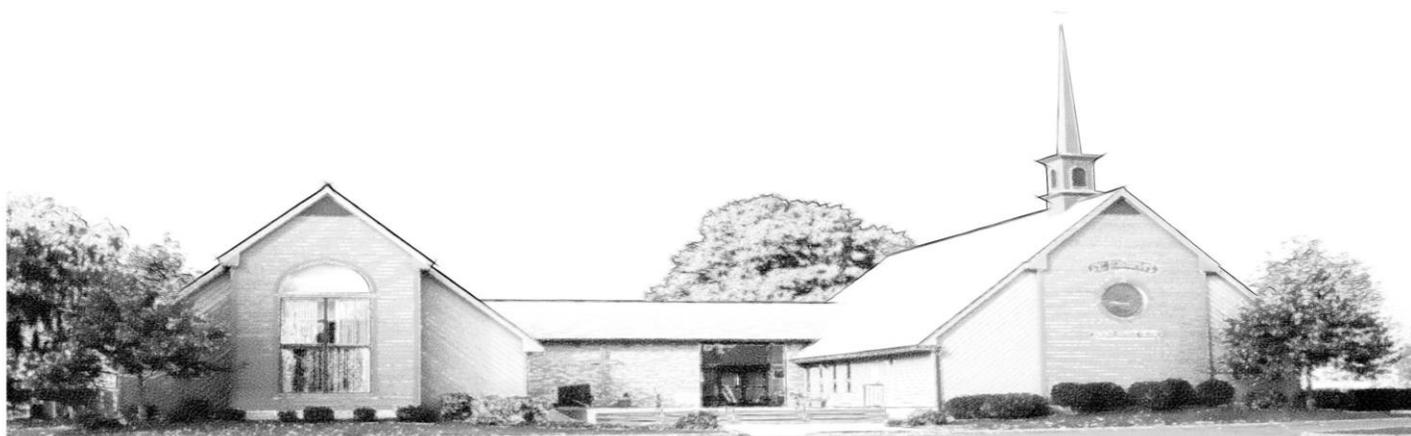


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Dear Parishioners,

In today's gospel passage we read how Jesus is rejected in his native place, his home. Those who heard him were astonished because of the wisdom he spoke, the mighty deeds he wrought by his hands, but they took offense at him because they knew him as the carpenter, someone familiar, not as someone who could teach them. Jesus' friends and family could not see Jesus for who he is, the Son of God, because they could not see beyond what was familiar to them. For them Jesus was the son of Mary, the carpenter. Their inability to see Jesus for who he is, not for who they believe he is, meant that no mighty deeds were performed for them. They clung to their old and familiar ways of knowing Jesus and so were not able to benefit from all that he had to offer. Limiting Jesus meant limiting themselves.

Grace and Peace,

Fr. Tom

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:00 pm - Sunday Vigil **Sunday:** 9:00 am

Mass for Healing: Thursday evenings 6:30 pm with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament the first Thursday of the Month instead of Mass

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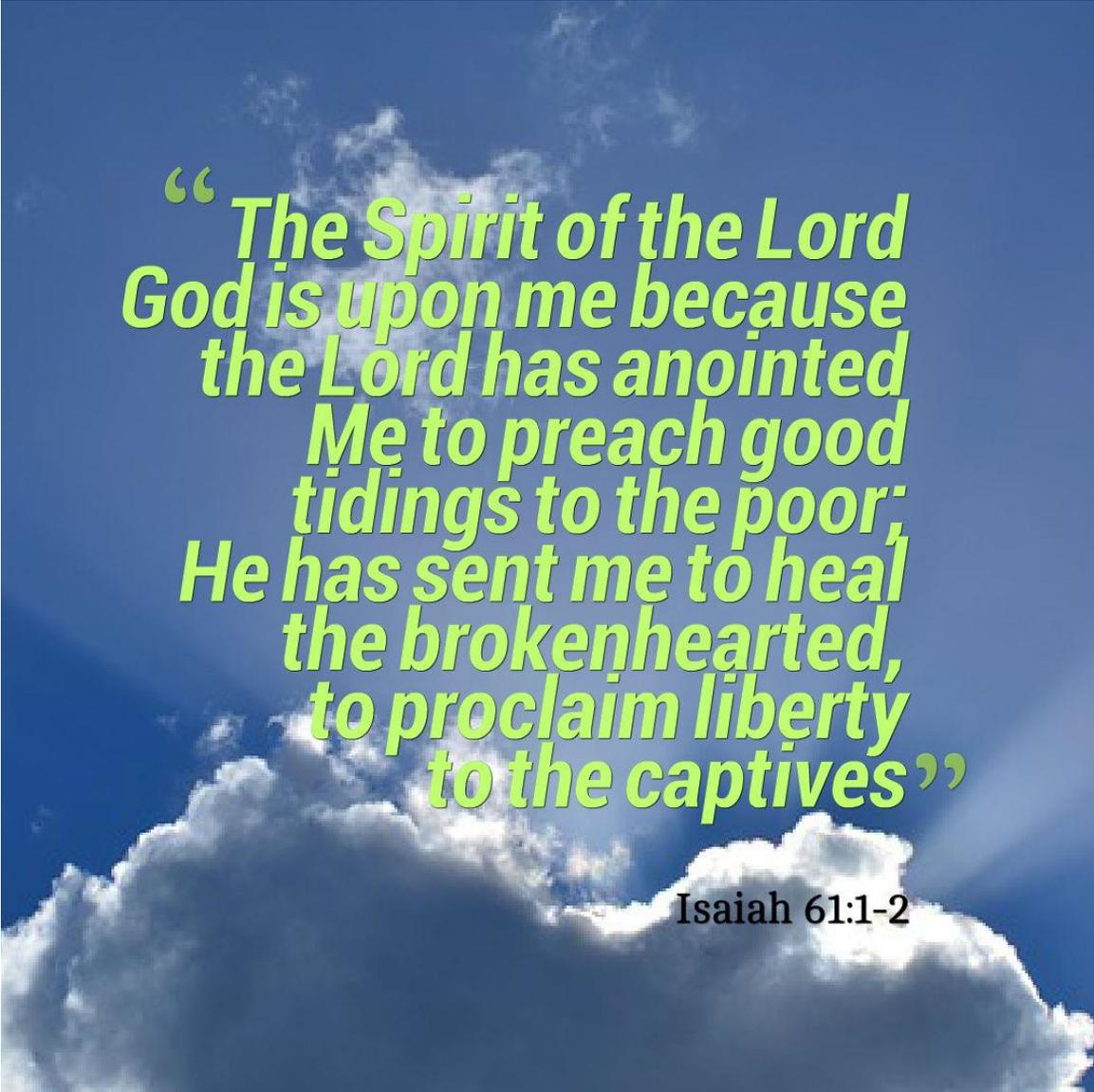
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GOSPEL CHALLENGE

“A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house.”

Are there prophets among us? People we live with, work with, live next door to? Do we recognize that prophets grow and develop among us, that they don't descend from heaven ready-made? If we have trouble seeing the prophet among us how can we recognize the prophet within us, that person God has called us to be?



**“The Spirit of the Lord
God is upon me because
the Lord has anointed
Me to preach good
tidings to the poor;
He has sent me to heal
the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty
to the captives”**

Isaiah 61:1-2

PARISH CALENDAR

July

July 8 – Annual worship service at Cathedral of the Pines in Rindge, NH,

BY THE WEEK

Sundays: Mercy Tabernacle Church
12:30 - 2:30 pm

Tuesdays: Mercy Tabernacle Church
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Wednesdays: AA meeting 12:00 pm
Irish dance classes 6:00 pm

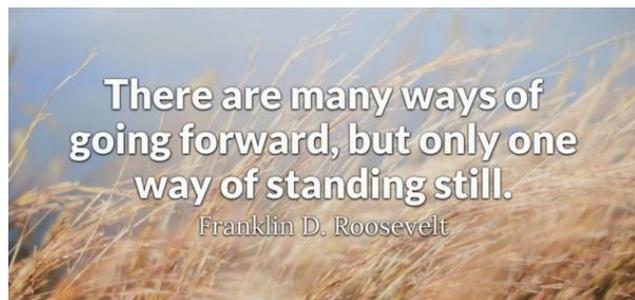
Thursdays: AA men's meeting 7:30 pm

*For news input in the weekly bulletin, please contact
Father Tom by Wednesday: trpwalsh@gmail.com*

READERS ROSTER

<u>July 1st</u>	<u>July 8th</u>	<u>July 15th</u>
Dee Smith	Jean Macionus	Joe Pelland

FOOD FOR THOUGHT



PRAYER INTENTIONS

Nancy Anzalone for **Dawn**;

For Kathy and Family, praying for guidance;

Carol Murdzia for **Veronica**;

Danika, for her **dance team ADF**;

And for those intentions we hold in our hearts known to God alone.

NEWS AND EVENT

Starting the first Sunday in August, August 5th Mass will be held at 9:30am.

Convo 2018

This year, the Central Diocese has prepared a fantastic theme: "Anointed Lifeguard: You Have Been Chosen, Anointed, Empowered, and Blessed to Do Jesus' Work." Convo will be hosted at The University of Scranton, July 23-27, 2018. Download the 2018 application and helpful hints regarding participation expectations at www.Convo2018.org Participants are ages 12-20. Chaperones and guests are 21+

Please see Fr. Tom for tickets for a chance to win a \$500 VISA gift card. Two cards will be awarded. The tickets are \$5.00 each or 3/\$10.00. The drawing will take place at Convo.

Eastern Diocese Youth Retreat 2018

The retreat will be held at Camp Howe in Goshen, MA from August 19-23, 2018. Please see Fr. Tom for registration and health forms, or email RobNem21@aol.com. The cost is \$150 per person.

April 29th – July 29th issues of the bulletin are sponsored by Carlo Miguels. If anyone wishes to contribute to the

Sunday Readings

First Reading

Ezekiel 2:2-5

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel

As the LORD spoke to me, the spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard the one who was speaking say to me: Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have revolted against me to this very day. Hard of face and obstinate of heart are they to whom I am sending you. But you shall say to them: Thus says the LORD God! And whether they heed or resist—for they are a rebellious house—they shall know that a prophet has been among them.

**The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters:
That I, Paul, might not become too elated, because of the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, an angel of Satan, to beat me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I begged the Lord about this, that it might leave me, but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses, in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me. Therefore, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and constraints, for the sake of Christ; for when I am weak, then I am strong.

**The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia, Alleluia

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me
for he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor.
Alleluia, Alleluia

Gospel

Mark 6:1-6

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus departed from there and came to his native place, accompanied by his disciples. When the sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What kind of wisdom has been given him? What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands! Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary, and the brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. 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. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

**The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

