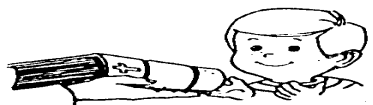


## Fifteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time July 15, 2018

When Amos is banished from Bethel for his prophesying, he responds, "I was no prophet . . . I was a shepherd and a dresser of sycamores" (Amos 7:14). Like Jesus' disciples centuries later, Amos did not study to be a priest or a prophet. He was called by God from his chosen profession. He cared for sheep and also for the fig-like fruit of the sycamore tree, which had to be pierced to allow it to ripen fully. Perhaps in his new role he needed to pierce the corruption of the rulers in order to let the kingdom of God blossom.

Jesus sent out the disciples two by two, which certainly made traveling easier and safer. It is interesting to speculate about how they were paired off. Perhaps Peter, impetuous and outspoken, was sent with Thomas, unsure of what he did not see himself. Maybe Andrew, the fisherman, traveled with Matthew, the tax collector. Who might have been paired with Judas? Yet despite the differing personalities and backgrounds and attitudes, they were all able to do the work of the Lord.

Jesus' disciples could not bring much at all in their mission, but still they were able to attract followers, drive out demons, and cure many who were sick. They could only take a walking stick, their sandals, and the clothes on their back, but that is not all they had. They had authority over unclean spirits. They had the model of Jesus, whom they had witnessed accomplishing these things. They assuredly had the Lord's guidance. God provided all they needed; anything more would just have been unnecessary and distracting.



### Religious Education

Registration for the St. Maria Goretti Parish School of Religion Program for Elementary, Middle and High School Students will take place on Sunday, August 26, 2018 from 9:30a.m. until 12:00 p.m. in Msgr. Gauthreaux Center. The registration fee is \$25.00. There is an additional sacramental fee: \$15.00 for First Communion and \$20.00 for confirmation. All parish students, those attending catholic, public, private, and charter schools, at Sacramental grade levels (second and eleventh) must register for and attend classes in our religious education program as sacramental preparation is the responsibility of the parish. Birth certificates and baptismal certificates are required at registration.

## Masses For The Week



**Saturday, June 14, 2018**

**Vigil of the Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**4:00p.m.** Darrell and Elodie Gabriel – Bruce Gabriel – Francis Hai Cao – Joseph Ngan Cao and Mary Pham – Ellsworth McKendall – Tu Tran – Ruth Bass Cornwell – Audrey Jefferson

**Sunday, July 15, 2018**

**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8:30a.m.** Darrell & Elodie Gabriel – Bruce Gabriel – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – France Hai Cao – Earthy B. Lazard – Walter Banks, III – Lawrence Miller, Jr. – Melvina Kepp – Corrine Singletary – Nathaniel Wilson, Sr. – Calvin Tate – Beverly Wilkerson – Maria Pham – Tu Tran – Leontine Coleman – Intentions of Stacey Martin and Family – Joseph Armant – Nancy Fitzsimmons

**10:30a.m.** Lamar & Shirley Smith – Lordeas Glapion Nix – Damian Skipper – Gina Greenlee – Tu Tran – Charles Valteau – Intentions of Kobie and Antoinette Guillory – Deacon Oscar Foster – Joseph Armant – McKinney Family

**12:00p.m.** Charles L. Patin – Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Maria Goretti Parish – Elysian Fields St. Joseph Altar

**Monday, July 16, 2018**

**8:30a.m.** Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Catherine Bertrand – Maria Pham – Tu Tran – All poor souls in purgatory – Intentions of the Sylvia Martin and Family – Deacon Oscar Foster and Family – All of the sick and shut-ins.

**Tuesday, July 17, 2018**

**8:30a.m.** Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Maria Pham – Tu Tran – Cinque Stallworth – Intentions of the Martin Family – Joseph Armant – All poor souls in purgatory.

**Wednesday, July 18, 2018**

**8:30a.m.** Joseph Ngan Cao and Mary Pham – Joseph Cong Cao – Peter & Mary Kham Nguyen – Maria Pham – Tu Tran – Intentions of the Sylvia Martin and Family – Deacon Oscar Foster and Family – Nancy Fitzsimmons – Joseph Armant

**Thursday, July 19, 2018**

**8:30a.m.** Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Maria Pham – Tu Tran – All souls in purgatory – Intentions of the Martin Family – Joseph Armant – Patricia Casmire and Family

**Friday, July 20, 2018**

**8:30a.m.** Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Maria Pham – Tu Tran – Intentions of the Martin Family – Nancy Fitzsimmons – Joseph Armant – All poor souls in purgatory.

**Saturday, July 21, 2018**

**8:30a.m.** Maria Pham – Tu Tran – The Living and Deceased Benefactors of the Catholic Negro American Mission.

### Remember

God is everywhere, sees everything, hears everything, and knows everything. God forgives everything if we ask him.

Announcements

Eucharistic Adoration Monday – Friday, 9:00a.m. – 12:00 Noon and Saturdays, 12:00 noon – 3:00pm.

**Commissioned To Spread The Community Of Love**  
 The Bible Study theme for Fifteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time is: It's your turn! Jesus sends disciples forth with no baggage, no money, not even food. Instead He provides them with the one essential Resource. He gives them his authority to preach repentance, to cast out demons, to cure the sick. He also gives them each other, for they are not sent out alone but in partnership "two by two." The gift of his authority. The Bible Study is based on the readings for the Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Reading I Amos 7:12-15; Responsorial Psalm: 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14; Reading II: Ephesians 1:3-14 or 1:3-10; Gospel: Ephesians 1:17-18. The Bible Study can be found on the parish website. Join us Monday at 7p.m. in the Center.



Thursdays, 8:00p.m. in the Center where you might win and have some fun with friends & family.

**RCIA**  
 During Ordinary Time, we live our great commission to bring others into God's community of love called His Church. In gratitude for that great love, we embrace the need to renew and strengthen our faith in Jesus Christ. The St. Maria Goretti RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) continues to welcome all who wish to know more about the catholic faith. Come and join us. Registration forms can be found in the rear of the church or by contacting RCIA team members. Have a child over the age of seventeen who has not been baptized? Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist? Are Catholic and would like to deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ by studying Sacred Scripture and the Teachings of the Church? Who are married to a Catholic and would like to know more about the Catholic Faith. Would like to be a sponsor for a candidate for The Sacraments of Confirmation and Baptism.  
**I will praise You, Lord, in the assembly of your people (PS 22:26-27). The RCIA will resume on July 17, 2018 at 7:00p.m. in the Chapel.** For more information contact the RCIA Team: Deacon Terrel J. Broussard or any member of the RCIA Team or by email at [tbroussard@smgnola.com](mailto:tbroussard@smgnola.com), or visit the website at <http://www.smgnola.com>.

We welcome everyone into our parish. If you have not filled out a census card, the cards can be found on the table at the entrance of the church.



Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp in the Church for this week will burn in memory of Louis and Rosita Reddick  
 The Sanctuary Lamps in the chapel this week will burn in memory of Louis, Jr and Delorita Reddick

*In Our Parish* 

- Monday, July 16, 2018**  
 10:30a.m. Senior Dance – Kitchen  
 6:00p.m. Zumba Exercise Class – Center
- Tuesday, July 17, 2018**  
 6:00a.m. Edgelake HOA – Rm. 7  
 6:00p.m. N. Kenilworth – Rm 8  
 6:00p.m. Villa Sites HOA – Rm. 9  
 7:00p.m. First Place Class – Rm.10  
 7:00p.m. Liturgical Dance – Center  
 7:00p.m. Holy Name Union Executive Board Meeting – Library
- Wednesday, July 18, 2018**  
 10:30p.m. Senior Dance Class – Center  
 6:00p.m. Zumba Exercise Class – Center  
 6:30p.m. Huntington Park – HOA – Rm. 8
- Thursday, July 19, 2018**  
 6:00p.m. Bingo – Center
- Friday, July 20, 2017**  
 9:00a.m. Forgotten Angles – Whole Center  
 6:00p.m. Holy Name Social – Kitchen – Rms. 3-4
- Saturday, July 21, 2018**  
 9:00a.m. Pampered Chef Metropolitan Youth Foundation – Whole Center Area

**Prayer for Hurricane Season**

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed your order and returned to its former quietude. You are still the Master of the land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade the land and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season we turn to you, O Loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with the passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our Beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your son In our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to This area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will Walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach heavenly Jerusalem where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen.

**Pray Unceasingly God Is Listening**

