



When Jesus saw the vast crowd,
his heart was moved
with pity for them,
for they were like sheep
without a shepherd.

MARK 6:34

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NEXT WEEK'S APPOINTMENTS

LECTORS

Sat. July 24 - 4:00 PM - NOT FILLED,
Joyce Cunningham
Sun. July 25 - 8:00 AM - Daniel Turcovsky,
Diane Turcovsky
Sun. July 25 - 10:00 AM - Wally Wargo, Patrick Schurr

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat. July 24 - 4:00 PM - Keaton Swope, NOT FILLED
Sun. July 25 - 8:00 AM - Mai Linh Do, Nicholas Helsley
Sun. July 25 - 10:00 AM - Savannah Langenbacher,
Makayla Langenbacher

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. July 24 - 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, NOT FILLED
Sun. July 25 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci
Sun. July 25 - 10:00 AM - Dolores Capriotti,
Donna Moyer

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Sat. July 24 - 4:00 PM - Judy Sneath, Paula VanSickel,
Betsy Lloyd, Larry VanSickel
Sun. July 25 - 8:00 AM - Carolyn English, Ed Stoltz,
Ginny Reeder, Ray Kennedy
Sun. July 25 - 10:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Peg Madden,
Wendy Campbell, Walter Bloom

SACRISTAN

Sat. July 24 - 4:00 PM - Mary & Ray King
Sun. July 25 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci
Sun. July 25 - 10:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan

SCRIP

Sat. July 24 - 4:00 PM - Marge Rudolph, NOT FILLED
Sun. July 25 - 8:00 AM - Chris Palazzi, Heather Yasolsky
Sun. July 25 - 10:00 AM - NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED

July Prayer Intention of Pope Francis *Social friendship*

We pray that, in social, economic and political
situations of conflict, we may be courageous
and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.



**Sixteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

JULY 18, 2021

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A Few Words from the Pastor:

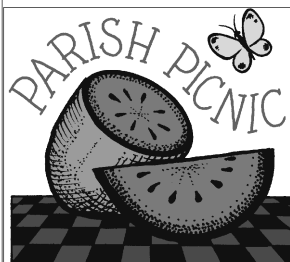
ST. JOHN'S PARISH PICNIC! Our year of celebrations of our hundredth anniversary has begun! Next up is our parish picnic on Sunday, August 1. There are sign-up sheets on the kiosk in the Gathering Space inviting your attendance, what you wish to bring, and what services you might be able to give in making this a wonderful parish event! PLEASE JOIN US! We are most grateful to the committee for all work that they have been doing in laying out special activities for the whole of the coming year.

SUNDAY EUCHARIST IS THE HEART OF PARISH LIFE!

We've mentioned that the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops will be embarking on an initiative entitled *"Created Anew by the Body and Blood of Christ: Source of Our Healing and Hope."* To prepare us as a parish, my brother priests, deacons and I will be **preaching on the Eucharist beginning next weekend**, when Jesus' sermon on the Bread of Life will be the gospel for four consecutive weeks. It begins with the multiplication of the loaves, a gospel miracle recorded in all four gospels. As more folks are coming back to Mass after the pandemic, a good refresher can deepen our love for this most important of the Sacraments.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD - Monday begins a week of training for our CGS team: Iris Tatar, Mary Truesdale, and myself. We will be travelling each day to St. Thomas More parish in Indiana, where we will be trained in Level One, preparing us for faith formation for ages 3 – 6. Thank you for your prayers, and encouragement.

PARISH PICNIC: Don't forget to sign up if you are able to attend our Parish Picnic on Sunday, August 1, after the 10:00 Mass. Sign ups for food as well as for volunteers to help set-up, serve food and clean up are posted on the

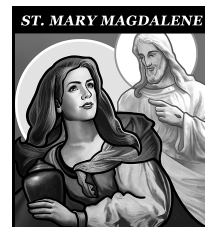


kiosk. *We ask that you bring your food in disposable containers if possible.* We are so excited to get back into social events, to celebrate our parish family, and have planned some fun games and activities for the whole family. Won't you join us?

A NEW FACE IN OUR COMMUNITY - Beginning next weekend the parishes of St. John and St. Rose of Lima will be blessed with the priestly ministry of Father Nelson Javier, TOR, a Franciscan of St. Bernadine's monastery in Hollidaysburg. He has been serving in a parish in Florida for many years, but is being transferred here to the Altoona Johnstown diocese, and will be residing at Mount Caramel. I know he will be given a warm welcome by our parish communities.

OUR SAINT OF THE WEEK!

Mary Magdalene, whose feast we celebrate on Thursday, was one of Jesus' most loyal followers and is said to have been the first to witness his resurrection. She has often been referred to as the "Apostle to the Apostles." While the Western Christian Church portrayed her as a repentant sinner for centuries, newer research has disputed this interpretation, and the discovery of the Gnostic Gospels, including the Gospel of Mary, describes Mary as a reflective and wise woman who was a close friend of Jesus. The Catholic Church has had a growing awareness of Mary Magdalene's importance, indicated by raising the liturgical rank of the "Memorial" of Saint Mary Magdalene to a "Feast" in 2016.



MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR SR. CELESTE CIESIELKA

Carmelite Community of the Word will celebrate a Memorial Prayer Service honoring the life of Sr. Celeste Ciesielka who died from Covid-19 on December 15, 2020. Sr. Celeste served in many roles and touched the lives of many throughout the diocese. Family, friends and co-workers are invited to join in this celebration to be held at the CCW Incarnation Center Motherhouse, 394 Bem Rd, Gallitzin, PA on Sunday, August 1, 2021. An outdoor prayer service is planned for 2PM with a reception to continue until 4PM. Attendees are asked to bring a lawn chair if possible to compliment seating within a tent. RSVP's are requested by July 28, 2021 by emailing communityofficeCCW@gmail.com.

SUMMER SCRIP: Amidst the vacations and excursions to the beach, the summer months also mean wedding season is here. Families can continue to use scrip for all their summer activities, including giving scrip gift cards as presents to happy newlyweds! Families can also easily reload scrip gift cards they've previously purchased to help them earn at the pump and at the grocery store during the summer months. And although summer normally means taking a well-deserved break from school, it's never too early for families to think about back to school shopping, especially families with college freshmen looking for dorm essentials. Need help getting started or setting up your online account? Questions about scrip? Call the office at 814-942-5503.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Registration information for the 2021-2022 can be found on our website and also in the Gathering Space.

All 9th grade students attending Bishop Guilfoyle need to be registered in order to prepare for Confirmation in 11th grade.

All 2nd grade students attending Catholic School do not need to register, but we ask parents to please let us know if they will be receiving their First Reconciliation here in December and First Communion in the spring.

We're Looking for Catechists and Helpers for the 2021-2022 Faith Formation Year!

As a catechist, you'll plan and teach small classes throughout the year. You will be provided with numerous resources to help you plan for your lessons such as textbooks, supplemental materials, and online resources. For the safety and protection of our parish children, all of our catechists, substitutes and volunteers are required to be in compliance with the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese Children and Youth Protection Policy.

If you would like more information, please contact Diane Ryan by emailing stjohnsecretary@atlanticbb.net or by calling 814-942-5503.

FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL: (Mark 6:30-34) In today's gospel "the apostles gathered around and told Jesus all they had done." Listening allows the other person to express, understand and appreciate their experiences. Whether it is the excited chatter of young child or the repetitious stories of an aging grandparent, listening is important. It is not just time well spent, it is sacred time.

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ST. JOHN'S BOWLING LEAGUE starts in September after a year-long hiatus. We bowl twice a month on Friday nights from September through April at Holiday Bowl. Please consider joining in on the fun and fellowship of an occasional night out at the bowling alley with fellow parishioners. A sign-up sheet is on the kiosk in the Gathering Space. Four-person teams are welcome, or sign-up as a single or couple; we'd be happy to get you on a team so you can start in on the fun! For details, call Gary Johnson at 814-696-2683.

OUTDOOR MASS FOR MARRIED COUPLES: All married couples and their families are invited to the annual Outdoor Mass for Married Couples this Sunday, July 18 at 7:00 p.m. at the Our Lady of the Alleghenies Shrine in Loretto. The Rosary will be prayed beginning at 6:30 p.m. Bring your own lawn chair, and if it rains, Bishop will celebrate Mass inside the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel next to the shrine. The Mass is sponsored by the Family Life Office of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown.

ST JOHN'S PRAYER LIST

Please call Ginny Reeder (695-7671) or email her at ginny.reeder@gmail.com to add or remove someone from 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:*

**Aiden • Seth Alexander • Amy B. • Scott Brenneman
Dan Burley • Cari Ann • Robert Cole • Michelle Cooney
Mary Lee Madigan-Davis • John Dennis • Jim DeStefano
Michael DeStefano • Gary Ellis • Bernadine Farrell
Kathy Felty • Leann Frazier • Matt Gormley
Ken Hartman • Randy Horton • Alexandra Hudson
Tim Jimenez • Amy Langenbacher • Lisa
Sherri Maffettone • Genevieve Mathias • Susie Miller
Karrie McCall • Sylvia Louise Mills • Barbara Moore
Ailani Myers • Patricia Olson • Mary Oricko
Linda Pletcher • Connie R • Mary Rajnish
Allison Recker • Vicki Riley • Lauryn Ryan
Olga Romerowicz • Mike Rudolph • Pat Seiler
Bruce Shank • Anne Showalter • Tim Temofonte
Bill Teufel • Kathy Wagner • Lois Werfel • Len Whitten
Daronda Wooldridge • Milan & Family**

HOME WITH THE LORD

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of:

Mary Jean Stein

May she rest in the peace and joy of the Lord.



Patris Corde, 2. A Tender and Loving Father, Strength in the midst of Fear

An angel told Joseph in a dream that King Herod was searching for the Child to kill him. As an obedient man, Joseph takes the child and his Mother and leaves for Egypt. It is a new departure, a new exodus. In letting himself be led by God, Joseph becomes the guide of the Holy Family. As every good father of a family, he risks his life for his Son.

"Even through Joseph's fears, God's will, his history and his plan were at work. Joseph, then teaches us that faith teaches us that amidst the tempest of life we must never be afraid to let the Lord steer our course. At times, we want to be in complete control, yet God always sees the bigger picture."

St. Joseph, a tender loving father, strength in the midst of fear, pray for us.

(Pope Francis Apostolic Letter *Patris Corde*, 2. Dec. 8, 2020; Jacques Gauthier, Catholic Book Publishing, N.J., 2014) **2021, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Liturgy Committee, Liturgy Office, Mary, Mother of the Church Pastoral Center, 2713 W. Chestnut Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601.**

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: The theme of “shepherds” and “shepherding” flows through all our readings. It is the Gospel that summarizes best what the Lord did for us, and what He continues to do for us. The disciples have just returned from mission work in several communities and villages. They are tired and Jesus recognized that His disciples needed to rest and recover. However, when He saw the crowds He was “moved with pity for them,” and His compassion outweighed everything else because they were truly “sheep without a shepherd.”

If we are dedicated to being a disciple of Jesus Christ, and live our lives as good stewards, there are going to be times when we, too, are weary, and may feel like we can do no more. Like the Lord, we must learn to gather our strength through Him, to place our trust in Him, and to take the next steps in our faith journeys by doing more, by responding to the needs we see around us.

(*Stewardship Reflection*, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2015/7/01)

June 27, 2021

Envelopes	\$ 3,869.00
Loose Offerings	\$ 425.38
Children's Offerings	\$ 3.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 236.00
Food Collection	\$ 145.00
<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>\$ 4,678.38</i>
Online Giving	\$ 2,016.00
Total Offertory	\$ 6,694.38

July 4, 2021

Envelopes	\$ 4,822.00
Loose Offerings	\$ 509.73
Children's Offerings	\$ 3.00
Catholic Education	\$ 86.00
Catholic Register	\$ 10.00
Missionary Cooperative	\$ 1,633.75
Food Collection	\$ 125.00
<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>\$ 7,189.48</i>
Online Giving	\$ 3,481.00
Total Offertory	\$ 10,670.48

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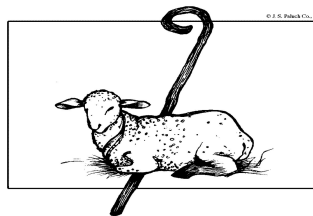
Payments/Donations	\$175,940
Pledge Payment Committed	11,675
Total Pledges/Donations	\$187,615

2021 Catholic Ministries Drive: Goal \$42,813.

January 1 to June 15, 2021:

Payments/Donations	40,570
Pledge Payments Committed	\$550
Total Pledges/Donations	\$41,120

FLEA MARKET: St. Therese Conference /St. Vincent de Paul Society will hold a Flea Market on Friday Aug. 6th & Saturday Aug. 7th from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm in Father Kelley Hall on the corner of 25th Ave. and 5th St., Altoona.



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Behold, the days are coming,
says the LORD, when I will raise up
a righteous shoot to David.

— Jeremiah 23:5a

Schedule for the Week

Sunday, July 18 – The 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM - Mass for *People of the Parish*

10:00 AM - Mass for *Andrew Dancha* requested by
Frank & Nancy Mincin

Monday, July 19 – Weekday

8:30 AM - Morning Prayer & Communion Service

Tuesday, July 20 – Weekday

8:30 AM - Morning Prayer & Communion Service

Wednesday, July 21 – Weekday

6:00 PM - Evening Prayer & Communion Service

Thursday, July 22 – St. Mary Magdalene

8:30 AM - Morning Prayer & Communion Service

Friday, July 23 – Weekday

8:30 AM - Morning Prayer & Communion Service

Saturday, July 24 - Vigil of The 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

3:00 PM - Confessions

4:00 PM - Mass for *The 60th Anniversary of Tom and Fran Semelsberger* requested by their grandchildren

Sunday, July 25 – The 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM - Mass for *People of the Parish*

10:00 AM - Mass for *Joseph Gallagher* requested by
Bernadine Farrell & Family



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-6; Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Ex 14:21 — 15:1; Ex 15:8-10, 12, 17;
Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-28;
Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9;
Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Friday: Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: Ex 24:3-8; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Mt 13:24-30

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145:10-11, 15-18; Eph 4:1-6;
Jn 6:1-15

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ETHNIC FOOD FESTIVAL: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church 605 Graham Ave in Windber will have a three day Ethnic Food Festival starting on Friday 7/30 12:00pm - 7:00pm, Saturday 7/31 11:00am - 7:00pm and on Sunday 8/1 12:00 - 5:00pm. Take out only. HALUPKI, HALUSZKI, HOMEMADE PIEROGI, PAGACZ, KIEBASSA, HOT SAUSAGE, PIZZA, CHURCH BAKED GOODS AND MORE.

SUMMER TRADITION CONTINUES: Outdoor Masses will be celebrated at the Our Lady of the Alleghenies Shrine in Loretto every Sunday night at 7:00 p.m. continuing through Labor Day weekend – September 5. Those attending are asked to bring their own lawn chair. In the event of inclement weather, Mass will be celebrated inside the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel next to the Shrine. Faithful are invited to come early to the outdoor Masses and visit one of the most historic sites in the diocese. The Prince Gallitzin Chapel House, located next to the Shrine, will be open for self-guided tours from 3:00-6:00 p.m. on July 18; and August 1, 15, and 29. The humble structure was the home and personal chapel of the Prince-Priest and Servant of God Demetrius Gallitzin. Today, it stands as a museum, which contains artifacts from Father Gallitzin's personal life.

YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH CELEBRATION: Saint Joseph Mission Church, Hart's Sleeping Place, Carrolltown. This historic Church, blessed by Servant of God, Demetrius Gallitzin himself on October 10, 1830, is open once a month for self-guided tours from Noon – 3:00 pm: August 1 and September 5. A Special outdoor Mass with Bishop Mark is on Sunday, August 1, at 4:00 pm; Confessions - 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm. Please bring a lawn chair and umbrella if necessary. There will be handicap access for Mass. www.sjmc1830.com

ANNUAL CHURCH FESTIVAL at Saint Benedict Church in Carrolltown on July 23, 24 and 25.

Friday, July 23rd – Basket Auction and Take-Out Only Ethnic Dinner from 4 to 8 p.m.

Saturday, July 24th – Basket Auction and Take-Out Only Ethnic Foods from 3-8 p.m.

Sunday, July 25th – Basket Auction from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Take-Out Only Turkey Dinner beginning at 11 a.m., the cost of the dinner is \$12.00

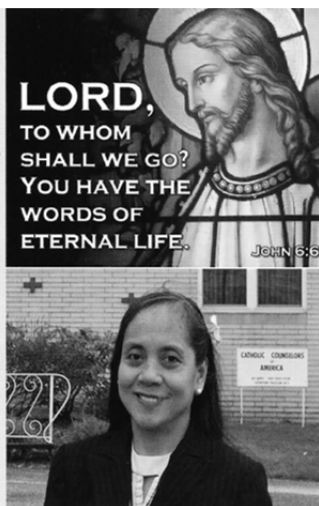
ST. AUGUSTINE ANNUAL PICNIC: St. Augustine Church, 803 St. Augustine Road, Dysart, will hold their Annual Church Picnic on Sunday, August 1st. The picnic features BBQ Chicken Dinner with homemade noodles. Dinners available from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Dinners are \$12 and will be carry-out only. There will be seating available throughout the picnic grounds and in the church hall. Basket raffle, fancy booth, bingo, children's games, etc. will be held throughout the day.

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- ✓Do you harbor an angry and unforgiving heart?
- ✓Are you anxious about what others think or say?
- ✓Are you feeling down most of the day?
- ✓Are you afraid, worried, and have no peace?

God, Our Father, is the source of all Wisdom through Our Lord Jesus Christ. The Most Holy Spirit is our Counselor. Our Blessed Mother Mary and all the holy angels and saints are our intercessors and protectors. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, on your own intelligence rely not" Prov. 3:5. Come! There is help for you. Call Leorosie (Rose) Trexler
St. Aloysius Faith Education and Community Center, 7911 Adm. Peary Hwy., Cresson, PA

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ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST PARISH

HISTORY 101 – CHAPTER 2

*Last week, in Chapter 1, we traced our parish's beginnings from 1920 to 1955.
This week, we pick up in 1959 and continue through 1990.*

*Note: In last week's chapter, it was stated that the rectory was purchased in 1922.
This original rectory was on the corner of Elm & Locust Streets, opposite our current rectory.
See this week's entry for 1968 regarding our current rectory.*

- 1959** Additional property bordering the school grounds was purchased for future expansion.
- 1959** In the Fall, construction of a school auditorium began.
- 1962** On April 26th, the school auditorium and cafeteria were dedicated.
- 1964** The school auditorium was renovated for use as a temporary church. (This "temporary" church was our worship space until 1997!)
- 1966** The original church building, which had deteriorated and also become inadequate for our growing parish, was demolished.
- 1968** The convent at St. John's was closed due to dwindling membership in the order (Sisters of St. Joseph).
- 1968** In August, the convent/school building became our current rectory. The original rectory was sold and is the current home of parishioners of St. John's, the Hunyady's.
- 1971** Further renovations to the former auditorium/now church were completed and our 50th anniversary was celebrated. Notes found in the parish history files stated that the new design was "original and unique, featuring a circular sanctuary with a round altar" and that the plans for the space were done by architect John Rea, a St. John's parishioner. It was also stated that this project was made possible by "the generous contributions of the parishioners" and "completed without incurring any debt".
- 1986** A property at 319 Lotz Ave. was purchased for further expansion.
- 1990** Our parish began the twinning project with Sts. Peter & Paul Parish in Haiti. (This project is 12 years old and still going strong!)



Check here next week for Chapter 3 ...

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THE APOSTLES REPORTED ALL THEY HAD DONE AND TAUGHT. JESUS SAID TO THEM,

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

MARK 6:30, 31

COMPASSION

If we were to use one word to describe the scriptures for today, it would be “compassion.” In Jeremiah, God rails against those who have scattered the sheep, and vows to “gather the remnant” personally. We also hear the prophecy about the coming Messiah. In Ephesians, Christ is breaking down the walls of division between peoples and drawing them to be reconciled with God in peace. In Mark, Jesus calls the tired disciples away to rest and have some “me time,” but even then the crowds persisted. Jesus saw their spiritual hunger and neediness and was “moved with pity.” All three situations involve looking beyond one’s own agenda to see the needs of others and respond. God models how to empathize with others. May we continue to learn to be kinder, gentler, and more caring for each other.

TIME FOR A TEAM MEETING

In last week’s Gospel, Jesus sent the apostles out two by two. Today we see him bringing them back together, reporting “all they had done and taught.” A lot has happened between then and now and in this time the disciples experienced many things. They would have grown in their ministry and their ability to heal and preach, but they probably also ran into frustrating times and encountered their limitations as human beings. If human nature prevailed, their partners were driving them nuts! So now after all this sharing, Jesus called for some balance in their lives. It was time to come away and rest. Between family and friends and social media, many of us have lost this ability to “be by ourselves” as we have become accustomed to filling every day and every moment with distractions. Perhaps one of the gifts and challenges of “sheltering in place” these last months is that we celebrated moments of joy and hope and peace but were also forced to listen to and name those voices of anger, loneliness, and fear.

WELL-LAID PLANS

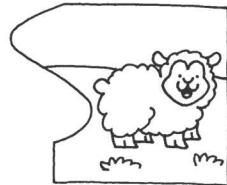
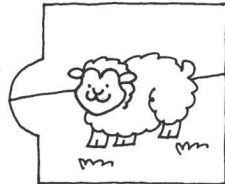
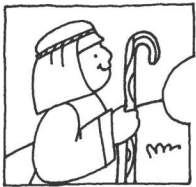
It is important to have balance in our lives, and Jesus was indeed was trying to teach this to the Apostles, but when they got to their intended place of repose, they encountered so many people Jesus was filled with compassion. No doubt he went about feeding them spiritually and physically; it would have been important for him to be hospitable. But at some point in time, I’m guessing that he still pulled the apostles aside and told them “Okay, people are settled now, so let’s leave all the excitement, delegate the job to somebody else, and find some peace and quiet.” None of us is any good at our prayer, our ministries, our lives, unless we take the time to find the quiet and go back to replenish our own wells. There is no way we can give to others unless we do. That is why we return to church each week, to rest and be nourished and renewed. And none of us is so important that we can’t take time away to take care of ourselves. So be gentle with yourself and with others this week.

TODAY’S READINGS

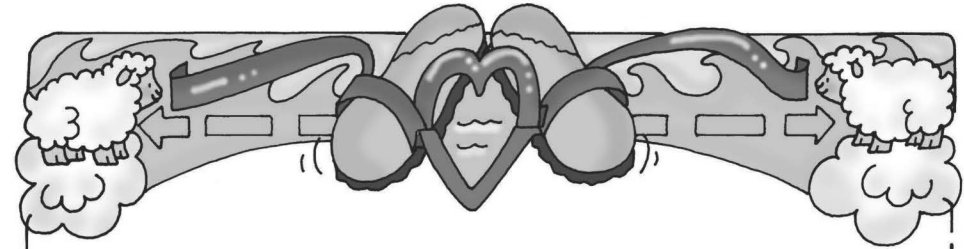
Jeremiah 23:1–6
Psalm 23:1–3, 3–4, 5, 6
Ephesians 2:13–18
Mark 6:30–34

God's Word for Children

When Jesus saw a huge crowd of people,
 "his heart was moved with pity for them,
 for they were like sheep without a shepherd" (Mark 6:34).
 Draw lines to match the shepherd puzzle pieces to their sheep.
 Then match your name to your Shepherd's name.



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Jesus wants to be our Savior.
 Start at the top of this door and write the word **open** in the boxes.
 When you're finished, read what Jesus hopes we will say
 when he knocks on the door of our hearts.





THE APOSTLE TO THE APOSTLES

July 22 is the feast of St. Mary Magdalene. In 2016 Pope Francis changed the celebration of the life of this follower of Jesus from a *memorial*, a time when the Church remembers the life of a person, to a *feast*, a time when the Church recognizes a person's valuable contribution to the life of faith. Feast days honor saints of particular significance, such as the apostles and the evangelists. Changing Mary Magdalene's memorial to a feast reminds us that she was an important follower and supporter of Jesus. She is also called the Apostle to the Apostles, a title that reminds us that Mary, the first to discover the empty tomb and see the risen Jesus, ran from the place of death to bring the good news to the apostles that Jesus was alive (John 20:1-18).

Many other women followed Jesus and helped spread his message.

Match the names of these women with their descriptions.

Fill in the blanks with the names of women you know

and match the last two descriptions with them.

Mary (Luke 1:26-27, 30-31)

She was Mary's cousin and greeted Mary as "the mother of my Lord" even before Jesus was born.

Elizabeth (Luke 1:39-40)

Jesus asked her for a drink of water. She believed he was the promised Messiah and went to tell her whole town about him.

Mary & Martha (Luke 10:38-42)

These two women helped support Jesus' ministry.

Samaritan woman at the well (John 4:1-42)

She is the mother of Jesus, the Mother of God.

These two sisters, good friends of Jesus, lived with their brother, Lazarus.

Joanna & Susanna (Luke 8:1-3)

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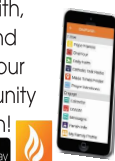
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