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Fourteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time July 8, 2012



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. — Mk. 6:4-5

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Scripture Reflections

Opinion polls tell us that the public's view of Congress in the United States is at an all-time low. The division between the parties has led to gridlock on legislation and affected the way most citizens view the work of government. Even the oft-behighted car salesman gets a much better performance review in public polling, racking up double-digit approval rating over the collective view of members of Congress. Yet for the most part constituents reelect their own Representatives and Senators again and again. This is a situation that

many commentators attribute to the redistricting process that has made many districts "safe" for incumbents by configuring the boundaries in such a way that only the most like-minded residents are constituents for a seat held by one party or the other.

There was no Gallup poll in Galilee in Jesus' time. But Mark's Gospel this weekend gives us a pretty clear indication of what his fellow townsfolk thought of him. Instead of a hero's welcome as "the kid that made good" he is treated as the "the kid who has gotten too big for his britches." The townspeople's lack of faith actually impacted the ability of Jesus to be the mighty prophet in his native place. Mark writes: "He was not able to perform any mighty deed there."

The Gospel story is not about the importance of good poll numbers. Politicians are concerned about that—at least if they want to get reelected. Rather, the story is about the dynamic of faith in our relationship with God. We often "want" a lot of things from God, most notably answers to our prayers. But we need to "give" to the Lord, and for us that means a response to God's invitation to believe. We must acknowledge our utter dependence upon God, placing all our trust in him. We will then recognize the actions of God that take place each day for the mighty deeds that they are: God at work in our hearts!

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Masses: Sunday: 8:30 AM, 11:30 AM
Saturday Evening: 5:00 PM (Fulfills Sunday Obligation)
Monday through Friday: 12:00 Noon, Chapel

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) - Monday through Friday before 12:00 Noon Mass.

Sacrament of Matrimony - Please contact a priest at least six months before the intended date.

Sacrament of Baptism - The 1st Sunday of the month during the 11:30 Liturgy, the 3rd Sunday of the month following the 11:30 Liturgy. Contact the Rectory two months prior to the birth.

Mini-Bus - For those needing transportation for Mass Saturday and Sunday call the Rectory.

Novena - Monday during 12:00 Noon Mass.

Rosary - Daily after Noon Mass.

School Principals - **Elementary School**, Sr. Marie Margaret Wolf, S.C.
Middle School, Mrs. Rita Canton

Director of Religious Education - Dee Vecchiola

Director of Music Ministry - David C. Orme

Parish Social Minister - Josie Bryant

Parish Business Manager - Robert R. Adams

PARISH REMEMBRANCE IN YOUR WILL - You may wish to include the parish in your Will. The suggested wording is as follows:

I give and bequeath to St. James Parish, 718 Franklin Ave., Pgh., PA 15221 the sum of _____ dollars, real estate, and/or stock for the purpose of assisting the parish in its various ministries.

**SATURDAY - Vigil: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00 P.M. Mary Cochran (Marilyn Asturi & Theresa Proviano)

SUNDAY - FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME8:30 A.M. *Month's Mind* Jim Schmider, Sr. (Helen & Norm Stock)

11:30 A.M. Living and Deceased Members of the Parish

MONDAY - Weekday, St. Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions12:00 P.M. *Living Intention* David Aleva (Evelyn Christie)**TUESDAY - Weekday**12:00 P.M. *Anniversary* Mary V. Crawford (Husband & Family)**WEDNESDAY - St. Benedict**

12:00 P.M. Marie Forbes

THURSDAY - Weekday12:00 P.M. *Anniversary* Anna Seeger (Edna & Jim Tomko)**FRIDAY - Weekday, St. Henry**12:00 P.M. *Anniversary* Lawrence Martin (Ray & Diane Martin)**SATURDAY - Vigil: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**5:00 P.M. Rodger Walsh (Michael M^cDonough & Family)**SUNDAY - FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

8:30 A.M. Living and Deceased Members of the Parish

11:30 A.M. *Anniversary* Bill Rodgers (Wife and Family)**Scripture Readings****Sunday, July 8, 2012****Reading I** Ezekiel 2:2-5**Reading II** 2 Corinthians 12:7-10**Gospel** Mark 6:1-6**Sunday, July 15, 2012****Reading I** Amos 7:12-15**Reading II** Ephesians 1:3-14**Gospel** Mark 6:7-13

A Family Perspective (by Bud Ozar) Today's gospel is so familiar, it hurts! The home town folks couldn't accept the presence of God in Jesus. After all, they had watched him grow up. We can easily make the same mistake if we don't see God present in the ordinary routines of our family. "Lord be with you" is a statement of fact. Believe it. Live it.

Marriage Moments (by Susan Vogt) "For when I am weak, then I am strong." (2 Cor. 12:10) Sometimes spouses can be a thorn in each other's side. Annoying as this can be, it can also be a path to self-correction and humility. One's weakness is the other's strength & vice-versa. Name your own weakness and strength.

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ST. JAMES DAY PICNIC

Sunday, July 22, 12:30 pm in the Courtyard.

You and your family and friends are invited to share in our annual cookout. Please bring a dish to share!

Volunteers are needed to assist with set-up or clean-up.

Please contact Cheryl at the rectory, stjameswilk@aol.com or by phone 412-241-1392.



The St. James Pantry In July, please donate **paper towels**. Your donations are greatly appreciated! Please place your donations in the wicker baskets located at the break in the pews. Thank you for the support you provide to our local neighbors in need.

St. James Health Ministry The July health theme is "Do we need each other?" You are invited to see the display in the church vestibule and take handouts.

The Social Justice and Peace Committee meeting has been postponed one week and will now meet on Wednesday, July 18, at 7 pm in the School Library. All are welcome.

stjameswilkinsburg.org New Link added to the prayer page: JesuitPrayer.org. Ignatian spirituality reminds us that God pursues us in the routines of our home and work life, and in the hopes and fears of life's challenges. The founder of the Jesuits, Saint Ignatius of Loyola, created the *Spiritual Exercises* to deepen our relationship with Christ and move our contemplation into service. May this prayer site anchor your day and strengthen your resolve what truly matters. See **our Prayer** page for links to other sites for scripture and reflection.

Marriage Encounter Think you have a good marriage now? Wait till you go on a *World Wide Marriage Encounter Weekend*, you won't believe how much better it can be! The weekend is September 21-23 at the Four Points Sheraton Pittsburgh Airport. Please call 412-635-7775 or go to the web at www.yourmarriageisworthit.org.

Golden Wedding Celebration The Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh is again planning its annual Golden Wedding Celebration for the couples who have been married for 50 years. This year's celebration will take place on Sunday, October 21, at 2:30 pm. If you are interested in attending the celebration at St. Paul Cathedral, please call the St James Rectory or drop us a note in the weekly collection basket no later than August 7th.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Rock-a-Thon Event Little Sisters of the Poor host this July event. Sister Judith, Mother Superior of the Little Sisters of the Poor, invites you to join them during their 140th year celebration of serving the elderly of Pittsburgh on Saturday, July 28, from 12 - 4 pm at their home along 1028 Benton Ave, Brighton Heights. Similar to a walk-a-thon where walkers solicit donations for each mile walked, all *Rockers* will solicit sponsors for increments of rocking chair rocking. Questions, *Rocker* registration or to sponsor a *Rocker*, please call Kathleen Bowser at 412-307-1268 or visit adevpittsburgh@littlesistersofthepoor.org.

Estate Sale Saturday, July 14 from 9:00 am—2:00 pm at St. Matthew Parish, 5322 Carnegie St., Lawrenceville. All non religious items for final sale at the Church Hall and the Rectory. Christmas decorations, furniture, dishes, lamps and a lot of interesting items. All sales are cash only.

Parish Festival North American Martyrs on Haymaker Road is inviting the community to celebrate summer, July 11-14. Festival activities will open at 6:00 pm each evening with rides, entertainment, tasty food, and more. Family style dinners are offered each evening from 4:30 - 7 pm. The festival will conclude with a Saturday night dance party for all!

Mass with Blessings for Healings Nativity Parish, 5800 Brownsville Road in South Park, will once again welcome Fr. William Kiel, Pastor at St. Bernard Parish in Indiana, PA for a Mass with blessings for healing. The Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, July 18, at 7:00 pm in Nativity Church. There is handicap accessibility through the cafeteria entrance. For more information contact Nativity Rectory at 412-655-3000.

Open Your Heart to a Senior This organization is committed to helping seniors live safely and independently. Volunteers help by providing transportation to medical appointments, grocery shopping, visits and simple home repairs. To become a volunteer, orientations throughout greater Allegheny County are being offered. Time commitments are flexible and opportunities to serve are always available. Upcoming training sessions in our area are provided at Family Services of Western PA, 6401 Penn Ave., 2nd Fl. (in East Liberty) on July 14, 1:00 pm, August 4, at 1:00 pm, and August 9, at 5:00 pm. Questions, please call 412-307-0071 or email seniors@nhco.org.

Google Chromebooks This September, every Serra Catholic High School student will be issued a *Google Chromebook* for exclusive use during the school year. This version of a laptop will provide access to the internet, amazing Google Education Applications and opportunities including online textbooks, courses, and collaboration tools. Serra's faculty and staff are excited to announce this new opportunity to it's students.

Villa Maria Education & Spirituality Center Offers one day and week long retreats. July 29, from 2 - 4 pm, will be *Secrets of Summer*. Gather to share stories of summer fun in the sun. Come to hear stories of summer's secrets experienced at Villa Maria by Frank Romeo. Learn more about the importance of bees for the flowers and the production of honey. Take time for reflection and mindful walking. Cost : \$10, and registration requested by July 19. *The Spirit of the Land* will run August 14 - 18. In a contemplative spirit, explore the Villa grounds as God's gift. Learn more about the history of the land and the health of soil for healthy food. Experience connections between humus and humility. Overnight fee \$275 and Commuter fee \$165. For more information, go to www.villaprograms.org.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS July 8 - 14, 2012

Mon.	Queen of Peace' Prayer Group <i>Chapel 7 pm</i>
Tues.	
Wed.	Stewardship Committee Meeting <i>Chapel 7 pm</i>

SUNDAY COLLECTION

For July 1, 2012

Regular Collection	\$3,688.00
Parish Debt Reduction	\$25.00
PSP/St. James Campaign	\$3,265.00
School Aid	\$117.00
Mission Co-op	\$65.00
Peter's Pence	\$20.00
Social Services:	
Poor of the Parish Envelopes	\$30.00
Poor Box	\$30.50
Mary's Child	\$100.00
Donations to Haiti (PIP)	\$104.00

 **FAITH DIRECT®** Please consider using *Faith Direct* for weekly electronic giving. To enroll, go to our website: stjameswilkinsburg.org and click on Faith Direct at the top of the page or pick up an enrollment form in the back of church.

To make a contribution without enrolling, click on "One Time Gift" at the top of the page on our website (credit card only).



The winds of grace are blowing all the time. You have only to raise your sail.

~ Ramakrishna (Mystic)
1836-1886

St. James Parish - To Better Serve You!

If any of these situations apply to you, please fill out this form and drop it in the collection basket or mail it to the Rectory.
Thank you!

New Parishioner Need Envelopes
 Change of Address Moving out of Parish
 New Phone # Communion at Home

Name _____
Address _____
Phone (H) _____
(Cell) _____
E-Mail _____