

A Few Words from the Pastor:

Are You Mary, or Martha, or Both? Our Sunday Gospel this week is the beautiful story of Martha and Mary. In my homily, I used the prayers of the noted liturgist, Lucien Deiss, from his book, ***Come, Lord Jesus***. I place them in the bulletin should you identify with either Mary or Martha.

The Eyes of Mary

Lord Jesus, have pity on me!
With Martha, I was busy all day long.
Allow me now, with Mary,
To sit at your feet simply to look at you.

The Tired Hands of Martha

Lord Jesus, I would have chosen, like Mary,
to sit all day long in peace at your feet
and listen to the silence of my heart.
But you came into my house
with all your friends
who kept me busy,
and I served them for love of you.
If I cannot offer you the eyes of Mary,
accept at least, I pray you,
the tired hands of Martha.
They are my love for you.



St. Mary Magdalene

A New Feast Day - For centuries the Church has honored St. Mary Magdalene on July 22nd. In the liturgical calendar, it was a "Memorial." To more fully recognize Mary Magdalene as the "Apostle to the Apostles," Pope Francis has recently elevated this liturgical celebration to Feast. As was announced by the Vatican, "Mary Magdalene has the honor to be the first witness of the Lord's resurrection. She is the witness to the risen Christ and announces the message of the Lord's resurrection just like the rest of the Apostles. It is only right that the liturgical celebration of this woman should have the same rank of Feast as that given to the celebration of the Apostles in the General Roman Calendar."

Caring for Our Common Home - This Tuesday evening, July 19th, the Summer Interfaith Series will present the topic Earth, Air, Fire and Water: Symbolism and Civilization, which will feature speakers representing the Catholic, Jewish and Mormon Faith traditions. It will begin each evening at 7:00 PM, and conclude by 9:00 PM. Please join us!

More on our Mission to Haiti - It became very clear to us on our visit to our sister parish in Haiti that there is a great need for desks for the school children. It is financially unrealistic to pack up our extra desks and send them. However, there is a diocesan-run carpenter shop in the town of Henche, near to our Sister Parish, which builds desks and pews for parishes in their diocese. We are looking first for donors who might wish to purchase a classroom full of desks: the 1st and 2nd grade classroom is in need of 30 desks, at the cost of \$2,700. The third and 4th grade classroom needs the same number, at the cost of \$2,850. A classroom of even larger desks for the 5th and 6th graders will be \$3,000. Ninety chairs are needed for the children @ \$2,250, and 9 tables for \$1,710. For the teachers, we need 10 desks and 10 chairs at the cost of \$1,670. The Lord will never be outdone in generosity! And any gift of any amount will be most helpful! The average price for a desk is \$95.00.

Stewardship at St. John's

OFFERTORY for July 10, 2016

Envelopes:	\$ 5,007.00
Loose:	\$ 637.00
Children's:	\$ 3.00
Parish Development	\$ 112.00
Catholic Education	\$ 61.00
Catholic Register	\$ 25.00
Total:	\$ 5,845.00
Online Giving:	\$ 2,655.00
TOTAL:	\$ 8,500.00

St. John's Prayer List

It is a Spiritual work of Mercy to pray for the sick. If you know of someone in the parish who is ill or has passed away and in need of prayers, please call Ginny Reeder (695-7671) or email her at gabby.reeder@gmail.com to add their name to the prayer list.

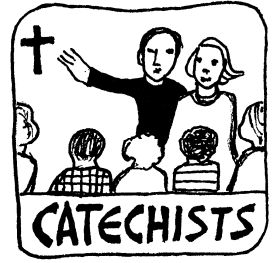
PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING and their caregivers and give thanks for those who have recovered. *Lord we ask for your blessings and care for these and all people in need:*

- Millie Bilski · JoAnne Gerardine**
- Judy Hurm · Brian Kopp · Joel Myers**
- Ron Peschock · Bob & Mary Rajnish**
- Olga Romerowicz · Madison Shura**
- Patty Teufel**
- Students, Staff & Family of our school**
- Victims of abuse**

Home Nursing Agency Seeking Volunteers to Support Hospice Families & Grieving Children
Do you want to use your life to make a profound impact for others? Consider becoming a Home Nursing Agency volunteer for hospice or the Healing Patch program for grieving children and their families. Home Nursing Agency has the right opportunity to fit your schedule, skills, and comfort level. Hospice volunteers offer companionship and show compassion as they support hospice patients and their families, both during the hospice care journey and after the patients have passed away. Volunteers are the heart of the Healing Patch, a free program for grieving children and their families. Volunteers serve in many roles by facilitating groups, serving food, greeting attendees, sewing quilt squares and memory bears, and assisting with special projects. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer for hospice or the Healing Patch, or would like to learn more, please contact our Volunteer Coordinators at 1-800-445-6262 or visit www.homenursingagency.com.

CATECHISTS NEEDED

If you have a love for Jesus and sharing your faith with the children of our parish please give me a call. I am looking for catechists for 7th & 8th grade. We have really good new books and resources that provide all you need. You can teach alone or have a friend and co-teach. Bringing our faith to the children (our future) is truly a priceless ministry. Please contact me if you have any questions or would like more information. I look forward to hearing from you. Mary Haenig 814-317-5578 or mshaenig@gmail.com



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YEAR OF MERCY SUMMER ROAD TRIPS!

What better way to spend a summer afternoon as a "pilgrim" visiting three churches celebrating their 200th Anniversary founded by our own saint-in-progress, Servant of God, Reverend Demetrius Gallitzin. Plan to take a Sunday drive to Holy Name, Ebensburg, St. Patrick, Newry, and St. Thomas the Apostle, Bedford, the designated sites for the Holy Doors of the Jubilee of Mercy. Prayer times have been scheduled at all three churches on July 24, August 14 and August 28. Prayers will be led in half hour intervals from 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM, beginning at 1:30 PM. You may even want to include a visit to St. Michael of the Archangel Basilica, Loretto, the site of the tomb of Father Gallitzin to top off your day! An added bonus is an opportunity to grow spiritually and gain a Plenary Indulgence of the Church during this special time.



Don't forget to sign up on the kiosk in the gathering space if you plan to attend our Parish Picnic next Sunday, July 24. We will begin with mass at 11:00 AM. It would be helpful if the dish you bring is in a disposable container. Otherwise, please label your items so that we can return them to you. **(And remember, there will not be a 10:00 mass at the church on July 24.)**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday: Jer 1:1, 4-10; Mt 13:1-9
Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Mt 13:10-17
Friday: Jer 3:14-17; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Flower pots and window boxes: You can help us keep our flowers in pots and window boxes beautiful by signing up on the kiosk to water them for a week. They need water daily when it doesn't rain. If you have any questions, call Joyce Cunningham (695-5346) or email at jmc1863@atlanticbb.net.

OUR PARISH FAMILY ... is taking a summer break and will return in August or September. Thank you for your comments and cooperation. If you've already agreed to be a part of this feature and have had your picture taken for it, we'll be in touch soon to get your information. Or, if you're willing to appear in this feature but haven't yet been asked, please contact Cecelia Bloom, by phone at 695-2806, or by email at ceceb13@verizon.net.



Holy Trinity Catholic School is selling tickets for the NFL Football Extravaganza. The cost of the ticket is \$20. Each week of the regular NFL season, tickets will be assigned a combination of three NFL teams. The final score for each team is then added up and the ticket with the highest score wins \$500, 2nd highest \$250, 3rd highest \$100, and the lowest score \$50. Ticket scores are also cumulatively tracked for the entire season with the highest scoring ticket receiving \$3,000, 2nd highest \$2,000, 3rd highest \$1,000 and lowest score \$500. If a team does not play, the score for the last game played will be used for the week the team does not play. All ties split the prize money. Results will be posted on Facebook under the title Holy Trinity Catholic School Altoona PA and on the School's Web Site (holytrinitycatholic.school). You can purchase these tickets from any Holy Trinity student or by calling in the morning, Monday - Thursday, Holy Trinity Catholic School Middle School at 942-7835 or Holy Trinity Catholic School Altoona Campus at 381-7011.

Sunday, July 17, 2016
SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday July 17th - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM—Mass for *Ida Prosperi* requested by
John Prosperi

10:00AM—Mass for *Bob & Loretta Olson* in celebration
of their 40th wedding anniversary

Monday July 18th – Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM-Morning Prayer

8:30AM—Mass for *Joyce A. Cordek* requested by
Larry Cordek

Tuesday July 19th - Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM-Morning Prayer

8:30AM— Mass for *John Despot* requested by the family

Wednesday July 20th -Weekday

5:00PM—Confessions

6:00PM—Mass for *deceased members of Daniel &
Therese Roberts Family* requested by Dan &
Judy Roberts

Thursday July 21st -Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM-Morning Prayer

8:30AM— Mass for *Leonard & Joan Farrell*

Friday July 22nd - Saint Mary Magdalene

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM-Morning Prayer

8:30AM— Mass for *Tom & Fran Semelsberger* in
celebration of their 55th Wedding Anniversary
requested by Barbi, Jill & Leigh Ann

**Saturday July 23rd – Vigil of the 17th Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

3:00PM—Confessions

4:00PM—Mass for *People of the Parish*

Sunday July 24th - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM—Mass for *Tammy Field* requested by Larry &
Carol Field

10:00AM—Mass for *Connie Stoltz* requested by the
Stoltz Family

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