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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 20, 2025

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

The story of Martha and Mary speaks profoundly to the challenges we face in our world. Its depth continues to unfold, offering fresh insights into our spiritual lives, especially concerning the sneaky traps of comparison and judgment.

Martha is diligent and dedicated. Her intentions are noble, her efforts commendable. She's serving, working, and making sure everything is perfect for Jesus. Then we see Mary, quietly seated at the feet of Jesus, absorbing every word He utters. Here lies the heart of the tension: Martha's frustration boils over as she compares her laborious service with Mary's seemingly inactive devotion.

How often do we find ourselves looking around and judging the choices of those around us? Living in an interconnected, social media-driven culture, this tendency is amplified to an unprecedented degree. We are inundated with curated glances into the lives of other people. Their achievements, their travels, their seemingly perfect families, their effortless successes. It's easy to scroll through feeds and feel inadequate. At the same time, it's just as easy to fall into the trap of judgment, silently critiquing another's choices because they don't align with our understanding of what is right.

Martha's frustration with Mary wasn't rooted in Mary's lack of love for Jesus, but in Martha's perception of how Mary expressed that love. Martha felt unseen in her efforts, and she projected that feeling onto Mary, believing she was derelict in her duty. The subtle danger of comparison is that it blinds us to the unique gifts and callings of others. It shifts our focus from our journey with God to an external, superficial evaluation of others' journeys.

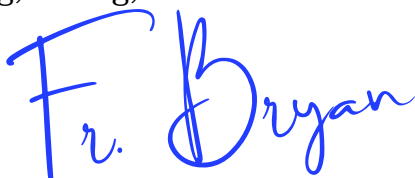
Jesus' gentle response to Martha is key. Jesus doesn't invalidate Martha's service. He acknowledges her worry and distraction while also affirming Mary's choice, highlighting the profound importance of prioritizing the spiritual nourishment that comes from being truly attentive to His word.

This passage is an invitation for each of us to pause and reflect. What is our "better part"? What is our unique calling from God? It might be active service, like Martha, but perhaps in a different form. It might be a contemplative life, like Mary, nurturing a deep spiritual well. Or, more likely, it's a beautiful blend of both, adapting to the seasons of our lives and the specific needs of our communities. The Church thrives precisely because its members live out their faith in various ways.

When we trust that others are also seeking God, also trying to live out their faith, we can release the need to scrutinize and critique their every move. We can replace judgment with charity, with understanding, and with prayer.

If we can reorient our gaze back to Christ and to the unique path He has laid out for each of us, nurturing our own relationship with Him can help us discern our "better part." This will free us from the draining weight of resentment and inadequacy as we dive into a deeper appreciation for the diverse tapestry of faith that enriches our Church, enabling us to become more accepting, loving, and Christ-like.

God bless,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Fr. Bryan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "F" and "B".

MASS INTENTIONS

JULY 19 - JULY 27

SATURDAY JULY 19	5 PM. JOSEPH PRZBLINSKI FROM BARBARA PRZYBLINSKI
SUNDAY JULY 20	10 AM MARIA EUGENIA CAROLINE LIMA MOTOLINIA FROM LAUREN CAROL MOTOLINIA 12:30 PM. PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
TUESDAY JULY 22	12:30 PM SPECIAL INTENTION OF DR. VIC JOSEPH FROM ANDREA SELVARAJA
WEDNESDAY JULY 23	12:30 PM GODFREY VERGARA FROM GUERRERO-GERNSHEIMER FAMILY
THURSDAY JULY 24	12:30 PM FROM
FRIDAY JULY 25	12:30 PM FROM
SATURDAY JULY 26	5 PM. WALTER & VICTORIA CZYSZ & FAMILY FROM LAURA CZYSZ; CATHY & ALLIE SAVAGE
SUNDAY JULY 27	10 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH 12:30 PM LUIS CARO MOTOLINIA LAURA CAROL MOTOLINIA

Sunday Scripture

July 20

Gn. 18:1-10a

Col. 1:24-28

Luke 10:38-42

July 27

Gn. 18:20-32

Col. 2:12-14

Luke 11:1-13

DONATIONS



OVER THE WEEKEND OF
JULY 12 AND 13, 462 PEOPLE
ATTENDED MASS WITH
AN AVERAGE DONATION OF \$29.88.

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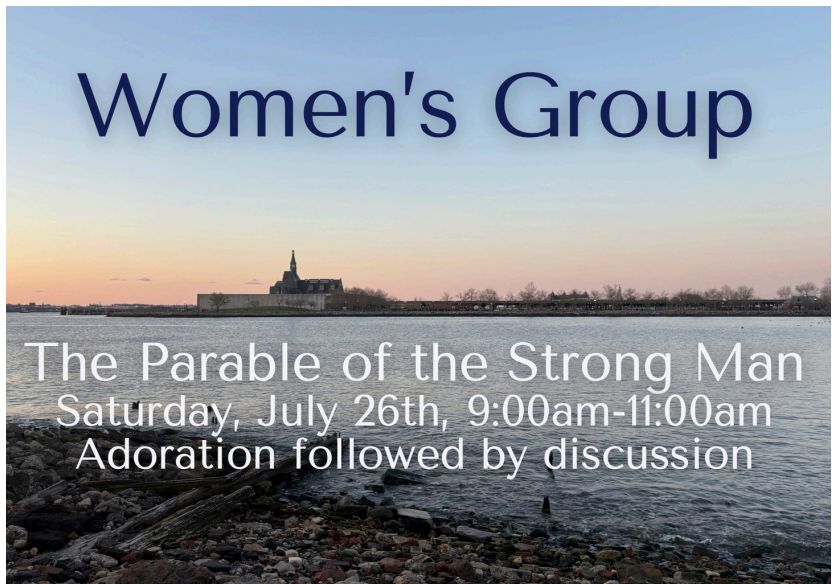
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Women's Group

The Parable of the Strong Man
Saturday, July 26th, 9:00am-11:00am
Adoration followed by discussion



Caring for Creation



An egret on the Hudson

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation is September 1st, but it is always a good time to consider nature!

Creation means a lot of different things, like mountains and deserts and coral reefs, and also animals and people. We are a part of God's creation. You probably enjoy different ways of being creative yourself – drawing, cooking, dancing, writing, or simply joking with family. God made us to be creative, and that is part of how we share in His creation. We also have to take care of the planet. But we are not alone and Jesus is always here to remind us of how much fun we can have when we love Him and do things for Him in the world!

Pope Leo XIV writes:

In proclaiming the Kingdom of God, Jesus often used the image of the seed. [...] Seeds are buried in the earth, and there, to our wonder, life springs up, even in the most unexpected places, pointing to the promise of new beginnings. We can think, for example, of flowers springing up on our roadsides from seeds that landed there almost by chance. As those flowers grow, they brighten the gray tarmac and even manage to break through its hard surface. In Christ, we too are seeds, and indeed, "seeds of peace and hope."

'Till & Keep'

The first book of the Bible, Genesis, tells the story of God's creation from the very beginning. There, it says that people must 'till and keep' the land. Pope Francis started World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation ten years ago, saying: 'Tilling' refers to cultivating, ploughing or working, while 'keeping' means caring, protecting, overseeing and preserving.



Liberty State Park

How Can I Care for God's Creation?

- Recycling – rinse those cans and bottles!
- Composting
- Admiring the beauty around you
- Talking to others about nature
- Reusing old or broken items
- Cleaning up a park or just the outside of your home
- Reading books about nature
- Getting your parents, siblings, friends together to improve your environment!

To Do: Support Mercy House!

Donate	Food: pasta, sauce, canned fish/meats, cereal, rice, pancake mix, mac & cheese, milk, juice, snack bars, corn
Donate	Baby items: diapers, wipes, gently used clothes & equipment, toiletries
Donate	Household items: kitchenware, bedding/linens, seasonal decorations
Donate	Personal items: adult & teen clothes, toiletries, fem. hygiene

Bring to Mass

**Last Sunday
of each month**

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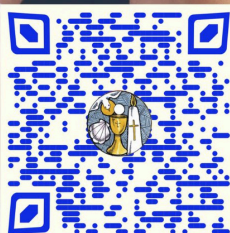
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