

August 14 2016

**20th Sunday of
Ordinary Time**



Mass Schedule:

Sunday 10:00 a.m.
5 p.m. Mass resumes on
August 21.

At Masses today

we remember:

10 am:

Alice Battaglia

August 01 collection:

\$323.00

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- *Next weekend is our first Sunday evening Mass (5 pm) of the semester.*
- *Move in day for first year students is Tuesday, August 17. Our annual welcome back brunch will be Sunday, August 28th after the 10 am Mass in the Skalny Room. We will serve breakfast pizzas. We welcome any additional food that anyone might be able to share for our table.
This will also be the day we honor Deacon Phil for his service to our community.*

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“Patience is a muscle. Flexing it often gives it strength.”

I found myself frustrated the other day. I mentioned this to a colleague and she immediately recited the quote above. At first, I did not want to hear her words of wisdom. But the more I thought about her words, the more I wanted to embrace the patience that I found wearing thin.

It was hot, I was tired, I had many things I wanted to accomplish. I found myself waiting for others who were 40 minutes late. I thought of all the reasons I should just leave...and then I thought again about my friend’s words. “Patience is a muscle. Flexing it often gives it strength.”

If we want to be people who are known by our kindness and thoughtfulness, patience and compassion, we just might need to put these virtues into action on a daily basis. I could have told the “latecomers” all the reasons they were infringing upon my time, not being respectful, or I could find something to do (keep myself busy) until they arrived so we could accomplish our task.

As we make our way through these hot and sticky days of summer, I invite each of us to remember that our actions have the possibility of showing others the face of God. What face of God do we want to present to the world? What image and face of God do we want to meet as we go out into the world—on our good days as well as on the days that seem long and tiring?

A new semester is about to greet us. May each of us greet one another with the face of God that shows understanding and compassion, forgiveness and patience.

Peace friends. Have a great week!

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