

JULY 7, 2019

14th Sunday of Ordinary Time

"In whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this household.'" Luke 10: 1-12, 17-20

"The Club"

They refer to themselves as "the club." But no one wants to be a member. No one would seek to join. Most of the individuals in "the club" have little or nothing in common with the others. Except for one thing: All are parents of children who were killed in school shootings.

In its December 10, 2018 cover story, **TIME** reported on this "invisible network of similar threads [that] connects hundreds of grieving parents across America. The connection is not formal. There is no organizational structure, no listserv, no roster of names. But their bond is strong enough that they often describe themselves — glibly but also in earnest — as 'the club.' There is only one criterion for membership: you sent a child to school one day and then never saw them again because of a bullet, leaving you with pain, loss and perhaps even other shattered children."

A parent of a child killed at Sandy Hook says, "It's a club you spend your whole life hoping you won't become a part of. But once you're in, you're in."

These parents reach out to one another in their efforts to heal and move on from this horrible experience. When Sandy Hook parents launched a foundation in honor of the kids killed there, parents and survivors of other school shootings flew to Connecticut to lend their support. Parents of children killed at Sandy Hook, Parkland, Santa Barbara, Columbine, Virginia Tech, and other places that have experienced such shootings text each other on the anniversaries of their children's deaths. They check in on each other and their families, offering solace during the first overwhelming waves of grief and the wisdom learned from their own painful experiences of trying to move on while struggling to keep marriage and family intact.

Even family and friends "can never fully understand," says the parent of a student killed at Virginia Tech in 2007. "So you feel a special connection with other parents who have gone through this." And, tragically, membership in "the club" continues to grow.

Sometimes we're the one "sent" by Jesus to offer support and consolation, and at other times, we're the ones needing to be rescued from the ditch — and there are some situations in which we are both the minister and the ministered to. These parents of the "club," who are both servants and served, mirror the seventy-two in today's Gospel. In sending them ahead, They're to be God's agents for healing and reconciliation. In peace and humility, may we go forth and take on the "demons" of despair and "serpents" of fear that God's kingdom may be realized in our towns and homes.

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Sacred Heart Parish

A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ



Parish Information

Pastor: Monsignor Jim Robertson

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Office Hours: Monday to Friday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

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Weekend Masses: Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 11:00 am

Reconciliation: By request

Mass During the Week: Tues & Thurs at 7:00 pm
Wed & Fri at 10:00 am
First Fridays - 2:00 pm at the Lohnes Complex

Holy Hour of Adoration: Third Sunday of the Month at 2 p.m.

Marriages: Six months' notice required. A year's notice is recommended.

Baptisms: Please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation session.

St. Vincent de Paul: To assist those in need. Call 638-9010.

RECEIVED WITH THANKS

(June 30, 2019)

Regular Collection	1774.25
Garden Party Donation	65.00
Parish Insurance	35.00
Building Fund	55.00
Cemetery Fund	25.00
Votive Candles	39.00
Mass Stipends	50.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, July 8	No Mass
Tues, July 9	Jim Cashin
Wed, July 10	Bernadette & Anthony George
Thur, July 11	Bill Boland
Fri, July 12	Valerie Pumphrey
Sat, July 13	Alice Martin
Sun, July 14	Parish Community

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

July 13	
Tony Griffin John Carroll	Donna Mitchell Joan Penney Art Hall
July 14	
Patsy Payne Don Gallant	Barbara Neville Doreen Jones Brian Sparkes
Communion to the Lohnes Complex	
Joan Penney	

CEMETERY MASSES:

Mt. Cecilia -Tuesday, July 16, 7:00PM.

Benoits Cove – Thursday, July 18, 7:00PM

Townsite – Tuesday, July 23, 7:00PM.

Mt. Patricia – Wednesday, July 24, 7:00 PM.

WELCOME NEW OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR:

We are glad to welcome Dianne Russell as the new office administrator for Sacred Heart Parish. Dianne will begin regular employment July 15. Office Hours will be Monday – Friday, 9:00AM-1:00PM daily.

BIBLE STUDY: We continue to meet every Sunday at 7:00 pm in the Church meeting room. Everyone is welcome.

THANK YOU: Thank you to anyone that helped in anyway with the cemetery clean up at Mt. Cecilia this past week in preparation for the cemetery mass. It was a job well done! Thank you!

MASS REQUESTS: Our current list is almost exhausted. This is a good time to request Masses and have them said in a timely manner.

PARISH COUNCIL: Three council members will be finishing their terms this September. We will need new members to have a full slate. If you know someone who would be a good member, please speak with them and put their name forward for election.

AUGUSTINIAN HEALING MINISTRY: Father Albert Macpherson O.S.A., will be visiting different parishes across NL this July. He has given healing missions and healing Masses throughout the United States, Canada, South America, Europe, Asia, and the Caribbean Islands. Many have been healed physically, spiritually, and psychologically through his ministry. Father Macpherson will be celebrating a healing mass at Holy Redeemer Cathedral on July 22nd, at 7:00 PM. This is another wonderful opportunity to gather

together and experience the healing love of our heavenly Father!

CREMATION: When a loved one dies; cremation is a very popular option which many are requesting. However, studies show that viewing the body is helpful to family and friends in the grieving process. It also provides comfort and closure for all relatives and friends. The fact is clear - we need to be with the body in our story telling and tributes. With this thought in mind, we would appeal to everyone to consider this. It facilitates healing and enables the grieving process to unfold. Cremation would be best considered later - especially in view of the fact that many families postpone the inurnment until a suitable time.

SAINT BENEDICT: July 11 is the feast day of Saint Benedict. When Benedict when to Rome as a young man to finish his education, he was shocked by the sinful pleasures in which his fellow students engaged. Benedict decided that he preferred to live alone in silence and prayer. However, many people moved to be near him because they wanted him to teach them how to become holy. Benedict knew that a group of people living together would function better with a plan, so he created a plan which is known as the Rule of Saint Benedict. This plan, which includes a balance of prayer, study, work, and rest, was unique at the time in history and was adopted by most religious communities founded during the Middle Ages. For this reason, Benedict is often considered the founder of monasticism. He is the patron saint of students and of Europe.

CENTRE FOR LIFE: The Centre for Life offers professional counselling to women in unplanned pregnancies and post-abortion. Their services are confidential and compassionate and can be accessed by calling toll free 1-877-997-5433. Distance is not an obstacle to support and healing. Visit them online at www.centreforlife.ca

FEAST OF ST. ANNE/QALIPU MASS: We are hosting this special celebration with a Mass on Thursday, July 26. The Qalipu First Nation Band will take a prominent part in the Mass. Please join us and the Band to honour good St. Anne.

COME HOME YEAR ECUMENICAL SERVICE: There will be an Ecumenical Service to celebrate the closing of Corner Brook Come Home Year at First United Church, Park Street, on Sunday, July 28th at 11 am. All are welcome.

SUMMER BLESSING: As the sun rises, Lord, Let your light shine on me. Destroy the darkness about me, Scatter the darkness before me, Disperse the darkness behind me, Dispel the darkness within me. Let your light shine on me. As the sun rises, Lord, Let your light shine on me. The warmth of your Presence, The brightness of your love, The radiance of your joy, The shining of your hope. Let your light shine on me. As the sun rises, Lord, Let your light shine on me. Your light to guide, Your light to lead, Your light to direct, Your light to brighten. Let your light shine on me

HUMOR: Q: What do you get when you cross an elephant and a fish?
A: Swimming trunks!