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A large crowd recently attended St. Mary's Annual Salad Bar Luncheon on May 12th at the Parish Hall. Thank you to St. Mary's Guild for organizing another very successful event!

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Pastoral Musings: Be Guided by the Holy Spirit



Dear Friends:

“The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you. Peace, I leave with you; my peace I give to you.”

—John 14:26-27a

While I was running a seminary in India with 90 seminarians during their formative years, I would call all of them once a month to discuss important business of the community including, sharing duties, outreach and if there are any intercultural issues to be sorted out. The seminarians belonged to 16 various cultural groups speaking different languages and the only common language was English which they learned in the course of time. The community was very inclusive and respectful of one another's culture and celebrated various cuisines and different art and dance forms from their ethnic background and upbringing, while establishing a common bond, living with the deep differences and uniqueness of one another. We see the wisdom of the community at work in the [first reading of this Sunday's Mass](#). Recall how in the *Acts of the Apostles*, St. Luke presented that first generation of believers as living an almost idyllic existence, devoting themselves to the Apostles' teachings, “and the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers... All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their property and possessions and divide them among all according to each one's need” (2:42, 44-45).

But this way of life was short-lived. After a short time, the Church faced persecution and wrestled with questions of inclusivity and what should be expected of the growing number of non-Jewish believers. While this might seem like a small issue for us today, this all-important question threatened to tear the Church apart. Recognizing what was at stake, the community had to discern how to respond to the challenges they faced. So, what did the leaders of the Church do? They came together as a community, prayed, and listened to one another. Together they discerned how the Holy Spirit was at work in the Church — just as Jesus had promised it would be. In the end, rather than closing ranks and opting for exclusivity, the Church's first leaders imagined a new way forward and enlisted others to help them in their mission: “The apostles and elders, in agreement with the whole church, decided to choose representatives and to send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas. The ones they chose were Judas, who was called Barsabbas, and Silas, leaders among the brothers” (Acts 15:22). Humbly recognizing both their own limitations and opportunities before them, the leaders looked beyond the enclosed circle of the Apostles to find new workers capable of responding to the present needs.

This willingness to “look beyond the boundaries” was held up as the ideal for the Church by Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio only days before he was pope in 2013. In a speech delivered during the “general congregations” preceding the conclave, he said: “Evangelizing pre-supposes a desire in the Church to come out of herself. The Church is called to come out of herself and to go to the peripheries, not only geographically, but also in the existential peripheries: the mystery of sin, of pain, of injustice, of ignorance, and indifference to religion, of intellectual currents, and of all misery.” Despite criticism from many fronts, Pope Francis has made this vision of a Church moving “beyond the boundaries” the guiding principle of his ministry and this has certainly been a dominant theme in his papacy. Nothing less is expected of us. In the end, what's at stake in all of this is the mission of the Church. Mutual discernment and collaboration in ministry— calls for each one of us to step up and own our faith, living out our unique vocation. Each one of us has a part to play. This is what we're called to, and this is how we help the Church more perfectly reflect the beauty of that Heavenly Jerusalem ([cf. the second reading](#)), becoming more than we ever imagined.

Blessings! Fr.Tom

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Calendar of Events

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Sunday 6:30 am 10:30am	May 22nd <i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>
Monday No Mass	May 23rd <i>Fr. Tom's Day off</i>
Tuesday 12:10am	May 24th
Wed 12:10pm	May 25th
Thursday 12:10am	May 26th
Friday 12:10pm	May 27th
Saturday 3:30pm 4:30pm	May 28th <i>Confessions</i> <i>+ Parishioners</i>
Sunday 6:30am 10:30am	May 29nd <i>Parishioners</i> <i>Parishioners</i>

Knights of Columbus Council 1479 meets the second Tuesday of each month. Meal @ 7pm followed by meeting in the St. Mary's Parish Hall in Shenandoah.

Legion of Mary group meets @ 10:30 am on Wednesdays in the Parish Hall. Contact Joan Bloom for more information @ 712-534-2645.

St. Mary's Ladies Guild will meet on the fourth Monday of each month @ 6:30 pm in the St. Mary's Parish Hall.

Bible Study has resumed on Mondays at 10:30 am in the parish hall. All are welcome.

Adoration will be the First Friday of every month from 11:00am-5:00pm

St. Mary's Choir Party

There will be a special Choir Pizza Party on May 29th after 10:30 am Mass. Choir members and their spouses are invited for the party.

Mass Intentions Invited

Mass Intentions are encouraged. If you would like to offer special Mass Intentions for birthdays, anniversaries, or to pray for any of your beloved ones who are sick or passed away you can contact the office and make dedications for Mass Intentions. We appreciate your support and collaboration.

Lectors for Next Week

May 28— 4:30 pm— Terry Engelmeyer
 May 29 — 6:30 am— Pete Wenstrand
 May 29— 10:30 am — Steve Schuster

Financial Offering

May 15, 2022 Tithes	\$1,421.00
Catholic Charities, 2nd Collection	\$673.00
ADA 2022 Goal	\$32,042.00
Gift paid	\$25,338.00
Remaining Goal	\$6,704.00
Total Donors to date	50



Homebound Parishioners:

Evelyn Pontius
 Betty Wells
 Ken DeBaere
 Helen Lewis

God bless you for your generosity. Those who have not yet given, please prayerfully consider your gifts for the Annual Diocesan Appeal to complete our goal for the year 2022.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

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Readings for the week of May 22, 2022

Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/ Jn 16:16-20 Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/

Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53

Friday: Acts 18:9-18/ /Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/ Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28

Parish Office Arrangements

Parish office will be open on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9:00 to Noon. Sue Hanna will be in the office. Bulletin dead line is Monday, at 10:00 am. Please contact Fr. Tom at frtomcc@gmail.com or call him at 715-410-7465. He will get back to you as soon as possible.

Parish Mission Statement

"In the heart of Mary, our parish community welcomes all people as Christ, offering a place of peace, love and prayer."

Salad Bar Luncheon Thank You!

Thank you to all who made our annual salad luncheon on May 12th a huge success, including St. Mary's Guild, and those who decorated, made phone calls, contributions, food, and prepared and then cleaned the hall. And thank you to the community, other parishes, businesses, and friends who attended this event. Your participation was greatly appreciated!



SAVE THE DATE
Saturday, June 18th

St. Mary's Youth Ministry is sponsoring the "Fill-a-Truck" event to benefit the Shenandoah Community Food Bank. More details to follow. Please contact Gigi with questions.

Peace, Ms. Gigi and the Youth



May Birthdays

Blaine Maher	5/03/22
Ryan Ruzek	5/04/22
Kevin Avalos	
Michelle Rystrom	
Matt Reyna-Willms	5/05/22
Andrew Vo	5/07/22
Elizabeth Adkisson	5/08/22

Reception for Lynda Marshall

There will be a special reception for Lynda Marshall to honor her service as DRE for over 12 years after 10:30 am Mass on June 22nd in the Parish Hall. Please join us in expressing our heartfelt gratitude and love for Lynda and welcome Kim Leininger as the new DRE.





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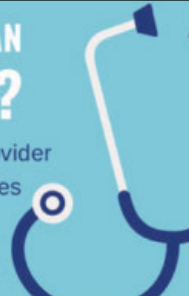

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