

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 7, 2019

Harvest Time

Readings: Isaiah 66:10-14; Psalms 66:1-7, 16, 20; Galatians 6:14-18; Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

Jesus has a vision in this week's Gospel—Satan falling like lightning from the sky, the enemy vanquished by the missionary preaching of His Church.

Sent out by Jesus to begin gathering the nations into the harvest of divine judgment (see Isaiah 27:12-13; Joel 4:13), the 70 are a sign of the continuing mission of the Church.

Carrying out the work of the 70, the Church proclaims the coming of God's kingdom, offers His blessings of peace and mercy to every household on earth—"every town and place He intended to visit." Our Lord's tone is solemn today. For in the preaching of the Church "the kingdom of God is at hand," the time of decision has come for every person. Those who do not receive His messengers will be doomed like Sodom.

But those who believe will find peace and mercy, protection and nourishment in the bosom of the Church, the Mother Zion we celebrate in this week's beautiful First Reading, the "Israel of God" Paul blesses in this week's Epistle.

The Church is a new family of faith (see Galatians 6:10) in which we receive a new name that will endure forever (see Isaiah 66:22), a name written in heaven.

In this week's Psalm we sing of God's "tremendous deeds among men" throughout salvation history. But of all the works of God, none has been greater than what He has wrought by the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Changing the sea into dry land was but an anticipation and preparation for our passing over, for what Paul calls the "new creation."

And as the exodus generation was protected in a wilderness of serpents and scorpions (see Deuteronomy 8:15), He has given His Church power now over "the full force of the Enemy." Nothing will harm us as we make our way through the wilderness of this world, awaiting the Master of the harvest, awaiting the day when all on earth will shout joyfully to the Lord, sing praise to the glory of His name.

Father Blake Evans, Pastor

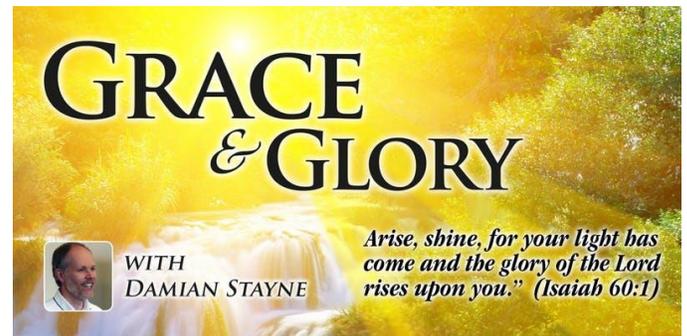


Rest in peace

Deacon John B. Shewmaker, 84. Died on Saturday June 22nd. He was ordained to the permanent diaconate on September 15, 1990 and was assigned to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Bethesda, where he served until his retirement in 2010.

"Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them Oh Lord"

Deeper into the Holy Spirit - to live in the Spirit we MUST go deeper into the Mystery of the Eucharist Jesus Truly God Truly Man present to us in the Bread of Life. Your Pastor recommends pastorally some summer reading on the Eucharist: inspirational "*The 7 Secrets of the Eucharist*" by layman Vinny Flynn; "*Why the Eucharist Matters for YOUR Life*" by convert Chris Padgett; Advanced: "*The Hidden Manna, Theology of the Eucharist*" by the late Fr. James T. O'Connor. American Priest.



Healing Week - the charismatic Mother of God Catholic Community Gaithersburg welcomes Catholic faith healer and teacher Damian Stayne from England Mid-July, followed by a Night of Healing **downtown** at CUA at the Pryzballa Center. Free. 7pm July 13. Free parking METRO CUA/Brookland. The poor, the marginalized, those who feel both physically or spiritually wounded are invited to come. All are welcome. FREE. Priests and Consecrated from the entire ADW and the region will attend. Come Holy Spirit! More info: online <https://motherofgod.org/>



Question of the week: How can I share Christ's peace with others? How can I respond when it is not reciprocated?

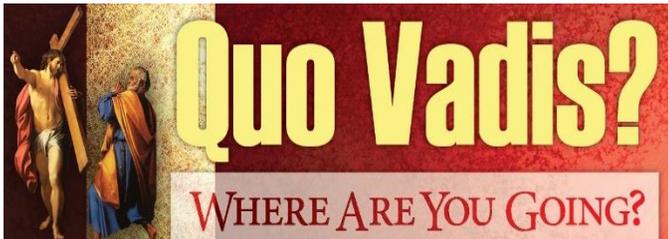
Mass Intentions

July 6 – 13, 2019

Sat. 7/6	8:00 am	No mass
	5:30 pm	+Kevin Fagan
Sun. 7/7	8:00am	+Frank Borris
	10:00am	+Fr. Michael Loss
	1:00pm	People of the Parish
Mon. 7/8	12:00	John Watkins intentions
Tue. 7/9	12:00	Trotter family unborn child
Wed. 7/10	12:00	Howard Noack
Thu. 7/11	12:00	+Deacon John Shewmaker
Fri. 7/12	12:00	Gloria Payne
Sat. 7/13	8:00 am	+Deacon John Shewmaker
	5:30 pm	+Kevin Fagan

Please pray for the sick and home-bound of our Parish:

Almighty and Eternal God, You are the everlasting health of those who believe in You. Hear us for Your sick servant (N...) for whom we implore the aid of Your tender mercy, that being restored to bodily health, he (she) may give thanks to You in Your Church. Through Christ our Lord.



Summer Camp 2019

High School young men: Where are you going?

Qua vadis camp is run by priest and seminarians of the archdiocese, includes mass, great talks, sports, eucharistic adoration, games, food, and time to relax with other young men discerning God's will in their live.

July 28-31 at Mount St. Mary Seminary. Register now at dcpriest.org

Summer camps for young people. Fr. Andrew Gronotte, from Our Lady of Bethesda Center, will be leading several camps near us.

Visit: <https://conquestyouthministry.com/camps/>

Report

6/30/19

Attendance: 364 souls
 Offerings & Tithes: \$6,035
 Spanish Mass: \$388
 Utility fund: \$63

For those who tithe and give regularly thank you! For those who do not, please prayerfully consider giving a sacrificial gift to keep your Nativity parish home strong and alive. Your ADW taxes help support the St. Anthony school in NE Washington and many other regional schools.



Attention Parishioners: You may have noticed a new envelope in your July tithing packet that you received in the mail from Our Sunday Visitor that is marked MAINTENANCE FUND. Donations collected in this envelope will be used when needed for the upkeep and repairs of buildings and grounds on campus at Nativity.

Youth Faith and Fun day. July 20, 2019

For young people starting at 3rd grade to Senior in High School

- ✓ fun, games, lessons, lunch, daily mass, mentor help from young peers

At Nativity Church with volunteers from Our Lady of Bethesda Center 1 Priest, 1 Brother, 1 Lay Youth Missionary; and 6 High School volunteers. Chaperones and other helpers are welcome. Cost \$5.00 per person (for food/drinks and material expenses). Donations are welcome! -



3 day course in Spiritual accompaniment

This three-day course is designed to help equip qualified members of the laity to serve (especially our youth and young adults) by helping foster and cultivate their relationship with Christ and His Church.

Date: July 15 – 17, 2019

Time: 9:30am – 4:30pm (lunch provided)

Location: St. John Paul II Seminary

Cost: Free

Registration deadline: July 8, 2019

Registration:

https://dcpriest.formstack.com/forms/sac_2019