PM (Church)	Sue Hannon	Connie Duffy Anthony Granato
Sunday, 8:00 AM (Church)	Peggy Hardiman	Gary Cademartori Pat Cademartori
Sunday, 10:00 AM (Church)	Todd Leonhardt	Don McLaughlin Mary McLaughlin
Sunday, 12 Noon (Church)	Lori Savino	Marge Loenser Jim Mulvihill



Ushers Needed at our weekend Masses to assist members of our parish community during Mass. Men and women are welcome to consider this important ministry. If you are interested, please email

Rich Siderko at run5kbytheshore@optonline.net or call 732-528-7235.

The Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette will preach the Annual Parish Mission Appeal on July 17-18, 2021



Having brought the fullness of Life to our world when He rose from the dead, Jesus sent his disciples to share this life with all of creation. *"They went forth and preached everywhere"* (Mk 16:20). The Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette minister to people of every race, language, culture and way of life –

beginning at the La Salette Shrine in France where our Blessed Mother appeared in 1846. Her final words, *"Well, my children, you will make this known to all my people,"* echo Jesus' Gospel mandate. It is little wonder that the La Salette Congregation has always been mission orientated. When called upon by the Vatican to preach the Gospel in foreign lands, they eagerly responded. This spirit brought them to mission in 27 countries, especially among the poor in Angola, Argentina, Bolivia, Haiti, India, Madagascar, Myanmar and the Philippines. With your cooperation, the Missionaries of La Salette can continue to provide spiritual and financial assistance to these mission countries as they bring God's reconciling message to the poor.

PLEASE NOTE: It has come to our attention that spam emails are being received from Msgr. Flynn. Do not respond, do not click links, and do not open any attachments in these messages. Thank you.

Eucharistic Devotion

The importance of Eucharistic Adoration is shown in the fact that the Church has a ritual that regulates it: the Rite of Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction. This is an extension of the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament which occurs in every Mass: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb." Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament flows from the sacrifice of the Mass and serves to deepen our hunger for Communion with Christ and the rest of the Church. The Rite concludes with the ordained minister blessing the faithful with the Blessed Sacrament.



Please join us on Friday's immediately after the 11 AM Mass for Adoration. Benediction begins at 1:45PM. It will also be broadcast on livestream @ stmarkseagirt.com. Come spend some quiet time with the Lord.

While everyone is not yet able to participate in person at Masses, you can watch them online by visiting our parish website: [Saint Mark's Catholic Church – 215 Crescent Pkwy, Sea Girt, New Jersey 08750 \(stmarkseagirt.com\)](http://SaintMark'sCatholicChurch-215CrescentPkwy,SeaGirt,NewJersey08750.stmarkseagirt.com) and click on the Livestream logo or highlight the link below then right click and click open Hyperlink [St. Mark Church Streaming Player](http://St.MarkChurchStreamingPlayer) | [Powered by StreamSpot](http://PoweredbyStreamSpot).



Northern New Jersey Alcoholics Anonymous provides information on AA as a resource for anyone who thinks they may have drinking problem, as well as to answer any questions that professionals or community members may have about Alcoholics Anonymous. Please visit www.nnjaa.org for more information.



Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Last April, many of us became “Brits” for the day as we watched the combined military and religious funeral rites for England’s late Prince Philip. We knew something of his fidelity in his tireless service to his adopted country, and in his accepted role as consort to the queen for more than 75 years. We also had to acknowledge his humility as expressed in the funeral ceremony.

It was back in 1922, when his uncle, King Constantine I of Greece, had been forced to abdicate in the wake of his disastrous prosecution of the Greco-Turkish war. Only 18 months old and barely ahead of the rioting mob, Philip was smuggled out of Greece in an orange crate that his family had converted into a makeshift crib. A British light cruiser

then safely transported them to France. My point here is that all this involved a certain rejection, even if the boy was too young to realize it.

Here we are today, celebrating our Independence Day from that very same England. In that masterful Declaration of Independence, written by Thomas Jefferson, we as a people clearly displayed our rejection of England’s rule. It so stung King George that he declared war on the colonies that defied him.

My point is that there really is pain involved in all kinds of rejection. It’s a sting to the heart. Most of us have experienced some form of it in our personal lives. Rejection hurts most of all in matters of the heart. With little effort I can recall the sting I felt when the girl I asked to the junior prom turned me down. Many of us have felt the sting in the breakup of a love affair; or the divorce from marriage vows once happily taken.

Hurt infects us when the college admission board turns us down. Or when the expected pay raise is denied, or the promotion not granted. The list is long and long remembered.

It is only natural that we wonder where God is in all of these things. Does He know what it feels like? Does He care? If in Jesus He was “like us in all things but sin” was rejection part of the equation? In this weekend’s Gospel, we get the answer. Surely Jesus was rejected, even by His own relatives. More than that, biblical scholars tell us there was an implied insult in calling Him “the Son of Mary,” because in those days all Jews were identified as being sons of their fathers.

Where does that leave us? I believe in a place of consolation and ultimate peace. Our God truly understands our pain. Rejection was no stranger to Him. Yet, He offered a cure: Trust in Faith. This accompanied by His declaration of support: He loves us unconditionally. Maybe at the painful moments we don’t want pat answers or even Scripture quotes. It is only later that we realize that when we coped with rejection and kept on trusting God, we became a better person.

G. Campbell Morgan was 1 of 150 young men who sought entrance into the Methodist ministry in 1888. He had passed his written exam but faced the test of giving a trial sermon in front of a panel. When the results were released, Morgan’s name was among the 105 who were rejected.

He wired his father with one word: “Rejected.” Then he sat down and wrote in his diary: “Very dark. Everything seems still. He knoweth best.” The reply to his wire was quick to arrive. It read. “Rejected on earth, accepted in heaven. Dad.”

Morgan in later years became the famous Doctor George Campbell Morgan D.D. who was a British evangelist, preacher, a leading Bible teacher, and a prolific author. As Morgan went on to prove, rejection on earth is often of little consequence. As his father wisely recognized, it is of no consequence in heaven. And that, after all, is our true home.

While you enjoy your holiday, may God love you and give you His peace.

Reading I: Ezekiel 2: 2-5

God charges Ezekiel with a mission to speak the Word to a people so hardened in disobedience that they will not listen. Worse, they will oppose him. Still Ezekiel must proclaim the sacred Word.

Reading II: 2 Corinthians 12: 7-10

St. Paul speaks of a “thorn” in his flesh, given him to keep him grounded despite the many revelations given him. He humbly boasts of his weaknesses because they show Christ’s power at work in him.

The Gospel: Mark 6: 1-6a

Here we have Jesus rejected even by His own people. That had to sting. Scholars tell us that when the people called Him “the Son of Mary” that could have been an insult, because in those days Jews were usually known by their father’s name, in “Son of Joseph.”

This weekend, July 3rd and 4th, there will be a special collection for St. Mark's Social Concerns Ministry. This happens each year around this time. Please read the letter below on our Social Concern's activities this past year that were all made possible by your generous donations.



To Our Parishioners,

Through the generous donations of our wonderful Parishioners, St. Mark's Social Concerns Ministry was able to continue to provide immediate support to all the emergency appeals we received as the Pandemic continued during much of this past year. No one with a legitimate need was turned away. Food, shelter and other types of necessary support were provided to a number of individuals and families throughout southern Monmouth County to help stabilize their lives, as they regained the ability to support themselves independently again.

In working jointly with another non-profit organization, we were able to provide a new, much needed refrigerator to an elderly lady living alone without the funds to replace it herself. Her joy in receiving this could not be adequately described in words.

We are continuing to support some of the various needs at Our Lady of Mount Carmel School in Asbury Park including school supplies, food cards on occasion for some of the families and tuition help for a few of their students. We also provided tuition assistance for a student from a low-income family at St. Rose School in Belmar.

And our Giving Tree activities for Christmas this year were the largest ever in helping children, families and certain non-profit organizations in our area that provide food, shelter and other services to people with special needs.

You should feel blessed that your donations are making a difference in so many people's lives. Thank you so much for your support this past year. Your help with this year's Social Concerns collection would be most appreciated and put to good use.

Due to the Pandemic, our Social Concern's members have been unable to have our monthly meetings this past year, but we are hoping to resume our in-person meetings in September. We would love to add some new members as well and are in need of some help sharing leadership activities.

Sara Lynch & Joann McGuirk