

DATE	MASSES	EVENTS
<b>Saturday</b> July 11th <b>Memorial of</b> <b>St. Benedict, Abbot</b>	8AM Pro Populo	7:30AM—Confessions
	4PM Pro Populo	3:00PM—Confessions
<b>Sunday</b> July 12th <b>15th Sunday</b> <b>In Ordinary Time</b>	8AM Pro Populo	9:00AM—Confessions
	10AM +Michael Naydock Requested by James & Jo Lee	
<b>Monday</b> July 13th	No Mass Today	
<b>Tuesday</b> July 14th	8AM +Carroll L. Smathers Requested by Bernice Smathers	7:30AM—Confessions
<b>Wednesday</b> July 15th	8AM Benefactors of the St. Joseph Academy Requested by Sr. Ruth	7:30AM—Confessions
<b>Thursday</b> July 16th	8AM +Maria Magaretha Rebuck Requested by Christina Reitz	7:30AM—Confessions
<b>Friday</b> July 17th	8AM Pro Populo	7:30AM—Confessions
<b>Saturday</b> July 18th	8AM +John Scifo Requested by Joan & Charles Fields	7:30AM—Confessions
	4PM Pro Populo	3:00PM—Confessions
<b>Sunday</b> July 19th <b>16th Sunday</b> <b>In Ordinary Time</b>	8AM Jerry Rogers Requested by Leslie & Doug McCausland	
	10AM Pro Populo	9:00AM—Confessions

To request a Mass intention, please visit the parish office during normal business hours.



# ST. MARGARET

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### ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

#### Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 12th, 2020 anno Domini

#### MASS SCHEDULE

**Sunday Liturgy:** 4:00 PM (Vigil)  
8:00 AM (seasonal)  
10:00 AM

**Monday:** No Mass Today

**Tuesday -Saturday:** 8:00 AM

**1st Friday of the Month:** 8:00 AM

**Holy Day of Obligation:** Check website

**Snow Days:** Check website

*Refer to back page for possible changes*

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturday: 3:00-3:45 PM,  
Sunday: 9:00-9:45 AM, 1/2 hour before all Daily Masses, or by appointment

**SACRAMENTS/FUNERALS:** Contact office

#### MISSION STATEMENT

To grow in the love of the Lord,  
follow the teachings of the Church,  
& serve one another and the community.

#### CLERGY & STAFF

<b>Rev. Christopher Bond</b>	<b>Pastor</b>
Rev. Mr. Miles Merwin	Deacon (seasonal)
Mrs. Leslie McCausland	Secretary
Ms. Nicki Conroy	Faith Formation
Mrs. Bernice Smathers	Choir Director
Ms. Faith Garner	Organist

**OFFICE HOURS:**  
**Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday**  
10:00 AM—4:00 PM  
**Friday—Monday:** Closed

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## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

The First Reading from the Book of Isaiah opens with one of the most beautiful references to the Word of God ever written "For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it." The images of rain and snow and the Word are incredibly vivid.



Most of us understand how rain and snow descend upon the earth. This moisture is what allows things to grow and produce. We may have learned in school about atmospheric circulation, how the moisture falls to earth but then returns to the heavens only to fall and provide the needed moisture again. God is pointing out to us that His Word comes in the same way — He sends it to us, but it does not return until it has accomplished its intended purpose. The Word of God has strength and meaning, and in the long run it never fails in its intended objective. Our understanding and our discipleship are part of that intent.

St. Paul reveals to us how we fit in to the Word as described in Isaiah. Paul refers to revelation, how the truth is revealed to us through the Word. It is these revelations that give us "heavenly hope" to us, the words of St. Paul. In the midst of the Second Reading, Paul explains quite clearly how the Word is intended to work when he says, "The coming glory will not only be revealed to us, but it will actually be revealed in us." We are to take God's Word and make it real to those around us.

This is what we mean when we say stewardship is a way of life. Paul also indicates that the Holy Spirit is alive within each of us, and it is through God's word that it is activated, that it blossoms and grows and produces fruit. God has put what Paul calls the "glory" into each of us now. It is up to us nonetheless to make it apparent to others. We do that by how we live out discipleship. Revealing the Word and living it out is up to us.

As is usually the case it is the Lord God Himself Who puts the above into perspective through His Son Jesus Christ and the Holy Gospel. The Gospel from St. Matthew tells us of Jesus addressing the crowds and explaining the Word. Note that Jesus teaches from a boat. That was unique at that time, but we can be sure the Lord knew exactly what He was doing. Imagine the scene — the Lord in a boat near shore with the wonderful backdrop of the water and mountains along the Sea of Galilee in the background. Of course, he was aware that sound travels better across water, so His Words would have volume and clarity.

And then He begins to teach with parables. The roots of the word "parable" come from a Greek word (παραβολή/*parabole*) which meant "illustration" or "analogy." However, it also carried with it the idea of "to throw along the side of," something placed next to a truth. One Bible scholar has described a parable as "an earthly story with a heavenly meaning." It is one of the most effective ways that Jesus brought the Word to life. In the particular parable He relates today He speaks of a sower, and how the important factor behind producing crops is more the soil in which seeds are planted than the seeds themselves. In other words the same seed can be planted in various places but it is only the seed planted in rich soil which will produce fruit. We, of course, are the soil to which He refers.

Are we indeed "rich soil?" Jesus says, "...the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirty-fold." It is up to each of us to seek to become the kind of soil the Lord's Word needs to produce a harvest. It is we who must receive the Word from the Heavens and do something with it which accomplishes God's purpose. That is what is meant when we speak in the stewardship terms of: "Receiving God's gifts; cultivating them; and returning them with increase to the Lord," the same as the atmospheric circulation to which we made reference in the First Reading

## SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

The seasonally scheduled 8AM Sunday Mass has officially been reinstated. Even if this is not your preferred time to come to church, I hope many of you consider attending this Mass—especially if you have been a little uncomfortable with the crowds at the 10AM Mass these past few weeks. It is my hope there will exist a natural distribution of congregants across the three Sunday liturgies so as to allow for proper social distancing.

## LIVE MASS STREAMING CHANGE

Due to a schedule conflict the Live Mass Streaming will take place during the Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:00PM instead of the usual Sunday 10:00 AM. The Sunday 10AM mass will still be held. The dates for the live stream are as follows:

**Saturday July 11th & Saturday July 18th**

## FAITH FORMATION

Please return **Faith Formation** forms by July 20th 2020. If you have any questions please contact Nicki Conroy

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

R. Allan, Chris Churchill, Denise Collins, Thomas Dexter, Elliot Dowdell, Norma Esbenshade, Pat Gerakaris, Dick Hamel, Maryellen & Ray Hoefler, Joe Hoefler, Jess, Ketchum, Ann Ketchum, Josh Ketchum, Kimberly Krisan, Matt Loetz, G. Lydia, R. Mas, Betty Metzger, Peter Mino, Robert Missana, S. Mullen, Joseph Orvos, Pat & Suzanne Palmiere, Pat & George Pastore, Mike R., Jerry Rogers, Marie S., Sue Quick, Christina Reitz, Edward Smathers, Austin Strader, Tinley Jane Toner, Pvt. Luke Turner, Olivia Triollo, Michael Welch, Bella Grace Yarrington, Bruce Yarrington, David Yarrington.

**Names will remain on this list for one month unless notified otherwise.**

## BELL TOWER REPAIRS

Repairs of the bell tower are ongoing. The old roof top has been removed and replaced with a new domed membrane material. This past Tuesday the work commenced to remove the existing sheet rock & framing. Remediation of any existing mold issues will be addressed and treated. Once remediation is completed a fresh coat of white paint will be applied to the ceiling & first three (3) landings of the stairway interior walls. This was a long awaited process. Thank you for your continuous generous contributions to make these needed repairs possible!

## OFFERINGS

Offeritory	Preservation & Improvement	Votive
\$2318	\$280	\$15

## DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL 2020

Assessment/Goal	Amount Paid	Pledges Outstanding	Over
\$22,000	\$14947.12	\$7484.20	\$431

*\*Diocesan ledger does not always reflect recent contributions*