PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL July 20 and 21, Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

For the leaders of the church and for our leaders in this community, that the Holy Spirit may sustain and strengthen us as we minister to your holy people. **Jesus, our shepherd, we pray**.

May our nation unite in our rejection of violence, including the violent attack on political figures. **Jesus, our shepherd, we pray**.

Oh God, your love unites us. Help us to share with each other the fruits of justice, rather than judgments. Help us to let go and be loving, rather than clinging to our need to be right. **Jesus, our shepherd, we pray**.

Whenever we stray, gather us up again with love and bring us back home to ourselves, the people you have created us to be. **Jesus, our shepherd, we pray**.

May we here at St. Anne's faithfully follow you. **Jesus, our shepherd, we pray**.

For the elders in our parishes, that as we strive to become one family, we will draw on their wisdom, and treasure the history of our communities.

Jesus, our shepherd, we pray.

We pray for all those who are sick including Judy Higgins, Jeanne Firth, Freddy Villa, Carol Heinicke, Liana Scott, Cheale Villa, Wynne Pierret, Alberto Restrepo, Beatrice Van Tulder, Maurice Krings, Roberto Clovis Silva, and Gabrielle Clune. **Jesus, our shepherd, we pray**.

We pray also for those who have died including died Jean Hushebeck, Antonie Van Tulder. **Jesus, our shepherd, we pray.**

We lift up to you all of the prayers of the St. Anne community, and those we hold in the silence of our hearts. **Jesus, our shepherd, we pray**.