

## Reflection on Sunday's Readings

### Gospel Note

That the incident in the house of Martha and Mary should follow immediately after the parable of the Good Samaritan suggests a possible connection. One aspect of Christian living is highlighted in the parable by the words 'go and do likewise'. Being a disciple is not about ideas, it is about action. The story of the Samaritan opens with the words "a certain man." Today's reading opens with the words "a certain woman." The Samaritan is an example of how a disciple should see and act. Mary is an example of how a disciple should listen. Mary, a woman, is a marginalized person in society, like the Samaritan. Both do what is not expected of them. As a woman, Mary would be expected, like Martha, to prepare hospitality for a guest. Here again Jesus breaks with the social conventions of his time. Just as a Samaritan would not be a model for neighborliness, so a woman would not sit with the men around the feet of a teacher.

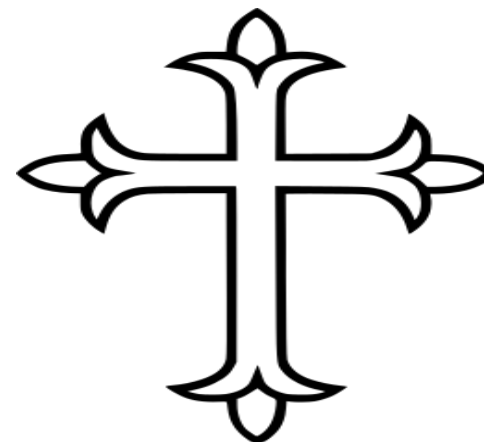
However, the Martha and Mary story shows that sometimes the action can be misdirected and undertaken in a way that makes us lose sight of what really matters. We have to be careful here, because Jesus is not telling Martha that her work is not important, nor is he commending Mary for doing nothing. He is simply reminding his followers that if we want to serve him we must first listen to him — we need to be people of prayer before we can be people of action. Otherwise our actions can just be about us and it is possible to do good things for all kinds of bad reasons like, for example, our need to be needed or our exaggerated belief in the importance of our own contribution. Such behaviour can easily undermine the message of the good news which must always be about Jesus and his kingdom.

### Reflection

'The mystery is Christ among you.' The word mystery is sometimes used as a way of avoiding having to work something out or even reflect on it. Paul, however, never used it in that way. For him Christ reveals the mystery of God, he does not hide it and so if we want to know God we must try to recognise the presence of Christ around us. As with Abraham in the first reading God may be coming to us as the one in need. If our hearts are not generous and welcoming, how often have we turned God away and in turn failed to experience the generosity he wants to bestow on us? Martha and Mary can also teach us something about recognising the Christ among us. They remind us that sometimes we need to 'waste' some time just being attentive, listening prayerfully to his words

# St. Aloysius, Gate of Heaven & Sacred Heart Church

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 21, 2019



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### Mass Schedule

<b>Saturday</b>	4:00 PM	St. Aloysius
<b>Saturday</b>	5:30 PM	Sacred Heart Church ( July 4th to Labor day )
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 AM	St. Aloysius
	11:00 AM	Gate of Heaven

### Weekday

<b>M/T/F</b>	8:15 AM	St. Aloysius
<b>Thursday</b>	12:00 PM	St. Aloysius

### Adoration

<b>M/T/F</b>	7:30 to 8.15 AM
<b>Friday</b>	9.00 AM to 12.00 PM

### Holy Day of Obligation

Holy Eve:	5:30 PM	Gate of Heaven
Holy Day:	9:00 AM	St. Aloysius
	7:00 PM	St. Aloysius

### Sacraments

**Confession:** Before all mass  
**Baptism:** Call the rectory for the arrangement  
**Marriage:** Call the rectory to schedule your Wedding and pre-Cana classes.

### Pastoral Visitation

When confined at home, please call the rectory to arrange for a visit and Holy Communion. Please call the rectory if you are facing surgery or hospitalization and would like the Sacrament of the Sick.

### Parish Staff

Rev. Edward Bader, Administrator  
Rev. Antony David MMI  
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### Trustees

Ms. Jane Ryan  
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### Religious Education

Mrs. Danielle Carlsen

### Youth Activities

Mrs. Mary Davis

### Parish Council Chairperson

Mr. Michael Park

**PARISH MISSION STATEMENT**

As a parish, we strive to bring our communities of Catholic Christians together, as we have for over 100 years, by loving and serving God and Each other through Worship, education and service.

**MASS INTENTIONS: July 20- July 28 , 2019**

**Saturday, July 20**

4.00 PM-  
5.30 PM- Ron Lusker

**Mon, July 22**

8:15 AM - Special Intention

**Thurs July 25**

12 PM- Special Intention

**Saturday, July 27**

4.00 PM- Gail Staudt  
5.30 PM-Madeleine Kocher(birthday)

**Sunday, July 21**

9:00 AM - Pamela Kocher(birthday)  
11:00 AM - Rita Ann Evans

**Tues. July 23**

8:15 AM - Maureen Lee

**Fri. July 26**

8.15AM- Ron Lusker

**Sunday, July 28**

9:00 AM- Special Intention  
11.00.AM-

**NOTE: No Gifts can replace offering a mass to departed soul or welfare of living. We have openings for weekdays and weekend masses. The mass stipend per mass is \$15.**

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK & DECEASED**

**For the Sick:**Joni & Vinny Salvatore, Colleen & Jerrilynn O’Neill; Nora Fernandez,; Laurie & William McMichael, Carol Faughn,Christopher Merklin, Jack Tempel, Robert Ackerly, Sr. Grace, Maureen Connolly, Dave Tucker, Shannon Bruning, Patty Lewis, Lynne Hyzer, Beth Marie Martin, Kristi Romolo, Erma Carlson , , Jim Wilbur, Dom Formato, Darren Steele, Jonell Dalton, Carrie Neer-Molinari. Mary Muhlig. Scott Branning. Easton Gorr. Joe Salvia. Joe & Linda Mchugh, Jerry & Roe Mills, Ken , Arsenia Mchugh, Deniese Harting.

**For the Deceased:** Rita Jeanne Schwarz, Charles Irace, Ann M.Klein, Romina Migliorini, Mary Ann Regan, Sean A.Fredenbug,Rita Margaret Reda, Kristine Zeh. Jon Joseph Tusso,Wanda L. McGovern,Gail J. Staudt, Rita Ann Evans, Nickolaus Bermel Jr.

**COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY**

Is in need of spaghetti sauce, soup, tuna fish and jelly

**Collection for last Week**

First collection: \$ 2458  
Thank you

**Readings for Next Sunday**

**Genesis 18:20-32**  
**Colossians 2:12-14**  
**Luke 11:1-13.**

**BIBLE STUDY**

Good Soil Bible Study Group will meet this week.  
Tuesday 4.00 PM at Church basement.

**Base Ball Game Bus Trip**

Date and place: Friday August 16<sup>th</sup> at Binghamton.

Time: bus will leave at 5pm from St. Aloysius Parking lot and Game starts at 7pm.  
The bus will about 11-12pm (Depending on any unexpected rain days or extra innings).  
\$20/ per person for Coach Bus seat and grand stand ticket. Please call Diana Fredenburgh @

**Baby Bottle Fundraiser**

**Account Name: 1st Way Life Center**

The weekend of July 13-14 we are having a "Baby Bottle Fundraiser" for the **1st Way Life Center**, a pregnancy sup-port center, located in Monticello. They serve over 800 clients with between 1500 to 3000 children and are the main pregnancy support center in all of Sullivan County. Their main source of income is from the 'Baby Bottle Fundraiser". Your support is deeply appreciated. Bottles are available at the church, please collect them and return it within end of July. It needs not to be returned before end of July. Either you can write a cheque or give cash or fill the bottle with coins.

**PENNY SOCIAL**

We have penny social on August 9, 2019 at 5.PM in the church basement. You are welcome to denote things for fund raising. Please do not bring cloths and dishes. If you need any information please contact Mrs. Vivian Hendrickson (845-439-4956).

**Annual Parish Picnic**

Our very own Kurpil family musicians  
Sunday August 11<sup>th</sup> starting at 2.pm  
Hot dogs and buns will be supplied. Please sign up to bring your favorite salad or dessert.  
Come and join us for wonderful music, square dancing, volley ball and much more. If you have any questions, please call  
Marv Devis @ 439-3929

**Social Gathering**

In the vestibule of the church immediately after 9.am Mass - free coffee and donuts - for people to meet and greet. It is on 21<sup>st</sup> July. Please join and share your ideas and thoughts.

