

Pastor's Note

May 16, Seventh Sunday of Easter

Pray that we may all be one!

Every morning I arise at 4:45am and begin my day with prayer, the Mass readings of the Office of Readings. After my prayer time I reflect on what is on my agenda for the day and I also pray for the parishioners and staff at St. Mary Magdalene and St. Benedict the Moor Parishes. I pray that I may be a good priest and pastor and bless the people that I am entrusted to serve and for my family and friends. This weekend we celebrate the Seventh Sunday of Easter. The readings this weekend focus on prayer and unity.

In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, Peter and the other disciples are waiting for the coming of the Spirit at Pentecost and they pray for a replacement of Judas. Matthias is chosen after an election takes place.

In the second reading from John, we are reminded that God loves us, so we must love another. Whoever acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God remains in him and he in God.

In the Gospel of John, we read on the night before he was to be put to death, Jesus lifts his eyes to heaven and prays a solemn prayer at the Last Supper. This Gospel passage, found only in John, is often called the "priestly prayer." Not only does he pray for himself, seeking the reassurance of the Father, he prays for his disciples whom he is leaving behind to carry on his work. Let us pray for unity and peace in our parish, our homes, city, state, and nation.

Parish Share 2021

Every registered parishioner should have received their Parish Share Letter. Our **2021 Campaign Goal is \$178,677**. You may make a one-time donation or pledge an amount. Anything we collect over our goal stays in the parish. We all benefit from Parish Share!

Pastoral Council

I am pleased to announce the new Pastoral Council for St. Mary Magdalene Parish: **Linda Atkins, Lois Campbell, Sharon Taybron-Currie, Laura Kisailius, Anne Kovalan-Santoni, Teresa Maynor, Brandon Mahler, Dante Romito, and Eric Setzler**. We will have a special prayer over our new Council Members next Saturday evening at the 4pm mass at St. James which will be Livestreamed.

Thank you to the Pastoral Council members who have completed their time on council: **Patricia Albacete, Denise Charron-Prochownik, Peter Lahoda, Joan Price, Janice Reed, and Geloria White**.

Finance Council

I am pleased to welcome **John Castanon** and **Patrick Lenz** to our Finance Council. John is a civil engineer and has expertise in budgeting for projects and design. Patrick worked as an Executive for the Boy Scouts of America and Director of Major Gifts of the Ronald McDonald House and currently is a Licensed Real Estate Agent for Neighborhood Reality Services. Other Finance Council Members include: **Martin Albacete, David Aleva, Christopher Benec, Linda Burke, Michael Polite, Judy Prata, and Mara Sullivan**.

Corpus Christi Church Prayer Service - Saturday, June 5 at 2 pm

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic we were unable to have an official farewell closing ceremony last year of Corpus Christi Church. Now as we can gather safely outside, please join us to offer praise and worship and remember the wonderful memories.

Please join us at the former Corpus Christi Church, 1550 Lincoln Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15208 (Lincoln-Lemington) for prayer and music and remember the memories of the former worship site.

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Addison Rooney Smith** who is being Baptized this weekend.

Congratulations to our students from St. Bede School and the St. Mary Magdalene Religious Education Program and

the Carlow Campus School who are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend. Special thanks to **Melissa Viator, Teresa Maynor, Sister Daniela Bronka, Anna Regoli, and Mara Sullivan** for preparing our students for this special sacrament.

Thank you

Special thanks to the **St. Mary Magdalene Christian Mothers and Ladies Guild** who presented the parish a \$1,000 check last week at the 9 am Mass. This is the profit raised from selling the beautiful St. Mary Magdalene Parish Masks for the past several months. This generous donation will go towards our fundraising goal of \$13,000 to replace three doors at Mother of Good Counsel.

Happy Birthday

to Cathy Raffaele who is celebrating her birthday next Saturday, May 22.

Something to Think About...

*Overlook the faults of others,
but look over your own carefully.*

With God All Things Are Possible!

Fr. Tom Burke, Pastor
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