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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Martha and Mary



Christ in the Home of Mary and Martha, by David Lindley, © David Lindley

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- ◆ Rev. Anthony Urban
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- ◆ Lorraine Raymond
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- ◆ Monica Salis
Business Manager

Religious Education

- ◆ Sister Marion Tarone, IHM
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Music Ministry

- ◆ Margaret Semanek
Director of Liturgical Music
- ◆ Joseph Sabol
Assistant Organist
- ◆ Cora Artim
Youth Choir Director
- ◆ Scott Coates
5:30 PM Mass Musician

Sacristans

- ◆ Christopher Calore
- ◆ Patricia Quinn
- ◆ Betsy Evanoski

Maintenance and Cleaning

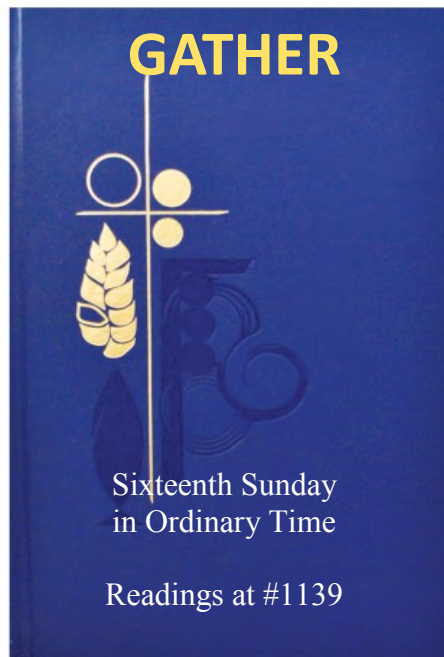
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Director of Maintenance
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- ◆ John Sartin
- ◆ Carol Hrobaski
- ◆ Salvatore Piccillo
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- ◆ Phil Bosha
St. Mary's Cemetery Maintenance

Pastoral Council, Chair

- ◆ Ann Marie Aed

Finance Council, Chair

- ◆ Michael Perhach



A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL...

Our 2019 Summer Festival is in the books and it broke all records. While the numbers are not official or final and we of course do not have our full report with expenses and profits the intake from just the 3 nights of the Festival was a whopping \$128,000.00!!!!

This would never be possible without all of your hard work and efforts. There are so many people to thank and you know who you are — I am so grateful we have such a dedicated group of volunteers who make this happen each year. Everyone loves our Festival and it is because of your hard work and efforts!

Again, we'll have the full report in a while in the bulletin but for now just know that once again you have won my and the patrons highest praise and gratitude! Thank you dinner to be announced in the future.
Father Joe

SOCIAL CONCERNS MEETING

The Social Concerns Committee will meet this Thursday, July 25th, at 7:00pm in the church hall. New members are always welcome.

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE ANNUAL CRAFT SHOW VENDORS WANTED!

The Social Concerns Committee is seeking Homemade Craft Vendors for their Annual Fall Craft Show, scheduled for **Saturday, November 2, 2019, from 9am to 3pm**. Please note this show features only homemade crafts, not commercially-produced items. For further information, please speak with one of the committee members or visit www.setonpa.com and click on the "Fall Craft Show" button to download a copy of the Vendor Contract. We kindly request that you do not call the church for information. Thank you!





16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Here's a modern paradox for you. We have technology that allows us to be constantly informed, always accessible and able to find any information we need in a few moments. We can communicate with cell phones, pagers, computers, social network sites, fax machines, landlines and even good old U.S. mail. So how is it that the more people plug in, the less informed and more isolated they become? We are less social, less communicative, more apathetic and more uninformed than ever before. Why do such powerful tools fail us?

There is no easy answer to those questions, but there is an easy way to remedy the problem. Unplug! It's time to reclaim the family dinner table, play board games, have a discussion about world events, read a newspaper together, talk to a neighbor and walk or drive somewhere without our heads buried in an iPod or text messages or BlueTooth. We need to see and hear and talk to others. We need to reconnect to people and give the batteries of life a chance to recharge and renew us. If people find religion difficult, perhaps it is because religion is a communal experience of God and we have forgotten how to be the community. Somewhere, sometime, people will research the electronic connection and discover more joy and more satisfaction in sharing a cup of coffee and a good chat. Don't wait for the details. Be an unplugged human again!

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ST. PAUL CENTER FOR BIBLICAL THEOLOGY

By Dr. Scott Hahn

Waiting on the Lord

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle C)

Genesis 18:1-10 Psalm 15:2-5 Colossians 1:24-28 Luke 10:38-42

God wants to dwell with each of us personally, intimately - as the mysterious guests once visited Abraham's tent, as Jesus once entered the home of Mary and Martha.

By his hospitality in this week's First Reading, Abraham shows us how we are to welcome the Lord into our lives. His selfless service of his divine guests (see [Hebrews 13:1](#)) stands in contrast to the portrait of Martha drawn in this week's Gospel.

Where Abraham is concerned only for the well-being of his guests, Martha speaks only of herself - "Do you not care that my sister has left me by myself... Tell her to help me." Jesus' gentle rebuke reminds us that we risk missing the divine in the mundane, that we can fall into the trap of believing that God somehow needs to be served by human hands (see [Acts 17:25](#)).

Our Lord comes to us, not to be served but to serve (see [Matthew 20:28](#)). He gave His life that we might know the one thing we need, the "better part" which is life in the fellowship of God.

Jesus is the true Son promised today by Abraham's visitors (see [Matthew 1:1](#)). In Him, God has made an everlasting covenant for all time, made us blessed descendants of Abraham (see [Genesis 17:19, 21](#); [Romans 4:16-17, 19-21](#)).

The Church now offers us this covenant, bringing to completion the word of God, the promise of His plan of salvation, what Paul calls "the mystery hidden for ages."

As once He came to Abraham, Mary and Martha, Christ now comes to each of us in Word and Sacrament. As we sing in this week's Psalm: He will make His dwelling with those who keep His Word and practice justice (see also [John 14:23](#))

If we do these things we will not be anxious or disturbed, will not have our Lord taken from us. We will wait on the Lord, who told Abraham and tells each of us: "I will surely return to you."

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday –Thursday 8:30am-5:00pm

Friday 8:30am-3:00pm

Weekend and evenings by appointment

The parish offices are closed on all Holy Days of Obligation and Federal Holidays

RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays

3:45pm-4:15pm or by appointment

OTHER COLLECTION:

DIOCESAN:

Peter's Pence: \$737.00

UPCOMING AREA FESTIVALS and EVENTS:

JULY 19-20-21 Exaltation of the Holy Cross Church, 420 Main Road, Hanover Township. BIG TENT BAZAAR, under the tent, rain or shine. Friday, 6pm, Saturday 5pm (mass at 4pm), and Sunday 5pm. Friday: Souled Out (7-11pm), Saturday: OZ (5-7:30pm) & Sweet Pepper & the Long Hots (8pm-midnight), and Sunday: 40 Lb. Head (5-7:30pm) and Flaxy Morgan (8-11pm). For more info., call 570-823-6242

JULY 26-27-28 St. Maria Goretti Church, Laflin. Friday & Sat. (5-10pm) and Sunday (3pm-8pm). Rain or shine under the tents. Friday: Sperazza Band, Saturday: Flaxy Morgan, and Sunday: Sweet Pepper & the Long Hots. Air-conditioned bingo, bake sale, gift card showcase, Vera Bradley showcase, kids games, Water Wars & more. Come out & enjoy!

JULY 26-27-28 St. Joseph's Center Summer Festival on the campus of Marywood University. Friday & Sat. (4-10pm) & Sunday (noon—8pm). Booths: It's a Wrap, General Store, Holiday Hut, Bounce House & Giant Slide, Mini Golf, Bingo, Soccer Shoot, Potato Pancakes, Funnel cake, pizza frittata, porketta, fresh squeezed lemonade, ice cream. Sunday afternoon entertainment, and \$10,000 cash raffle (call for tickets 570-207-6656)

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH, LUZERNE, BINGO

Sunday, August 4th, 2:00pm. Doors open at NOON, \$5.00 admission. Bake Sale, Food & Refreshments, Door Prizes, Basket Raffle

DAY OF REFLECTION

The Scranton Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will conduct a Retreat/Day of Reflection on Wednesday, August 7, 2019, at the Villa of Our Lady Retreat House, 245 Meadowside Road, Mount Pocono, PA. Msgr. Vincent Grimalia will conduct the retreat. The theme of the day-long event is "Works of Mercy". The day includes Mass, confession, private time, & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The retreat begins at 8:30am & ends by 3pm. A continental breakfast & luncheon will be served. Cost is \$35. All Catholic women are invited to attend. RSVP July 30th. **Please send your reservation with payment to Helen Oravec, 814 Theresa St., Peckville, PA 18452. Make check payable to : Scranton DCCW.** For more info., contact Helen at 570-489-5231 or Judy at 570-470-1536.

Weekly Offering

June 29-30, 2019

\$11,347.99

Love and generosity start here at home. We are grateful for your faithful stewardship which sustains the life of our parish, supports our outreach and ministries, as well as maintains the level of staffing needed to put our mission into action. Thank you for your gift of treasure and commitment to do God's work here at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.



Dear Parishioners,

Something that I placed in the bulletin a few weeks ago turned some of your heads. It was the article about the Parish Groups assisting the parish with making the end of the year payments for the Diocesan Assessments so we could stay in the black. Yes, we do struggle each month to make ends meet. We just received this fiscal year's assessment and they went up again: **\$252,232.56** is what we owe between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020. You can do the math: That's **\$21,028.55 every month** before we turn on a light here at the parish.

Running the operation of these 3 buildings is quite an undertaking in itself and because we are one of the most active parishes in the diocese, we have a large staff who in Christian Justice must be paid living wages. And there are always surprise expenses that pop up as they do in your homes. You can understand how it is possible to run short each month.

Your generosity makes all these good things possible: Contributing to the running of the Diocese, Our Catholic Schools, and maintaining our parish ministries and buildings. We are here because of you and for you. While I cannot and will not ask you to increase your weekly offering I believe it is important for you to know where all of the funds are going.

I have made one change to our Envelope Program: Replacing the Monthly Parish Groups' Funds with a Parish Assessment Envelope once a month. It's important to be reminded of our monthly duty towards the Diocese and the School. This change will take a few months to go into effect.

Along with our Fund Raising Activities, our Festival and the weekly collections we continue to go forward together as one of the most vibrant parishes around. Again, thank you for all that you do and hopefully, this helps explain our situation more clearly. If you have any other questions, I would be glad to speak with you personally.

Father Joe

WYOMING AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL, EXETER

Basketball Skills & Drills Camp for boys & girls in grades 3 through 8 from July 29th to August 2nd (5:30pm-9:00pm). Registration forms available on Facebook or by calling the school at 570-654-7982. The camp is open to the public. Fee is \$50 per participant.

BUS TRIP TO DIVINE MERCY SHRINE, STOCKBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

Celebrate the Feast of the Queenship of Mary on **Thursday, August 22nd**. Bus departs the Oblates of St. Joseph, Rt. 315, Pittston, 7am. Free time upon arrival, 1pm Confession, Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary for Life. 2pm, Mass, Divine Mercy Novena Chaplet, Benediction, Veneration of the St. Faustina relic. Depart 4:30pm, Dinner stop on way home at your own expense. Cost is \$42, includes water, snacks, & bus driver tip. Call Carl Angella at 570-885-5908 or 570-654-6459.



BUS TRIP TO DIVINE MERCY SHRINE, STOCKBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

Celebrate the Feast of St. Maria Faustina on **Saturday, October 5th**. Bus leaves at 7am from the Oblates of St. Joseph (rear parking lot), Rt. 315, Pittston. Arrive approx. 11am. 11am Talk on St. Faustina, 1pm Adoration & Confessions, 1:30 Rosary for Life, 2pm Holy Mass, 3pm, Chaplet, Benediction. Blessing of Religious articles, Veneration of St. Faustina Relic, 5pm Dinner at Cork "N Hearth Restaurant, Lee, MA, 11pm Arrive back. Cost is \$75 per person, includes snacks, water, bus trip, Shrine fee, bus driver's tip, and a full course meal at Cork "N Hearth Restaurant. Contact Cathy Mack for reservations: 570-654-6063

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Sanctuary Candles



~In Memory of John Ludwikowski
offered by Mark & Jane

~In Memory of Maggie Zito Schultz
offered by Mary Jane Hargadon &
Family



ALTAR FLOWERS:

~In Memory of John Ludwikowski
offered by Mark & Jane

Remembering

Monday, July 22

8:00am In Honor of 73rd Wedding Anniversary of John & Marie Levitski Son, Stephen Levitski

Tuesday, July 23

8:00am Bernadette Sacavage Gushka Family

Wednesday, July 24

8:00am James Dougalis Wife & Family

Thursday, July 25

8:00am Victoria Kopec Marge Palmer

Friday, July 26

8:00am Lanie Letcher Bill & Elaine Schalles

Saturday, July 27

4:30 pm Joseph Podskoch Theresa Schaeffer

Sunday, July 28

8:30 am Ryan Martin Mon, Dad, & Sisters

11:00 am Callari Family Steve & Maria Englot

5:30 pm **Pro Populo**



In Dying that We're Born to Eternal Life

~~Walter Michaels~~Alice Yurchision~~

May the Lord grant them Eternal Rest.

Sick, Hospitalized, Homebound?

Please contact Lori at the parish office if you or someone you know is homebound, hospitalized or in a long term or short term care facility. We want to keep track of all our parishioners and minister to the sick and aging the best we can, and we need to know their location to do that. Thank You.



**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton,
Pray for us!**

