

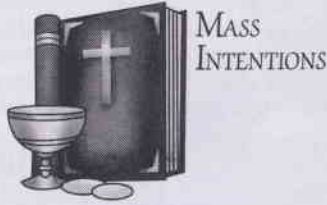


**FAITH**

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH • MILLTOWN, NEW JERSEY**



**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ✕ JULY 5, 2009**



MASS  
INTENTIONS

**MONDAY, JULY 6**

7:00 p.m. George Cenci  
req M/M Jim Lukach

**TUESDAY, JULY 7**

7:00 a.m. Margaret O'Grady  
req The Laudino Family

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 8**

7:00 a.m. Robert Smith  
req Jennifer Collins

**THURSDAY, JULY 9**

7:00 a.m. James Hayes  
req M/M A. Appicelli

**FRIDAY, JULY 10**

7:00 a.m. Marianna Mazzarella  
req Robert Brunett

**SATURDAY, JULY 11**

8:00 a.m. Anna Abate  
req Mary Bruno, Marie & Fam.  
5:00 p.m. Intention of Parishioners  
7:00 p.m. William Burns  
req Melvin Family

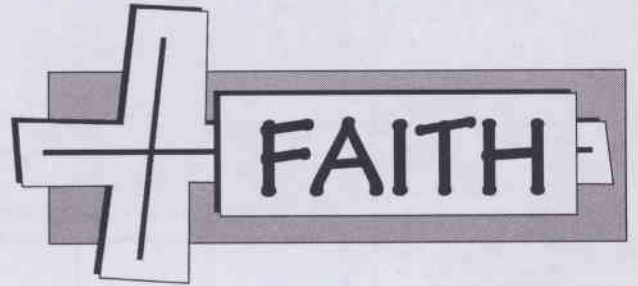
**SUNDAY, JULY 12**

7:30 a.m. John "Bud" Haefner  
req Sal & Jean Noto  
9:00 a.m. Frank Lane  
req Haefner Family  
10:30 a.m. George Wilder  
req Agnes Wilder  
12 Noon Christopher Zerby  
req M/M J. Bieglecki

**REMINDER;** Weekday Masses during the Summer will be said in church.

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

In mem Cpl. Steven R Koch req Bill & Christine Koch  
In Thanksgiving for all our veterans living & deceased  
Req OLOL Rosary Society



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**First Reading: Ezekiel 2:2-5**

Ezekiel is moved to respond to the call of God and to accentuate his teaching with a direct reference to the Word of God.

**Second Reading: II Corinthians 12:7-10**

Paul had questioned the value of his suffering, and God replied, "My grace is enough for you, for strength is made perfect in weakness." Paul then realized that although he was weak against persecution, he was strong in faith.

**Gospel: Mark 6:1-6a**

Jesus could do little for those in his own part of the country, for their lack of faith in him was so great. Therefore, he spent much of his time teaching in neighboring villages instead.

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Sunday**

Ez 2: 2-5; 2 Cor 12: 7-10; Mk 6: 1-6a

**Monday**

Gn 28: 10-22a; Mt 9: 18-26

**Tuesday**

Gn 32: 23-33; Mt 9: 32-38

**Wednesday**

Gn 41: 55-57; 42: 5-7a, 17-24a; Mt 10: 1-7

**Thursday**

Gn 44: 18-21, 23b-29; 45: 1-5; Mt 10: 7-15

**Friday**

Gn 46: 1-7, 28-30; Mt 10: 16-23

**Saturday**

Gn 49: 29-32; 50: 15-26a; Mt 10: 24-33

## FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**"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! ... 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."**

How many people are traveling this weekend, some out of town, some staying nearby to celebrate Independence Day. As Jesus returned to His hometown, for a Sabbath holiday visit, surely many were happy to see Him. He assumed His role as teacher and touched their lives in many ways. Every town has its critics. Not satisfied with His wisdom and mighty deeds, some found reason to challenge. Jesus then limited His actions.

When we find time to criticize the church in an unhealthy way, we too limit the saving power of our God in our lives. The mighty deeds of God as described here and in the Acts of the Apostles continue to be manifest through our hands, our lips, our actions. We are the ones to make His power present. Criticism is limiting, the exercise of His grace is limitless. That is why Paul was able to say 'when I am weak, then I am strong.'

Our faith in Jesus is strong. We ask that He continue to work His mighty deeds through us, in feeding the hungry, visiting the sick, welcoming the stranger, promoting justice and caring for the most vulnerable. Such prophetic voices are not always acceptable, but look what happened to Jesus.



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### **HIS WORD TODAY**

BY REV. WILLIAM J. REILLY

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON  
THE SUNDAY READINGS