

Ezekiel 2: 2-5, 2 Corinthians 12: 7-10, Mark 6: 1-6

FOCUS: There are still prophetic voices in the world today!

On July 4th in most American communities, there are parades, festivals, and speeches given concerning Independence Day and the significance it has for all citizens. Such speeches probably contained an inspirational message to give the listeners an uplifting feeling about our nation. A few well delivered words can leave us with a renewed sense of patriotism and a sense of well-being.

The readings today invite us to listen to the prophets of both biblical times and today as well. God has not stopped sending people into our world with messages of conversion to the Gospel, but we do not always recognize either the messenger or the message. The prophet Ezekiel was sent by God to the rebellious nation of Israel to preach the message that the Lord had for his people. Ezekiel was told that he would not be popular for preaching God's word, and in a number of instances he would be met with resistance. God placed his words on Ezekiel's heart and directed the prophet to literally eat the scroll holding the message to be preached to the people.

Ezekiel and Paul have one thing in common: they would both feel the pain of being the Lord's servant. Ezekiel would feel the pain of rejection and Paul would suffer both physical torture and "a thorn in the flesh" as the messengers of the Lord. God sometimes chooses the weak and makes them strong to do the work of the Lord. Paul thought he was strong when he persecuted Christians, then he was called by Jesus and became one of the greatest Apostles. Paul became humble and recognized his weakness before the risen Jesus who gave him the courage to be the Apostle who would establish many churches and write many letters of encouragement to the early Christians.

In today's Gospel, we hear about Jesus coming back to his native town. Over the last several Sundays, we have heard how Jesus traveled from place to place with his disciples working miracles and healing many who were sick. The people who had witnessed these events were amazed and many came to believe in Jesus. Now, when Jesus comes home, his own people reject him. This is where we hear the famous phrase that a prophet is not without honor except in his native place.

Who speaks with a prophetic voice in our world today? Perhaps Pope John Paul II, who has preached the gospel message for more than fifty years and has lived through both acceptance and rejection from those to whom he preached. Mother Teresa would look directly at her audience and tell them about the sanctity of human life and how all life is precious from conception to natural death. Certainly Christian missionaries have preached the principles of justice and peace in many nations throughout the world. The message might not always make the messenger popular, but when it comes from God it is important that we listen.

As we prepare to receive the Eucharist today, let us hear the word of God and keep it in our hearts. There are many temptations in our lives today, so many things which can lure us away from being the disciples of Christ that we are called to be. If we find ourselves growing away from Christ, we must take steps to grow closer again. As we receive the Eucharist may we recognize that it is Christ coming into our hearts to live the holy lives to which we are called

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Please join the Military Council of Catholic Women (MCCW) during our summer First Friday programs. We will meet July 11th and August 4th to celebrate Mass (at the regularly scheduled 12:05 Liturgy) and join in fellowship during a potluck lunch following Mass. Families are welcome!

SCRIPTURE FOR WEEK OF July 6, 2003

Mon – Genesis 28: 10-22a, Matthew 9: 18-26
Tue – Genesis 32: 23-33, Matthew 9: 32-38
Wed – Genesis 41: 55-57, Matthew 10: 1-7
Zhao Rong, priest and Martyr
Thurs – Genesis 44: 18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5,
Matthew 10: 7-15
Fri – Genesis 46: 1-7, 28-30, Matthew 10: 16-23
Saint Benedict, abbot
Sat – Genesis 49: 29-32; 50: 15-26a, Matthew 10: 24-33
Blessed Virgin Mary

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Sat 5 July 1715 Parishioners of MHT
Sun 6 July 1000 Vincent Theysohn
Mon 7 July 1205 Christopher Robinson
Tue 8 July 1205 Dave and Aunti Murphy
Wed 9 July 1205 Domenick Martelli
Thurs 10 July 1205
Fri 11 July 1205 Edward & Rita Crowley

Attendance and Offering Last Weekend:

Attendance 380 Offering \$1500.95

The next Designated Offering : July 12 & 13 will be for “Sacred Heart”

HOST FAMILY FOR Jul 12-13

1715 Volunteer

1000 Volunteer

LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS Jul 12-13

1715 M. Nowatkowski, E. Tollefson, K. Tollefson

1000 M. Vetter, S. Wardynski, R. Welch

USHERS FOR Jul 12-13

1715 Volunteer

1000 Volunteer

ALTAR SERVERS Jul 12-13

1715 Andrea Glen, Jon Pultz, Sarah Pultz

1000 Pedro Torres, Volunteer, Volunteer

PROCLAIMERS FOR Jul 12-13

1715 John Blan, Eric Verzola

1716 Bret & Bridget Wilson

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Use your talents!

We appreciate the contribution each one of our parishioners makes to the act of corporate worship here at Most Holy Trinity. As we celebrate Mass on Saturday 1715 and Sunday 1000, singers and instrumentalists are invited to volunteer their efforts in support of the music leadership. Contact LTC Andy Glen for information about the Folk Group on Saturdays (warm-up at 1630, before Mass) and/or Meredith Baker regarding the 1000(warm-up at 0930 Sundays).

I have a question. Whom do I call? Pastoral Coordinator... Kate Hayden 938-8760
Chaplain's Assistant... SPC Alexander 938-3721
Parish registration, Calendars, Bulletin, Maintenance, Room Scheduling, Purchase Orders, Mass Cards, Fund Requests.

Director Rel-Ed... Kay Heppes... 938-8761
Faith Formation, Rel. Education of Children & Adults, RCIA.

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Wedding information, scheduling, paperwork,
Pre-Cana/Engaged Encounter information.

Director of Music... Meredith Baker...938-3544
Adult, Children's and Cadet Choir, Wedding Music, Liturgical Music.

Pastor... Fr. Vince Burns...938-3721
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Visit our Web Site @<http://www.usma.edu/Chaplain/mht/>

RECONCILIATION, ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND BENEDICTION:

*Thursdays 1820 –1930 at
MHT Chapel*

RCIA

MHT Catholic Chapel needs folks who will work with us in welcoming people into our Catholic Church. We have the funds to send you to a week long training session sponsored by the North American Forum on the Catechumenate.

One of the most important missions of any parish is to welcome people into our Church and to share our Faith with them. The responsibility belongs to all of us, but specifically we need some parishioners to work with us on the **Rite of Christian Initiation** Team. No experience necessary, just a willingness to share faith with someone who is interested in our Catholic Faith. Please contact Father Vince or Kay Heppes for more information.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:

GOD'S TYM (Total Youth Ministries)

POC Tanya Tolentino @ 424-3609

Natural Family Planning

The Couple to Couple League of West Point is sponsoring a boat ride on July 30th from 6:00-9:00 P.M. The boat will leave from the South Dock of West Point. Anyone interested in joining us for fun and fellowship on the Hudson should contact Tom or Patty Strunck at 446-6789 or struncktf@yahoo.com

Children are welcome!

It's Summer Vacation Time

As you make plans for family fun, don't take a "vacation" from your marriage. Schedule quality time on a couple vacation - a Marriage Encounter weekend. Enjoy a weekend getaway that will increase your communication and intimacy and guarantee vacation memories that will last a lifetime. The next weekend is August 15-17, at Mount Alvernia in Wappingers Falls, NY. For more information, call Tom or Mary Julich @ 446-1071 .

You can visit the National WWME web site: www.wwme.org

Chaplain's Time is coming!

The new cadets at BEAST are going to need our support more than ever. Every Wed. evening in July starting **9 July**, MHT parish will be doing its annual treats for the new cadets. We will need baked goods and snacks from everyone. Volunteers are needed for set-up, serving and clean-up. This is a great opportunity for old and new parishioners to meet & mingle with the cadets. POC: Andy Glen @446-4874.

Dates to remember for Chaplain's Time

July 9, 16, 23 starting @ 1800

WE ARE NOT CLOSED FOR THE SUMMER!

If you are new to West Point or an old-timer who has not yet registered or re-registered your child or children for Religious Education, the summer months are a great time to stop by the Religious Education Office, which is located in the Cloister Room (chapel basement). At this time, you can fill out a registration form and find out about our need for catechists, bus coordinators for the 2003-04 semester. Please call "Ms. Kay," Director of Religious Education @938-8761. ***OPENING DAY FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IS SEPTEMBER 7TH.***

Parish Registration

We ask families and single adults who worship with us to register officially as Most Holy Trinity Parishioners. Such registration helps us to be able to contact you and keep track of our parish. It also helps when you are seeking a letter of eligibility for being a sponsor and for some marriage requirements. You can pick up a registration form from the Rectory or use the one attached to the bulletin. Moving? If you will be leaving us, please notify us of the change.

PARISH CENSUS UPDATE

WELCOME to all new folks joining our parish & **FAREWELL** to all who are moving. Please help us keep our Census up-to-date by filling out this form:

Name _____

Address _____

City & Zip _____

Phone _____

Please Check one:

New registration

Updated registration

I am moving out of the area