Fifteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

July 10, 2016 "Who is my neighbor?" - Luke 10.25-37

MASS	SCHEDULE THIS	WEEK	MASS INTENTION
Tuesday	July 12	12 noon	Special Intentions
Wednesday	July 13	12 noon	Special Intentions
Thursday	July 14	12 noon	Special Intentions
Friday	July 15	12 noon	John Sullivan
<u>Saturday</u>	July 16	4:00pm	For All Parishioners
<u>Sunday</u>	July 17	9:00am	Donald Record

<u>Confessions</u> -- Every Thursday - 10:30am

Last Week's Offertory Collection

Regular Envelopes	\$670.00	
Loose Donations	\$94.95	
Heating	\$15.00	
Building Fund	\$110.00	
	\$889.95	Last Week's Total

Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God that He has given you. - Deuteronomy 16.17

Mass Requests

For your convenience, Mass requests can now be made using special envelopes found at the back of the church. Simply fill out the information and place it in the collection. Masses can also be booked by calling the parish office.

Painting Draw

The Renewal Committee is currently selling tickets on a painting "View from Queen's Square" by Lynn Wigginton. The painting is valued at \$525 and has been donated by the Farren family. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. If you are interested in purchasing tickets and/or are able to help with this fundraiser by selling some tickets, please contact a Renewal Committee member.

Card Party

Holy Trinity hosts an Auction 45s Card Party every Monday beginning at 1pm in the Family Center. Light refreshments will be served. Admission is \$3.

Do You Want Envelopes?

If you would like to start using Sunday Envelopes there are spare boxes available at the back of the church. Please write your name and full mailing address on the first envelope you use.

Strawberry Festivals

St. Francis Xavier Parish, Sussex: Sunday, July 10th, from 3pm to 6:30pm. Tickets: Adults \$12; Children 6 to 12 years \$6; under 6 years of age are free. Take-out is available. Entertainment provided in the church by Al Smith. Menu: Ham, potato salad, baked beans, coleslaw, rolls, layer cake and strawberry shortcake.

St. Anthony's, Central Kings Rec Centre, Upham: Sunday, July 10th, from 3pm to 6pm. Adults \$12; Children under 12 \$5; Family Rate (2 adults/2children) \$30. Menu: Ham, baked beans, potato salad, coleslaw, rolls and strawberry shortcake.

The Catholic Bookstore

Throughout the year, please keep our Catholic Bookstore in mind for gift-giving ideas, celebrations, etc. The bookstore is located at 48 Waterloo Street, and carries a wide range of items.

Blood Donors Needed

Blood - it's in you to give! Last year in Canada, 1 in 2 people were able to donate blood, but only 1 in 60 actually donated. Please take the time to come and give. Canadian Blood Services are located at 405 University Avenue, and are open Mondays and Thursdays from 4 - 8pm; Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 11am - 3pm.

The Beauty of Mercy: Pope Francis and Confession, Part 2

Finding God's Forgiveness through the Church

The Holy Father stresses that forgiveness of our sins is not something that we can give ourselves. In confession, we ask forgiveness from Jesus. "Forgiveness is not the fruit of our own efforts but rather a gift, it is a gift of the Holy Spirit who fills us with the wellspring of mercy and of grace that flows unceasingly from the open heart of the Crucified and Risen Christ." (General Audience Feb. 2014).

However, it is not enough to simply ask the Lord for forgiveness in one's own mind and heart because Jesus himself entrusted to the Church the ministry of the forgiveness of sins. "It is necessary humbly and trustingly to confess one's sins to a minister of the Church. In the celebration of this Sacrament, the priest represents not only God but also the whole community," points out Pope Francis.

The shame we feel speaking our sins to another makes us more humble, as we unburden ourselves before God, notes the Holy Father. "When one is in line to go to Confession, one feels all these things, even shame, but then when one finishes Confession one leaves free, grand, beautiful, forgiven, candid, happy. This is the beauty of Confession!"

Understanding the struggle that some experience when it comes to accepting, understanding and participating in this sacrament, Pope Francis boldly cries: "Be courageous and go to Confession!"

Urging frequent confession, Pope Francis says: "Go – the priest will be good. Jesus is there, and Jesus is more benevolent then priests, Jesus receives you, he receives you with so much love." (General Audience, Feb. 2014). He continually stresses that the Sacrament of Reconciliation is a profound gift that strengthens our personal relationship with Christ, heals us, and renews our baptism when we were first incorporated into the community of faith.

"The Sacrament of Penance or Confession is, in fact, like a 'second baptism' that refers back always to the first to strengthen and renew it. In this sense, the day of our Baptism is the point of departure for this most beautiful journey, a journey towards God that lasts a lifetime, a journey of conversion that is continually sustained by the Sacrament of Penance. Think about this: when we go to confess our weaknesses, our sins, we go to ask the pardon of Jesus, but we also go to renew our Baptism through his forgiveness. And this is beautiful, it is like celebrating the day of Baptism in every Confession," says Pope Francis (General Audience 13 November 2013).

During World Youth Day in July 2013, at the celebration on Copacabana Beach in Rio de Janeiro, Pope Francis again described how Jesus awaits us in the Sacrament of Penance, telling youth of the world gathered for the event: "...with his mercy he will cure all the wounds caused by sin. Do not be afraid to ask God's forgiveness, because he never tires of forgiving us, like a father who loves us. God is pure mercy!"

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Sacrament Of Baptism

Baptisms are celebrated by appointment. To make arrangements for a baptism please contact the office.

Sacrament Of Penance/Reconciliation

Confessions are celebrated on Thursdays at 10:30am.

Sacrament Of Marriage

To be married at Holy Trinity church, couples must first make an appointment with Father Peter to discuss their plans. At least a six month notice and taking a marriage preparation course is a requirement.

Sacrament And Ministry To The Sick

If there is a family member or relative in the hospital who would like to receive a visit from the pastor, please inform Father Peter. Also, please let Father Peter know if there is someone sick or confined to their home who would like to receive a visit, receive Holy Communion, or be anointed with the Sacrament of the Sick.