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Seventeenth & Eighteenth Sundays
in Ordinary Time

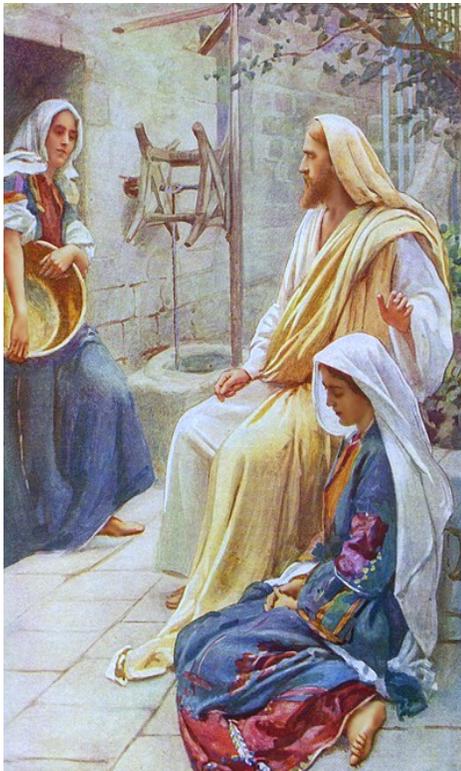


July 26 &
August 2, 2020

St. Martha of Bethany Patron of Cooks and Housewives

July 29 is the feast of St. Martha. You will remember her as the sister of Mary and Lazarus. They were dear friends of Jesus for whom he expressed great affection, and often dropped in to visit in their Bethany home. In fact, the Gospel put it clearly: “Jesus loved Martha and her sister Mary and Lazarus” (*John 11:5*).

It was Martha who lovingly served the Lord when he visited. One day, when she was preparing a meal for Jesus and his disciples, she realized that the task would be easier if her sister would pitch in. She watched Mary sitting quietly at Jesus' feet, listening. She asked Jesus to persuade Mary to give her a hand. Although Jesus was appreciative of Martha's efforts, he wanted her to learn that listening to God's Word and praying was even more important. So he said gently, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious about many things, but only one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the better part.” (*Luke 10*).



St. Martha's great faith in Jesus was demonstrated when her brother Lazarus died. As soon as she heard that Jesus was on his way to Bethany, Martha went to meet him. She knew Jesus well enough to say: “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” (*John 11:21*). Then Jesus assured her that Lazarus would rise. “He who believes in me, even if he dies, shall live. Do you believe this?” And Martha responded, “Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world.” (*John 11:25-26*). (A sincere act of faith not knowing what was about to happen.) First, Jesus wept with Martha and Mary over their brother's passing three days earlier. He then performed the awesome miracle of raising Lazarus from the dead!

Later, Jesus came again to dine with the family. Once more Martha cooked and served, but this time with a generous and joy-filled heart.

Greetings!

During this 'stay at home' quarantine, I have been cleaning out files. I collect prayers and 'someday'—will put them in a small 3-ring binder. If someone gives me a prayer, I put their name next to it and remember to pray for them. I hope they do the same for me.



Prayer for Aging (by Sister Moya Hanlen)

All Gracious God, You have given me all I am and have.
I am one of those called by You into old age—a call not
given to all,
not given to Jesus,
not given to most of our world today.
I humbly ask You—grace me deeply in each aspect of that
struggle.

As my physical eyesight weakens—may the eyes of my faith
strengthen—that I may see You and Your Love in
everything.

As my hearing fails—may the ears of my heart be more
attentive
to the whisper of Your gentle voice.

As my legs weaken and walking becomes more difficult—
may I walk more truly in Your paths—knowing all the
while—that I am held in the embrace of Your love.

As my mind becomes less alert and memory fades—
may I remain peaceful in You.

Finally, as my heart slows a little after the work of the years—
may it expand in love for You and all people.

May it rest secure and grateful in Your loving Heart until
I am
lost in You— completely and forever. Amen.

This Day Has Passed (Author unknown)

Thank you, Lord, for the day that has passed.
Thank you too for your love and protection.

Forgive us for any wrong we have done this day.
Forgive us if we have been bad-tempered or hard to live with.

Forgive us if we have hurt those we should
love.

Forgive us for any word of comfort— or
praise—or thanks
which we might have spoken—and did
not speak.

Forgive us for any help we might have
given to someone in need—
but did not give to them.

Lord, we pray tonight for all men and
women:
for the believer and the unbeliever—
for those who are trying to find you—
and for those who are trying to ignore
you.

Bless those who are lonely—
and who feel their loneliness worst of
all at evening time.

Bless those who are old or sick—or who
will not sleep tonight.

Bless all homes and families—
and bless those who have no homes of
their own.

Give us all restful sleep—
and the peace of heart that comes
from knowing
that our sins are forgiven—
and that we are always in the hands of
our heavenly Father. Amen.

What do you think?

Deo Gratias, Barbara M. Harrison



Missing Money

We were sad to discover that two Saturday collections, June 13 and July 18, were stolen from the safe in the sacristy. We wanted to alert those of you who have been attending Mass and leaving donations in the basket. Please watch your bank account if you paid with a Check and ask the bank if shows it was cashed. The branch will notify their Fraud Department. If you paid with cash, please call the office and let us know the amount you donated so we can credit your account. New procedures are being put into place to prevent this from happening again. We appreciate the faithfulness and generosity of our parishioners.



Mickie Campagna ♥ Andrea Del Rosario ♥ Antonette Amato ♥ Eleanore Baccellieri ♥ Family of Joan Henkel ♥ Family of Don Dindia ♥ Family of Joan Andreas ♥ Family of Tiziano Della Gasperina

Please contact the office if you, or someone you know needs our prayers!
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A Prayer to St. Martha

O blessed St. Martha, your faith led Jesus to proclaim, "I am the resurrection and the life"; and faith let you see beyond his humanity when you cried out, "Lord I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God." With firm hope you said, "I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him," and Jesus called your brother Lazarus back from the dead. With pure love for Jesus you welcomed him into your home.

Friend and servant of our Savior, I too am "troubled about many things". (*Here mention your intentions*) Pray for me that I may grow in faith, hope and love, and that Jesus, who sat at your table, will hear me and grant me a place at the banquet of eternal life. Amen.



Mass Intentions

- Sat. Jul 25:** 8:00 a.m. – Milan, Maria & Vinko Bosnar
4:00 p.m. – † AnnaRose Allais – Dorothy Bruck
- Sun. Jul 26:** 9:30 a.m. – People of St Philip Neri
- Tue. Jul 28:** 8:00 a.m. – Judy Schwerdt – Sue Wandtke
- Wed. Jul 29:** 8:00 a.m. – † Giuse Pham – Theresa
- Thur. Jul 30:** 8:00 a.m. – † Fr. Rich Colgan – Mary Loy
- Fri. Jul 31:** 12:10 p.m. – Fr. Sam Conedera SJ – Jerry & Frances
- Sat. Aug 1:** 8:00 a.m. – Bona Oh & Family - Bona Oh
4:00 p.m. – † Joan Bocci Henkle – Dorothy Bruck
- Sun. Aug 2:** 9:30 a.m. – People of St Philip Neri
- Tue. Aug 4:** 8:00 a.m. – † Pete & Mamie Cacicia – Ray Niehaus
- Wed. Aug 5:** 8:00 a.m. – † Eulalia Johnson – Mary Anne Sullivan
- Thu. Aug 6:** 8:00 a.m. – † Helen Carvoti – Katherine Sacrison
- Fri. Aug 7:** 8:00 a.m. – † Fr. Rich Colgan, CSP – Mary Loy
- Sat. Aug 8:** 8:00 a.m. – † Loydene Sacrison – Katherine Sacrison
4:00 p.m. – People of St. Philip Neri

"We the welcoming community of St. Philip Neri Parish, empowered by the compassion of Jesus and supported by the Eucharist and the Word, dedicate ourselves to engage with and enrich the lives of those we touch".

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Saturday

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