

## MASSES / SERVICES

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>JULY 18</b>
9:00 AM	Ann Shayka
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>JULY 19</b>
9:00 AM	Anna Wiggins
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>JULY 20</b>
9:00 AM	Terry Stefko
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>JULY 21</b>
7:00 PM	Debra and Paul Galgon Anniv.
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>JULY 22</b>
9:00 AM	William Breslin
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>JULY 23</b>
4:30 PM	Catharina Rieker
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>JULY 24</b>
8:00 AM	Bob & Marianna Dolan
10:00 AM	Pia Biondi
	People of the Parish

ADORATION is in the Chapel one hour before daily Mass.

## OUR PRAYER INTENTIONS

Patricia Mackey	Fran Kryzan
Amelia Buchman	Theresa DeNoia
Frank Crampsie	Amelia Marie Fisher
Joanne Yankow	Rose Tauber
Casey Ann Perry	Christopher Hood
Carlos DosSantos	Jordan Kish
Dorothy Folajtar	Laurie Bus
Melissa Kropf	Rita Kline
Phyllis Laky	Kirsten Bickert
Maryann Kulhamer	Victoria Gaffney

\*NOTE: Please let church know if you are admitted to the hospital. Names will be **removed after three months** and may be resubmitted at that time.

## TO THOSE WITH HEALTH CONCERNS



We welcome you to Mass each weekend. If you wish to receive Holy Communion and find it difficult to join the Communion line, please let the ushers know and an Extraordinary Minister will bring communion to you. Low gluten hosts are available; prior to Mass go to the sacristy so the celebrant will know to prepare the host. A priority seating chart is available; please ask an usher for seating options. Call our parish office at 610-266-0695. Emergency and need a priest? After hours use ext. 399 for the emergency mailbox.

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## READINGS FOR 16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OT

First Reading:	Genesis 18: 1 – 10
Responsorial Psalm:	15
Second Reading:	Colossians 1: 24 – 28
Gospel:	Luke 10: 38 – 42

## Parish Regular Events (call for updates)

**Adult Choir** – Wed (Sept to May) times as scheduled  
**Baptism Class** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday morning by appointment  
**Bible Study** – Wednesday (Sept to May) 10 am in LMR\*  
**Friendly Visitors** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs (Sept to May) 2 pm LMR\*  
**Parish Breakfast** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun (Nov to Apr) 8:30 – 11:30 am Hall  
**Prayer Shawl** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday Quarterly 2 pm LMR\* call  
**PREP** – Mondays (Sept to April) 6 pm School  
**RCIA** – Tuesdays (Sept to April) 7 pm LMR\*  
 \*LMR = Parish office large meeting room 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

## INTENTIONS



The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for  
**Claire Legath** requested by  
*MaryAnn and Richard Sutton.*

The Bells will ring this week for  
**Amelia Fisher** requested by  
*her Family.*



## MASS INTENTIONS

Please pray for those who have died, especially  
**Dorothy Folajtar**, who passed away this week. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



## OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

During the summer the parish office will be open from 9 am to 3 pm Monday through Thursday. We will be closed Friday.

The school office will be open this summer from 9 am to 12 noon Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday or by appointment. Mrs. Kocher can be reached any time at [principal@sercc.org](mailto:principal@sercc.org)

## PERSHING BLVD PARKING LOT

The parking lot on Pershing Blvd will be blocked off during the week of July 24<sup>th</sup>. Work will be done on the parking lot to refurbish it with seal coating and new lines. No one may enter the parking lot until Friday, July 29<sup>th</sup>. Many, many thanks to Jay Gilbert Funeral Home for their generous offer to redo the parking lot.

## PASTOR'S CORNER

In today's readings, all of the main characters seem to be in agreement, at least implicitly, that the Lord comes before all else. In the 1st reading from Genesis; Abraham and Sarah are visited by God through the appearance of three men, and immediately are attentive to their needs. 'Please do not go on past your servant', Abraham tells them. And in the gospel passage from Luke, Martha quickly goes about doing her best to serve Jesus, while Mary sits at his feet listening to him. Yet the consequences and the 'quality' of their actions are not exactly the same. Abraham and Sarah are blessed with a child. Mary is affirmed for choosing the 'better part'. And Martha; well, it's interesting. She certainly isn't admonished or scolded by Jesus in any way. That doesn't seem to be the case. He in no way appears angry or even seriously disappointed. In fact, Jesus almost seems to have a certain kind of pity for her, and tells her 'Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things.

In other words, there almost seems to be something 'lacking' in the way she is going about attending to the Lord. The text says that she is 'burdened' with much serving. And that should tell us something. You see, Abraham and Sarah appear to be almost joyful as they scramble about serving the Lord in their midst. And Mary seems to have a peaceful quality about her as she sits at Jesus' feet. But Martha is neither joyful nor at peace. Rather, she is burdened.

So much in our life is determined by the choices that we make. And the choices we make often depend on what we consider to be the most important, the highest good, the greatest value. Yet, there can often be a difference between saying God is our top priority and the way that conviction manifests itself. Sometimes we say that God means more to us than anyone or anything else, but we really don't mean it. Other times we say it and mean it but respond to the truth begrudgingly; as something we have to do but don't really want to do. And at other times we go about doing the Lord's work with terribly mixed motives, motives that we can't really unravel, figure out, or understand, and it can be more than a little distressing.

But there is a fourth way; a deep trust and hope in God that helps us keep our priorities perfectly in line, in the right order, in a way that helps us make good and holy choices with a pure heart; a heart on fire with love for the Lord and for the mission which we have been entrusted. And when we get to that place, when we sincerely desire to serve God in all things, not begrudgingly but gratefully, we will almost certainly experience this life with the joy and peace that only God can give.

God bless you, Fr. Stan

## THINGS TO PONDER

Friday July 22<sup>nd</sup> is the Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene. Mary Magdalene was a devoted follower of Jesus. She was present at the crucifixion. She was there when Jesus was placed in the tomb.

On Easter Sunday morning, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb, but Jesus was not there. She was making her way to the disciples to tell them that Jesus was not in the tomb. Along the way, she encountered the risen Lord and He **SENT** (apostolate) her, to bring the Good News to the other disciples. Her role as the "Apostle of the Apostles" places her with the other apostles as the witness to and proclamation of the Resurrection of the Lord and His triumph over sin and death.

Mary Magdalene's holiday was previously an obligatory memorial, but Pope Francis upgraded it to a feast on June 3, 2016. The Church has always regarded St. Mary Magdalene as the first witness to the Lord's resurrection and the first evangelist bringing this good news to the Apostles.

## SAVE THE DATE

Our Saint Elizabeth Regional School annual golf tournament will be September 24<sup>th</sup> with a 1:00 pm shotgun start!

Get your foursome together and start practicing your swing....



## OUR BASKET SOCIAL IS ONLY THREE MONTHS AWAY!



It's nearly time to find your favorite basket and begin filling it with your clever theme basket ideas! Mark your calendar for our 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Basket Social during Columbus Day Weekend, October 7 - 8 - 9! Bargains are EVERYWHERE! Start

collecting your items now. Each basket will be worth at least \$35. *(Please note the increase.)* Feel free to drop off any non-perishable items at the parish office for our spectacular committee to make-up a basket for you. Please be sure to have your name on your donations. Thanks for your continuous support!



## RCIA CLASS

Have you or someone you know ever considered the Catholic Church as a means of continuing your journey of faith? Did you know that four out of five individuals who investigate the Catholic community do so because friends, relatives, or neighbors extended a personal invitation?



We challenge you to ask just one person you know and see what happens!

There are quite a few great folks who attend weekly Mass with their families or friends but are not participating fully in the beautiful sacramental tradition of our faith. Many such people already share Baptism in common with us having received it within another Christian denomination. Some who have never been baptized often ponder the exciting possibility of experiencing the reality and unique ritual of birth in the living waters of life. This September, a new RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation) class will be forming. The initial phase requires no commitment and is designed specifically for general information as well as discernment. For information, please call Mary Spieker at the parish office 610 – 266 - 0695 ext. 208.

## SAINT ELIZABETH PREP (CCD)

Registration forms for our **Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)** for children in grades K - 8 have been e-mailed out. **Extra forms can be picked up at the parish office or downloaded from the parish website under "Church – Parish Life – Religious Education – PREP".**



**Please return as soon as possible. If registration forms are returned by August 31 the registration fee is \$80 per child or \$140 per family (two or more children). Registration forms returned after August 31 will be \$90 per child with no family discount.**

**Religious Education classes will begin with an opening Mass on Monday, September 12. Students should come to the parish hall by 6:00 PM to meet their teacher and line-up. We will then go over to church together by class. Parents should go directly to church. **Mass will begin promptly at 6:15 PM. After Mass, all students and parents should report to the parish hall for a short orientation meeting, meet the catechist teachers and receive their Religion book. *You will be given pertinent information including our yearly class schedule that evening. Please make every effort to attend.*****

*Enjoy the rest of your summer break with good health, happiness and holiness!*

## OUR COMMUNITY



### 2022 Church Festival



Maronite Catholic Mission will hold a festival at 924 N. Front St., Allentown on July 23<sup>rd</sup> from 4 pm to midnight & July 24<sup>th</sup> from noon to midnight. Middle Eastern food & Pastries, 'Saj' flatbread, Music, Dancing, Raffle, Beverages, and

Kid's games.



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### Volunteers

Volunteers provide tremendous services for our students and faculty. Consider how you can use your time and talents to be a partner in your child's scholastic life.

Call the school office to arrange a tour and register your child or grandchild for Pre-K 4 through Eighth Grade before the deadline.

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