



**Bulletin**

**Sacred Heart Parish  
Eucharist Schedule: Saturday 4:00**

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**July 10th, 2021  
Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**Masks are  
mandatory in  
the Church**

The **first reading** is taken from the Book of the Prophet Amos 7:12-15. When he foretold the murder of Jeroboan and the exile of Israel Amos was denounced by Amaziah, the priest in charge of the sanctuary of Bethel, and was expelled from Israel.

The second reading is from the Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians 1:3-14 or 1:3-10. This letter was written from Rome to remind St. Paul's converts to continue to be faithful to the teaching he had given them while in Ephesus.

**The Gospel** is from St. Mark 6:7-13. That Christ the Son of God could have spread his Gospel of peace and love, his message of eternal salvation, to the whole world without human help need not be proved. He could, for instance, have written the Gospel in the sky-over each country in its own language. He could have gone to every part of the earth, after his resurrection, and taught his doctrine to all peoples, confirming his words with extraordinary miracles. Yet he chose the weaker but the more human way of evangelizing men—he sent their own fellowmen to bring them the message. This choice showed his divine love and understanding of weak human nature, much better and much more effectively than the use of any of the supernatural means which he could have employed.

God, and Christ is God, gave man the gift that we call freewill. Man is able to choose between alternatives. God wants man to choose heaven as his eternal home, but he wants him to choose it without compulsion or coercion. He will have volunteers in heaven not conscripts. The man who chooses heaven must choose the means for going there. If you choose a holiday resort for your summer vacation, you must buy travel tickets, book a hotel and save up the expenses necessary for the holiday. By appointing mortal men to bring the news of salvation, the news of heaven, and the means of getting there to all of us, Christ has given us the chance of exercising our freewill and therefore of meriting heaven. Refusal to accept would hardly be possible if Christ informed us miraculously or taught us in person. If some extraordinary individual could persist in refusing, his refusal would be utterly inexcusable.

God's mercy and love can reach into the darkest corners and produce fruit from the most unlikely and apparently most neglected of orchards.

While we thank God from our hearts today for having been put on the road to heaven, let us remember in our prayers our fellowmen, God's other children, who are trudging along through the fields and hedges. May God continue to show his mercy and divine understanding toward them!

Excerpted from The Sunday Readings by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

**Old Calendar: Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

And he called to him the twelve, and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. And he said to them, "Where you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. And if any place will not receive you and they refuse to hear you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet for a testimony against them (Mk 6:7-11)."

Today is the feast of St. Benedict which is superseded by the Sunday Liturgy.

**Collection:  
July 03/2021**

<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>\$280.00</b>
<b>Cemetery Fund/Envelopes</b>	<b>\$90.00</b>
<b>Cemetery Fund</b>	<b>\$250.00</b>
	<b>\$620.00</b>

## Notices:

**1: Take-out Strawberry Festival.** July 10<sup>th</sup>, time: 4:00pm. Take out will include, strawberries, oatcakes, biscuits, cream. \$10.00 each. You can pre-order or pick up that day.

### **2: Multi-Table Yard Sale**

Where: Johnstown Landing – Across from the Parish Hall

When: Saturday July 17<sup>th</sup> – rain date Sunday July 18<sup>th</sup>

Time: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Cost: \$10.00 per table

Hosted by: Johnstown Community Development Co-op

Contact the following to book a table:

Rita Campbell: 902-631-0209

Roger Cormier: 902-578-9107

Louise Campbell: 902-535-3107

## In the Diocese

### **NOVENA to St ANNE:**

From July 17 to July 25, we shall be having a novena to St Anne at 10:30 each morning at Holy Guardian Angels church. Everyone is welcome. Covid protocols are in effect.

**"The gift shop at the Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine in Mabou** will open on Saturday May 1st The hours and days are as follows: We look forward to opening the gift shop at Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine on Saturday, May 1st Hours are from 1:00 to 4:00 pm daily. On Saturday, May 22nd the hours will be 10:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday to Saturday and 11:00 am to 5:00 pm on Sunday. The Shrine is open daily for visitation as it has been all winter There is public health protocol in place in both the Shrine and the gift shop. If you have any inquiries, please call 902-945-2221."

**Feast Day July 26 of Saints Anne and Joachim St. Anne Grandmother of the Mi'kmaq Story** In this celebration from previous years, the statue of St. Anne is taken up the hill on the island known as "Mniku" in Potlotek, Cape Breton, NS. This Mi'kmaq pilgrimage had been held for over 350 years and is held during the last weekend in July in celebration of the Feast of St. Anne. While plans for this year's pilgrimage are uncertain due to COVID public health protocols, the Feast of St. Anne and the importance of grandmothers in Mi'kmaq culture remains strong. On July 25, 2021 the Vatican will hold its first World Day for Grandparents and Elderly. I am not certain if this is coincidence or intentional but also during that time it is the Feast of St. Anne which occurs in late July. The most well-known patronage of St. Anne is that of grandmothers. She is the mother of Virgin Mary and the grandmother of Jesus Christ. St. Anne was a woman of great virtue and love. Considering the fact that St. Anne was never mentioned in the bible, the Mi'kmaq adopted St. Anne as their Patron Saint in 1628. This decision was made 18 years later when Mi'kmaq Grand Chief Membertou and 21 of his family members became the first Mi'kmaq to be baptized in 1610. To give light to why the Mi'kmaq would choose St. Anne as their patron saint, the Mi'kmaq for centuries held their elders with high respect for their wealth of knowledge. Also in the Mi'kmaq culture, the grandmother was and is still more revered because they are the caretakers, the matriarch of the clan and they are the givers of life. In hindsight, the Mi'kmaq culture leans towards a matriarchal society where woman for generations have been the leaders in their communities. Therefore, the grandmother in the Mi'kmaq culture garners great status. In fact, the Mi'kmaq have given St. Anne the name "Nukumijinen – Our grandmother." St. Anne is viewed as the grandmother of the Mi'kmaq. Each and every year, the Mi'kmaq people gather in two areas of Nova Scotia – Chapel Island and Merigomish – to honor their grandmother St. Anne. The annual pilgrimage celebrating the Feast of St. Anne occurs in late July and attracts Mi'kmaq people from all over the Atlantic Region. (Note: Plans for 2021 are still unconfirmed due to COVID pandemic protocols) Also, for over 60 years many Mi'kmaq communities across Atlantic Canada make their annual pilgrimage to Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré, Quebec. St. Anne is highly revered in the Mi'kmaq culture and the ones who still continue this tradition are of course the grandmothers of the Mi'kmaq Nation.

**July 11:** Sea Sunday Churches around the world celebrate Sea Sunday: a day each year for people to pray and give thanks for those who earn their livings from and on the sea. An estimated 90 per cent of goods on our store shelves are there through the efforts of crews aboard ships who often spend months at sea weathering storms and working long, physical hours for relatively low pay and little vacation. "I was a stranger and you welcomed me," is this year's theme. From StellaMaris.org.uk, an international charity for the welfare of seafarers: "When seafarers are in foreign ports, they often rely on the strangers who visit them to support them – Often they don't even speak the local language, making things even harder." Services to seafarers have become more crucial, and more difficult, during the COVID pandemic. With isolation protocols, crews can be stranded on board ship unable to replenish supplies or communicate with their families back home. This past April, Strait area businesses and communities provided donations of winter hats and other essentials to crew aboard a quarantined oil tanker near Port Hawkesbury: This Sea Sunday, as COVID protocols encourage us to celebrate privately or in small groups, we can: Remember fishers and seafarers in our prayers.