How do we bring balance and joy to our lives of prayer and service to our loving God? In the Gospel today, Jesus tells Martha that her concern about doing the right thing as dictated by Jewish tradition might not be the best use of her energies. Her sister, Mary, who sits in rapt attention at Jesus’ feet, should not be rebuked. Is Jesus trying to show Martha that she needs to make time for her spiritual nourishment?

Abraham and Sarah in the first reading seem to be just like Martha. And yet Abraham’s eager welcome and joyful serving of his visitors seems almost spiritual. How like Paul, in the second reading, rejoicing in his service to the gospel!

We hear in the psalm that those who do justice will live in the Lord’s presence. Prayer and service—what greater joy could there be?

MARTHA, MARTHA

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. Cant 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.
July 21, 2019
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MONDAY – JULY 22nd St. Mary Magdalene
8AM(E) For the people of St. John Cantius

TUESDAY – JULY 23rd St. Bridget
8AM(E) Irene M. Campbell req. Jane Campbell

WEDNESDAY – JULY 24th St. Sharbel Makhluf
8AM(E) Edmund Reca req. Ernie & Tiffany Tedesco & Family

THURSDAY – JULY 25th St. James
8AM(E) Mark Kasprzak req. Harmonia Club

FRIDAY - JULY 26th Ss. Joachim and Anne
8AM(E) Patricia Roonan req. Mr. & Mrs. Mulhern

SATURDAY—JULY 27th
8AM(P) Stanislaw i Anna Nastal req. Stanisława Jajko
5PM(E) Danica Mulholland req. Marlene Skwirut

SUNDAY – JULY 28th
8AM(E) Birthday Blessings for Basia, Jan & Misia req. Goral Family
10AM(E) Francis Gronczewski req. sister, Barbara Mawson & Family
11:30AM(P) Krystyna Szymanski & Family req. The Holy Rosary Society

LECTORS JULY 28
5PM Tom Crouthers Jr.
8AM Jason Cook
10AM Lisa Schofield

The Sanctuary Candle in the Chapel burns for Stella Keen.

The Sanctuary Candle in the Chapel burns for A Special Intention for Kash & John Augustine from Rita Szybowski & Family.

Please pray for our recently deceased James Pytel. May God grant him eternal peace in His Presence.

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The Second Collection today is for Cemetery Maintenance 7/21.
Next week’s collection is for Parish Special Needs 7/28.

BANNERS DONATED
Our Ordinary Time banners in Church & Chapel were donated by John & Kash Augustine, Regina Filipczak & The Polish Parishioners. If you are interested in donating a banner, please call the rectory office. Thank you.
Letter From Pastor

We thank those who came and supported the Crab Night on June 29th. Because of your support, we realized a profit of $2,330.00. The weather was perfect and those who came had a great time. Due to the great feedback and demand, another Crab Night is being planned for late August.

I will be leaving for a week’s vacation in the Poconos Sunday afternoon and will return next Saturday. The surgery on my leg will take place on Tuesday, July 30th, at Lankenau Hospital. The doctor told me that I should be out that same day.

The brick-pointing on the Church is completed. After a final evaluation, we will pay the bill and begin working on the Chapel roof. The parish repair envelope donation that you receive will help to continue our work of keeping our buildings maintained. Your increased offering helps immensely. Thank you for your continued generosity.

May God continue to bless you.

OUR DYNAMIC CATHOLIC THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: God is at your side and already guiding you. You just have to keep taking each next step, one at a time. He will take care of the rest.”

A SECOND THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: “Prayer is so much more than just ‘saying your prayers.’ Prayer is a spiritual adventure.”

List od Proboszcza

Dziękujemy tym, którzy przybyli i wspierali nasz Crab Night 29 czerwca. Dzięki waszemu wsparciu zarobiliśmy $2,330.00. Pogoda była idealna, a ci, którzy przyszli, świętnie się bawili. Ze względu na wielki sukces i popyt, kolejny Crab Night odbędzie się na koniec sierpnia.

Wyjeżdżam na tygodniowe wakacje w niedzielne popołudnie do Poconos i wrócę w przyszłą sobotę. Operacja na mojej nodze odbędzie się we wtorek 30 lipca w szpitalu Lankenau. Lekarz powiedział mi, że powinienem być tego samego dnia w domu.

Praca fugowania cegieł i naprawy muru naszego kościoła jest zakończona. Po ostatniej inspekcji, zapłacimy rachunek i zaczniemy pracować nad naprawą dachu Kaplicy. Wasze donacje na rzecz Parafialnych Remontów są wyjątkowe, i ciągle wzrost ofiar niezmiernie nam pomogło. Dziękuję za waszą nieustanną hojność.

Niech Bóg nadal was błogosławi.

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Modlitwa jest czymś więcej niż tylko „odmawianiem modlitw”. Modlitwa jest duchową przygodą.

MODLITWA NAUKA HOJNOŚĆ
EWANGELIZACJA
Czy TY jesteś „dynamicznym katolikiem?”
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- **Mailed Env.:** 12 | $38 | $377 | $415
- **Parish Repairs:** 167 | $1,533 | $1,444 | $2,977
- **Peter’s Pence:** 13 | $47 | $20 | $67
- **Air Cond.:** 22 | $83 | $55 | $138
- **Cemetery:** 10 | $58 | $58
- **Rel. Ed.:** 10 | $87 | $87

**Grand Total:** $4,182 | $3,395 | $7,577

**Total Deposit:** $7,577

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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- **Monday:** Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
- **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:** 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28
- **Friday:** Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 13:8-23
- **Saturday:** Ex 24:3-8; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Mt 13:24-30
- **Sunday:** Gn 18:20-32; Ps 138:1-3, 6-8; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13

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- **Mailed Env.:** 16 | $250 | $1,482 | $1,732
- **Human Dev.:** 107 | $466 | $148 | $614
- **Parish Repairs:** 21 | $104 | $2,634 | $2,738

**Grand Total:** $2,931 | $6,867 | $9,798

**Total Deposit:** $9,798

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- **Mailed Env.:** 35 | $245 | $1,550 | $1,795
- **Rel. Ed.:** 133 | $720 | $210 | $930
- **Parish Repairs:** 21 | $104 | $2,634 | $2,738
- **Peter’s Pence:** 13 | $47 | $20 | $67
- **Air Cond.:** 22 | $83 | $55 | $138
- **Cemetery:** 10 | $58 | $58

**Grand Total:** $3,901 | $4,302 | $8,203

**Total Deposit:** $8,203

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### TODAY’S READINGS

- **First Reading** — Abraham shows hospitality to three visitors (Genesis 18:1-10a).
- **Psalm** — He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord (Psalm 15).
- **Second Reading** — The mystery hidden from generations past has been manifested; it is Christ in you, the hope for glory (Colossians 1:24-28).
- **Gospel** — Jesus converses with Martha and Mary about service and contemplation (Luke 10:38-42).

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 21, 2019

It is Christ whom we proclaim, admonishing everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone perfect in Christ.
— Colossians 1:28b

**HOSPITALITY**

Christians should offer their brethren simple and unpretentious hospitality.
—St. Basil

**FORGIVENESS**

To forgive is to set a prisoner free and to discover that the prisoner is me.
—Anonymous

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

There’s a different pace to a summer Sunday, especially on those days when we dream of air conditioning and wave any available paper to stir the air. Yet we persist in gathering, even with so many breaks from the usual routines. We distance ourselves not only from routines, but from schedules and familiar well-worn paths. These are playful days and contemplative days. We see long-lost friends and visit almost-forgotten places. We have more leisure than any people before in the history of the world, and we need it because our lives are so care-worn and tiring. More of us walk barefoot and look up at the stars or dip our toes in the lake or sea, sing around campfires, read novels on the beach, and eat comfort food with our fingers. We see how beautiful life can be, and are more aware than usual of how God is always breaking in with signs of love.

In Genesis today, Abraham and Sarah practice hospitality to their visitors, who turn out to be God dropping in. During the summer months, God practices hospitality in return, inviting us into a season of celebration. Keeping Sunday holy is a good habit to cultivate in these days when our spirits are especially receptive to God’s deep desire for us to know divine love.

**A MINDSET OF SERVICE**

There’s a lot of traveling, delivering, and visiting going on in our readings today. In Genesis Abraham cares for the needs of three mysterious travelers. The psalm responds, celebrating the kind of righteousness that Abraham practices. Then, in his letter to the Colossians, Saint Paul describes his own ministry as almost like a delivery service: he, God’s steward, brings the word of God to their community. Finally, Luke’s Gospel shares the well-known story of Mary and Martha, and the different ways they welcome Jesus into their home. Amid all this coming and going, we are invited to pay attention to the ways we tend to the needs of others. Each of us can ask, How am I present to God and others in my life?
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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.

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