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 July 14, 2019
**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary
 Time Year C
 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
 (Proper 10)**



Lectionary citations:

Amos 7:7-17 with Psalm 82 or
 Deuteronomy 30:9-14 with Psalm
 25:1-10
 Colossians 1:1-14
Luke 10:25-37

Inner Journey, Justice,
 Relationships: Good Samaritan

Living a life of faith would be so much easier if only I could find a short compendium of laws to instruct and guide me in every circumstance I might encounter. Or so I could be tempted to think. In the conversation with the lawyer Jesus exposes the fallacy of this thinking for a person of faith.

The lawyer was so brilliant that he could summarize the entire Mosaic law in just thirty-one words of English, astounding. But Jesus' simple rustic story of a traveller on a dangerous road exposes the complexity of putting flesh onto that summary of Law.

Rules make for predictable living, but also for some harsh and cruel treatment, particularly at the margins of our societies. But it is at the margins where we need an approach to life which, while it might make things less predictable and neat, can make for an altogether kinder world.

There is an interesting eschatology opened up for us towards the end of this story. It's worth noting that Jesus leaves a significant loose end here by not giving us a clear conclusion to the story. The question that presents itself comes as a direct result of the samaritan's closing comment

"Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend."

Let's unpack this. There is the instruction to take care of the wounded, a promise to come back, an implication that there will be work required to be done out of one's own resources, an undertaking to return and make good on extra expenditure.

Jesus never tells us what happened, but inside this lacuna is where the interesting stuff happens.

Imagine you are the Innkeeper. What are your options? Can you trust the Samaritan? Has he the resources to pay? What factors do you take into account when the Samaritan leaves? Which actions will spring from law-keeping and which from grace?

How would you personally resolve the conflict the Innkeeper now faces if you were him?

It would be so much easier to be a disciple if we could just keep the rules; but we have to navigate the dangerous territories of compassion. God seeks disciples with hearts of flesh and not of stone. God wants disciples/followers who are willing to lay aside the law and bind up wounds. Are you willing to one of those kind?

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They are excited for their **New Haven's Got Talent Contest** on August 17th at the Haven Place Family Day Event located on Main street. Contest is for Ages 5 to 17 only.

1st place winner receives \$75
 2nd place winner receives \$50
 and 3rd place winner receives \$25. Registration forms due by August 1, 2019. See attachments for rules and guidelines. Mail in to Haven Place or drop off in drop box located in the front of the building.

If you or a group are interested in our **5k walk/run** please fill out registration form and make

payment out to Haven Place. Mail to 58575 Main Street New Haven MI 48048 or drop off in the drop box located in the front of the building. All proceeds go to Families Against Narcotics and Haven Place. Register by August 1 or day of event 7:45am sharp at the corner of Pasco and Main Street. Streets will be closed at 8am!! No one will be allowed in after 8am.

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Anchor Bay Triathlon
 This Saturday, July 13, 6am - 10am

A staple of our Parks and Recreation is our 34th annual Anchor Bay Triathlon. Over 250 athletes from around the region compete for the fastest combination of swimming, biking and running.

Contact the parks and recreation department at 586-725-0291, via e-mail at aabraham@cityofnewbaltimore.org or [by signing up at the link here.](#)

Just Wondering:

Is it difficult saying 'nothing' when other's speak up and out on things you completely don't agree?

Do you seek information via good editorials vs. fb?

Do you do 'spaghetti dinner' on 2nd Saturdays in NB?

Do you find it difficult getting around the gray areas? After all we don't have direct easy

answers, we have choices to make.

Do you check out the parish web site and fb page?

Are you a fan or follower of Jesus?

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I for one cannot believe we are already at the half mark of July. Folks are traveling and enjoying family and friends, taking it easy, It is a time to Renew, Remember and get Refreshed. Local beaches are crowded, kids are having fun and many have distanced themselves from TV and news channels. Me included.

All church buildings do not have AC so some of the membership absent themselves from worship during the summer (some are fortunate enough to have AC somewhere within the church campus and have Sunday worship there). No matter, remember God doesn't vacation away from us, never moves away from us, it is we who move away from God.

It's not easy being Christian; it's not easy approaching the big bad wolves/ the non-believers, and it is a challenge to really be a good neighbor. Give it your best and God will do the rest.



I Sing and enjoy Summer. Are you like me in that you only sing in the car and in church?



Visit other churches as you vacation; it is always enlightening to see how and what they are doing? Great way to get ideas. Great way to appreciate what you have also.



Some are doing that 'Christmas in July' thing. Not me, I simply remember how it was in December.