



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

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720 Liberty Street
Clarion, Pennsylvania 16214

Mass Schedule

Saturday Evening - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday Morning - 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Holy Days - 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Weekdays - Consult the bulletin or phone the parish office

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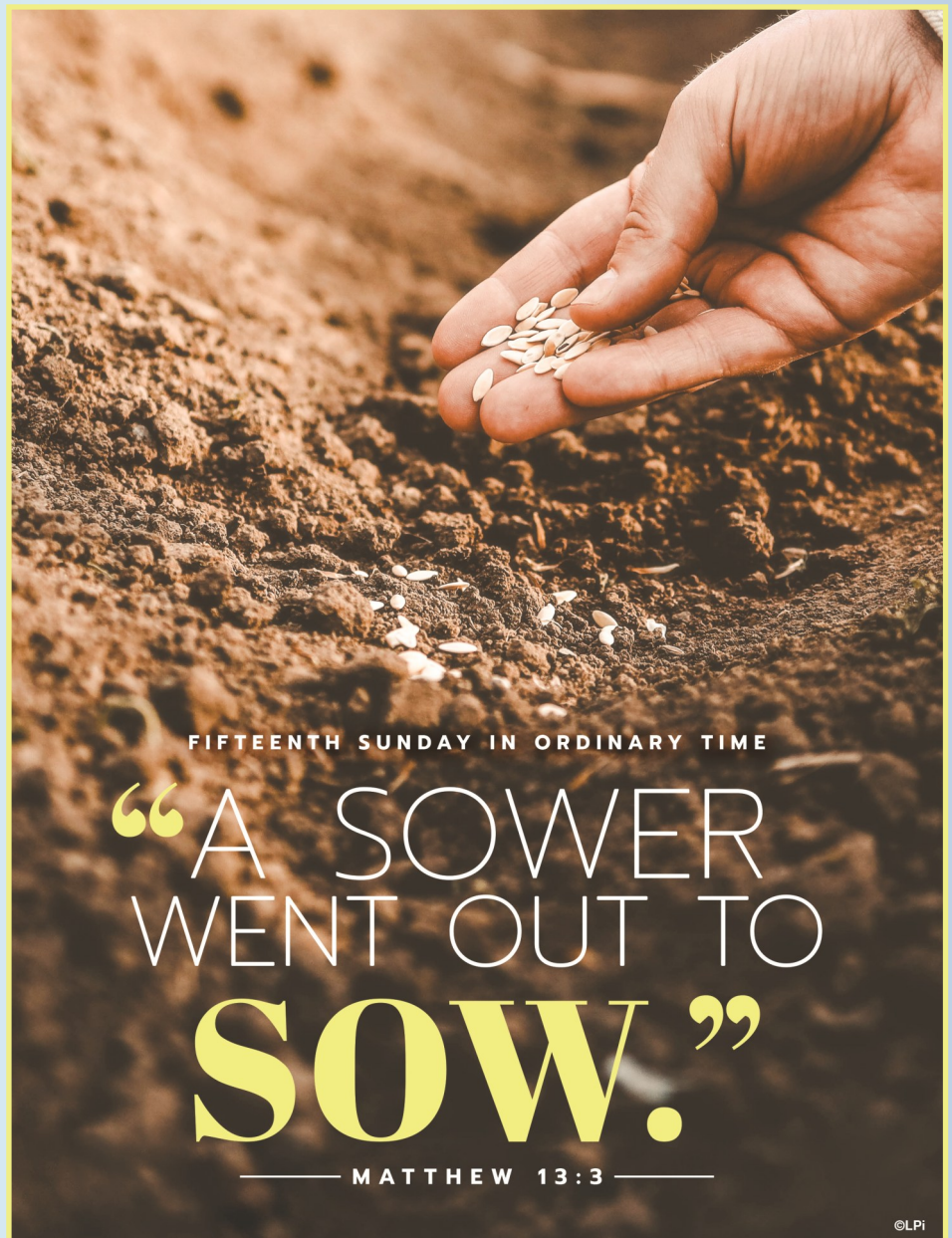
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Parish Membership

Membership includes active participation in the sacramental life of the Church, involvement in the activities of the faith community and financial support of the parish.

New members are welcome to register by calling the parish office.



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“A SOWER
WENT OUT TO
SOW.”

MATTHEW 13:3

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Gardener and the Soil

I began writing this piece by googling “how do you make soil fertile?” which should tell you everything you need to know about my own abilities as a gardener.

I remember seeing a packet of seeds in the store one summer as a child and convincing my mother to buy them. They were delphiniums, which bloom into a beautiful cone shape if you know what you’re doing. Alas, I didn’t. I chose for my garden a particularly dry spot of earth right next to my backyard playset, scattered the seeds, congratulated myself, and went on my merry way. I returned occasionally to water the area, but only when I remembered to.

Nothing grew, not even a little sprout. I was more than heartbroken — my faith was shaken. I had planted these seeds! I had watered them! (A little.) There was sunlight! All my childhood books and rhymes said this was all you needed. Was it all a lie?

Of course it wasn’t a lie. Seeds need soil, sunlight, water, and oxygen — good soil, adequate sunlight for whatever the plant is, and consistent water.

So what seeds need more than anything is a gardener. (At least, delphiniums do.)

When I hear the parable of the rich soil and the rocky ground in the Gospel of Matthew, I often miss the point. I think Jesus is trying to give me a message about how I should be. “Be better.” That’s what I think he’s telling me.

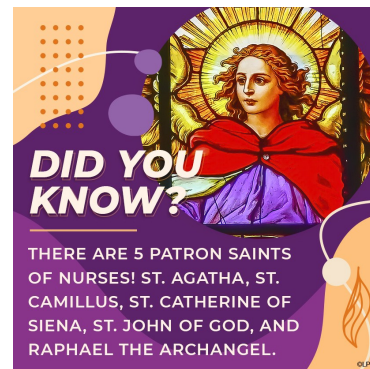
I forget that I am only the soil. I cannot enrich myself; all my efforts to do so will come to nothing. What he is telling me is to ask the gardener: “Make me what I need to be.”

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FORGIVENESS, EXPLAINED!

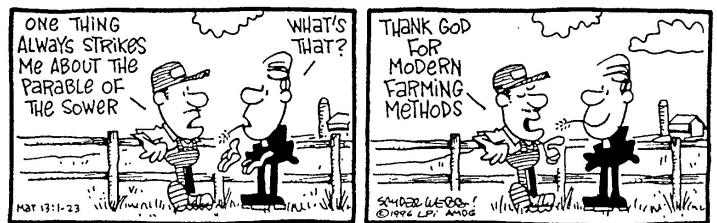
The virtue of forgiveness is described to us in detail by Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew, Chapter 18, when he tells Peter that he must forgive his brother “not seven times, but seventy-seven times” before relating the parable of the unforgiving servant. Here we see that exercising forgiveness is an absolute requirement of the Christian life. What we have received from God through no merit of our own, we must likewise extend to others.

Forgiveness is love in action — and as is the case with most virtues, if we find it hard to practice, that means we’re doing it right. The Catechism says that forgiveness “bears witness that...love is stronger than sin” (CCC 2844) and points out that it “is not in our power not to feel or to forget an offense; but the heart that offers itself to the Holy Spirit turns injury into compassion and purifies the memory in transforming the hurt into intercession.” (CCC 2843) ©LPi



BECOMING CATHOLIC – If you are interested in learning more about becoming Catholic or are a Catholic who would like to receive the rest of your sacraments, contact the parish office to get more information. Inquiry sessions will begin soon.

15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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PICNIC

The **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH PICNIC** is coming up on **August 2** this year. Make plans to be there for the fun, food, prizes, games, and music. It all starts at noon and continues to 3 pm. The whole family is invited. Watch for the information postcard in your mail and bring it to the picnic to enter for a chance at a prize.



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Blessing for Abundant Growth

Dear God,
 Bless our efforts in Your Name.
 Help us to understand Your will.
 Allow us to follow the invitation You have provided.
 We want to be rich soil —
 help us respond deeply and abundantly to every place
 You call. Amen.

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MASS Intentions

Monday, July 13 – Saint Henry

7:30 a.m. Bernard and Bernice Beichner (Ruth Ochs)

Tuesday, July 14 – Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

8:30 a.m. Bill, Martina, and Bernie Huefner
 (Jean and John Blachier)

Wednesday, July 15 – Saint Bonaventure

7:30 a.m. Paul Hargenrader and Elizabeth Weaver
 (Jacky Bolents)

Thursday, July 16 – Our Lady of Mount Carmel

———— NO MASS ————

5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 with Benediction

Friday, July 17

————NO MASS ————

Saturday, July 18 – Saint Camillus de Lellis

3:00 p.m. – 3:40 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation

4:00 p.m. Dennis and Mary Ochs and Family
 (Ruth Ochs)

Sunday, July 19 – Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Craig Beary (Mom and Dad)

8:30 a.m. **RADIO MASS** – Deceased Members of the
 Richard and Helen Wolbert Family
 (The Family)

11:00 a.m. For the People

Sanctuary Candle:

for Father Monty by Laurie and Brian Kerle

Readings for the week of July 12, 2026

Monday: Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23
 /Mt 10:34-11:1

Tuesday: Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15
 /Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102:13-14ab and 15,
 16-18, 19-21/Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10, 12abcd, 16
 /Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Mi 2:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14/Mt 12:14-21

Next Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16
 /Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

Offertory	June 27 – 28	July 4 – 5
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