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“Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.”

- Mk 6:31

JULY 18, 2021
16th Sunday Ordinary Time

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekends:

Sat - 4 p.m. Sun - 8 a.m., 10 a.m.

Weekdays:

Monday - Friday 8 a.m.

Holy Days: 8 a.m., 7 p.m.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION: BREATHE, SEEK, LOVE

Imagine a quiet place not too far from home where life's stresses and demands seem to melt away. It is here that all that seemed so important out there no longer is. God is here and all is good.

We need to connect with the Divine Source of all that is in order to understand what it is we are doing and why we are doing it. Otherwise, things stop making sense and bitterness can overcome one's spirit. It's okay to play once in a while and to discover that place of profound life and peace. People always have needs and there is constantly something to do. While all of that is necessary and we are needed in our busy worlds, there is also that inner

solitude within that needs to be celebrated and released.

We all need a quiet place. It's that little place we can go and leave all that consumes us behind. It's a place where technology can be set aside. We don't have to text, calculate, or orchestrate anything in this quiet place. The anger, frustration, exhaustion, discouragement, helplessness, and occasional apathy—all can be let go. We can let go. We are beings connected with Being, and we all need to remember what really matters, who really matters, and what life is truly all about. We need to find that place where we can rest, breathe, seek, and love.

The world will need us again when we leave our quiet place. It will all be waiting for us, beckoning for our attention. But we will have prayed and will have marveled at the silence and the beauty of goodness. We can go back, ready, and eager to listen, to help, to heal, to cry, to embrace, and attend to all that is asked of us. But, having let go of the distractions in that place, we will have a renewed sense of purpose. We will know better Who it is we serve and what we are meant to do. It will all be clearer now that we have been Divinely touched and refreshed.

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JULY 17	SATURDAY
4:00 p.m.	Regina Regiec† <i>Jerry & Lottie Durbin</i>
JULY 18	SUNDAY
8:00 a.m.	Ronald Jaworski† <i>Family</i>
10:00 a.m.	Opel Romanoski† <i>Romanoski Family</i>
JULY 19	MONDAY
8:00 a.m.	Veronica DiCola† <i>Will & Wayne Dippel</i>
JULY 20	TUESDAY
8:00 a.m.	James Wm-Webster† <i>SFX Class of 1968</i>
JULY 21	WEDNESDAY
8:00 a.m.	William Klug† <i>Jane Klug</i>
JULY 22	THURSDAY
8:00 a.m.	Mary & Gary Bosley Family <i>Sr. Mary Ann Spangler</i>
JULY 23	FRIDAY
8:00 a.m.	Bertie Gaughenbaugh† <i>Joanne Ray</i>
JULY 24	SATURDAY
4:00 p.m.	Marie Lohri† <i>Marilyn & Carolyn</i>
JULY 25	SUNDAY
8:00 a.m.	Bill Tennant† <i>Dee & Tony Novel</i>
10:00 a.m.	Bob & Bernadine Miller† <i>Miller & Porter Family</i>

St. Mary Magdalene, thank you for your witness that Jesus forgives through the miracle of love.
Feast Day - July 22



Rest, Renewal, and Finding Our Pew

This is the Week of July 18, 2021—The 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Week Four since Mass dispensation ceased. In the Gospel, we hear from the Twelve, who have done so well in their travels healing the sick, driving away demons, and teaching repentance that they share popularity with Jesus. It is the first time we hear them called “apostles”—ones who are sent. Their work never ends, and respite seems to elude them. Jesus attempts to give them special care, but the flock will not allow it. Jesus ends up tending the flock instead. Jesus’ choice becomes understandable to the apostles.

It is not customary to use the bulletin’s Worship & Outreach space to intensify the week’s Gospel. It just seems there is a layer easily overlooked in the Gospel’s message about rest and renewal. That layer involves the comfort of the Eucharist.

We are exhausted. Overwhelmed. We never imagined a time that would require so much prayer just to understand skipping seats in our pews. Pandemic separated us from the Eucharist, but just as the people who pursued Jesus and the apostles, we know how to seek Him. We know where He resides. We must rejoin Him there. Respite is there.

The apostles communed with Jesus as he tended the flock and from it found the renewal they craved. Communion with each other, in Christ, means to do the same for us now. Come back. Renew. Reclaim comfort—among our flock—together. -KJS

Mt. St. Joseph Offering Silent, Individual Retreat

Mt. Saint Joseph Retreat Center in Wheeling is offering silent, individual retreat for those who are interested in committing to times of silence and prayer during each day. Retreatants also will meet daily with a spiritual director.

Kathleen Durkin, CSJ is offering retreat via Zoom within the dates of Aug. 18—31. Specific dates, length, and cost can be discussed upon initial contact by calling her at 304-232-8160.

Gathering Set for Bereaved

A faith-based gathering for those who are grieving will happen Monday, July 26, at St. John Fellowship Hall in Benwood. The hall is located at 622 Main St., and start time is 6 p.m. Facilitators are Deacon Doug Breiding and Tom and Michele McFadden. Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Wheeling is the sponsor.

Prayer REQUESTS

Recently Sick: Joseph Grampa, Bobby Kleinedler, Sandye Yoho, Anna Mae Veronis Holliday, Joanna Bierce, Isabella Wood, Heather Wiley, Dale Whitlatch, Sami Wilson, Kathryn Ferrera, Chuck Taskalines, Sara Walters, Danielle Wilson, Loretta Saporito, Bob Balgo, Mary Stees, Cindy Gunto, Kathleen Naegele, Sue Riffle, Judith Harbert, Megan Freeland Roskovensky, Alyssa Hedrick.

Homebound: Rachel Kerekes, Doris Murphy, Deanne Ferraro, Semon & Phyllis Prado.

Nursing Homes: Hazel Markey, Katie Renshaw, Joan Weekly, Alma VanSyoc, Ron Flading, Barb Meyer, Raymond Pennybacker.

Names of those recently sick will appear for two months. Please resubmit requests for those who still need our healing prayers.

CALENDAR

Mondays **INFANT of PRAGUE**
July 5 **NOVENA**
to **St. Mary's, Martins Ferry**
Aug. 30 **7 p.m.**

July **GODSPELL**
30,31 & **Strand Theatre**
Aug. 1 **visit**
strandtheatrewv.com
For times and ticket info

Aug. 22 **PARISH PICNIC**
The Barn in Moundsville
Mass on site at noon

Sept. 22 **PARISH COUNCIL**
Church Hall
6:30 p.m.

BINGO VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED
contact Kathleen Naegele to help:
304-843-1946

SCHEDULES JULY 24 & 25

LECTORS/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:00 p.m. **M. Hitt / J. Fecat**
 8:00 a.m. **L. Remke / P. Remke**
 10:00 a.m. **S. Taylor / L. Yoho**

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KEEPING OUR HOUSE SAFE — INSIDE AND OUT

As planned, some needed work began Monday on the front steps and side ramp by Jerry Gust and his crew, while a team from Sound Waves installed a security system for the church and office. Other work is ahead. We will keep you informed!



THE BARN IN MOUNDSVILLE IS now the location of this year's parish picnic. The date is the same—Aug. 22—and outdoor Mass is still at noon on site. The locale is the only change because of damage to the St. Jude shelter roof that cannot be repaired in time to host our celebration.

We are continuing our tradition of a covered-dish dinner with meat provided by the parish. There also will be games and raffles. Be sure to sign up in the church vestibule or call the office. Come and enjoy fun and fellowship after being cooped up! A reminder: The Barn is out eastern Fourth Street—1.1 miles from East End ballfield.



THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL COLLECTION BENEFITS

the Catholic Communications Campaign. The CCC responds to national and local communications needs of the Church. Our diocese will keep half the proceeds to fund the Catholic Spirit, televised Masses and other local communications efforts. Remaining funds go to the national CCC office for national efforts and grants for developing nations. Learn more here: www.usccb.org/committees/catholic-communication-campaign

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS):

Sat. 3:30 p.m. or upon request.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

By appointment. Contact the parish office at least six months before the date of the marriage. Pre-Cana is required.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (PSR):

Sundays during the school term at 9:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m. Grades 1-12.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

By appointment. The diocese requires instructions beforehand for parents or guardians. Contact the parish office.

REGISTRATION, CHURCH SUPPORT:

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