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July 21, 2019 | Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Mary sat beside the
Lord at his feet
listening
to him speak.

~ Luke 10:39

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We are blessed today with stories about relationships—human and divine—and the joys and responsibilities that come along with them. They are also stories about justice.

Our Gospel tells the familiar story of overly anxious Martha complaining to Jesus about her sister, Mary, who is not helping her with her hospitality responsibilities but is sitting at Jesus' feet. Can't you just imagine Jesus between these two righteous women disciples?

Jesus' answer to Martha—that the actions of her seemingly lazy sister are actually OK—hardly seems fair. As we will show later, caring about the responsibilities that come with treating others well brings rewards, but there is a difference in how one approaches the task.

THOSE WHO DO JUSTICE

Psalm 15 describes the life of justice and the reward of joy in God's presence. We know that justice always involves service. Can we find joy in service, perhaps even in suffering?

Saint Paul writes to the Colossians that his life of suffering service to them and to the other churches is a source of joy

to him. His relationship with them, although filled with affliction, is its own reward, as he brings people into relationship with Jesus Christ.

Abraham and Sarah, the righteous elderly couple of the Old Testament, are emblematic of this kind of relationship. Abraham welcomes "strangers" with eager hospitality, not knowing that his visitors are divine messengers, even the Holy One of Israel! His spouse, Sarah, does all she can to aid Abraham in making their guests comfortable and welcome. In return for their generous hospitality, the childless aged couple are rewarded with a blessing—a son, Isaac.

How do they differ from Martha, though? Martha allows her duties and service to overwhelm her with anxiety. Abraham fairly leaps for joy to be of service to his guests.

If you are a Martha, the lesson is to keep serving but find the joy that gives true meaning to your service.

Today's Readings: Gen 18:1–10a; Ps 15:2–3, 3–4, 5; Col 1:24–28; Lk 10:38–42

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Masses for the Week

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JUL 20 **SATURDAY**
 4:00 P.M. **Aliyah Bartsch**
 (Suzy Lunau & Family)

JUL 21 **SUNDAY**
 8:00 A.M. **Don McCormick†**
 (Mark & Christy Klug)

10:00 A.M. **L.R. Lewis†**
 (Richard C. Lewis)

JUL 22 **MONDAY**
 8:00 A.M. **Paul Baum†**
 (Family)

JUL 23 **TUESDAY**
 8:00 A.M. **Mike Dugas†**
 (Joan & Wayne Lemasters)

JUL 24 **WEDNESDAY**
 8:00 A.M. **Don McCormick†**
 (Jim & Dina Barker)

JUL 25 **THURSDAY**
 8:00 A.M. **Rodney Kerekes†**
 (Joan & Wayne Lemasters)

JUL 26 **FRIDAY**
 8:00 A.M. **Mallane Stanbury†**
 (Patricia Lucia)

JUL 27 **SATURDAY**
 4:00 P.M. **Don McCormick†**
 (Dr. & Mrs. I.H. Luna)

JUL 28 **SUNDAY**
 8:00 A.M. **Dorothy Wayman†**
 (Maggie Yeater)

10:00 A.M. **Patty† and Bobby Kleinedler**
 (Bob Kleinedler)



Rosary weekdays after 8 a.m. Mass

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sfxmoundsville.org
 Check us out on Facebook for photos and happenings in the parish.

Rev. That Son Ngoc Nguyen, pastor

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS):

Sat. 3:30 p.m., or any other time 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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

By appointment. The Diocese requires instructions beforehand for the parents.

Contact the parish office.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (P.S.R.):

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

REGISTRATION AND CHURCH SUPPORT:

Parishioners should be properly registered at the Parish Office

WEEKLY SCHEDULES

Lectors/ Eucharistic Ministers:

7/27 4:00 p.m. Julie Fecat/C. McDonald

7/28 8:00 a.m. L, Whitelatch/L. Yoho

7/28 10:00 a.m. L. Niemiec/J. Klug

Altar Servers:

7/27 4:00 p.m. Frizzell

7/28 8:00 a.m. Laberdee

7/28 10:00 a.m. Miller

Gift Bearers:

7/27 4:00 p.m. Kay Bosworth & Daunel Gump

7/28 8:00 a.m. John Harrigan

7/28 10:00 a.m. Carolyn Gordon

Sacristy Cleaners: Week of July 22, 2019

Jenny Ingram & Daunel Gump

Greeters:

7/27 4:00 p.m. Phil & Loretta Remke

7/28 8:00 a.m. Paula Whitwam/ Lottie Durbin

7/29 10:00 a.m. Sally Vargo & Jenny Ingram

Bingo: July 26, 2019

Raffle: John & Loretta Niemiec

Kitchen: Sue Church

COLLECTION: July 7, 2019

Envelopes - \$ 3,203.00

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Attendance - 279

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Weekends: Saturday - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday - 8:00 a.m./10:00 a.m.

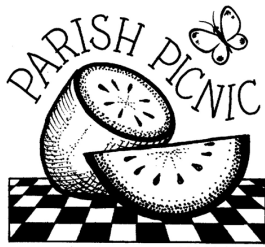
Weekdays: Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m.

Holy Day Mass Schedule:

8:00 am, 7:00 p.m.

**PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS,
FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS:**

Prayer Request: Sharon McGee, Tony & Jerrie Skvarka, Carolyn Harris, Rebecca Blatt, Donna Colucci, Peggy Mysliwicz, Zelma Imhof, Joe Church, Bobby Kleinedler; **Homebound:** Semon & Phyllis Prado, Doris Murphy, Bob Tetrick, Rachel Kerekes; **Nursing Home:** Gary Dobbs, Patricia Schmidt, Helen Remke, Barbara Meyer, Elizabeth Potts, Marilyn Neidhardt, Helen Cuchta, Ron Jaworski.



Our Parish Picnic this year is on Sunday August 25th at St. Jude Park. The day will start with outdoor Mass at noon. We will have a covered dish dinner, fellowship and games. Please sign up in the church vestibule.

50/50 DRAWING

Our parish will have a 50/50 drawing at the picnic on August 25. Each family will receive 12 tickets to sell. The cost per ticket is \$1 or 6 for \$5. Tickets can be found in the vestibule with each family's name.

Please return your tickets before August 22nd.

Need more tickets? Call the parish office

@ 304-845-1593



Pope Francis @Pontifex

Faith is a gift that keeps alive a profound and beautiful certainty: that we are God's beloved children.



PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday July 22

@ 6:30 P.M.

Church Hall



It's not too late-

You can still **Feed the Poor!**

If you were not here last Sunday or your pockets were empty, Father Cooney left extra envelopes for Food for the Poor. You can find them in the Vestibule.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Jul. 22 - Parish Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Aug. 15 - The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary

Aug. 22 - Turn in raffle tickets to the office

Aug. 25 - Parish Picnic

Nov. 7 - Bus Trip to Lancaster

Can You Help?

You may see them racing through the parking lot at odd times of the day and night, or throwing rocks at the signs on our fence, or rummaging through the outdoor ashtrays for cigarette butts; you may hear them shouting colorful or off-color comments or ringing the church bells in the side yard. If you chase them home, their mother will shrug her shoulders and tell you this is not her problem – it's yours.

We are looking for ideas and a person or two or three willing to help us address "our problem." Our parish is rich in hidden resources and experience: teachers, coaches, athletes, tradesmen, craftsmen, artists, bakers, dancers, music makers, story tellers – to name just a few. Please think about how you might be able to contribute to a solution.

"You stand with the least likely to succeed until success is succeeded by something more valuable: kinship. You stand with the belligerent, the surly, and the badly behaved until bad behavior is recognized for the language it is: the vocabulary of the deeply wounded and of those whose burdens are more than they can bear."

◇ Fr. Gregory Boyle,
Founder of Homeboy Industries



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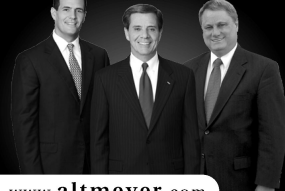
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