

Notes from Fr. Nick



Recent Reads

Retired Speaker of the House **John Boehner** has written a memoir called *On the House*. While I disagree with much of the former Speaker's political agenda, I think he acquits himself rather well in the book. Although he comes across as far from humble, he acknowledges his faults and can laugh at his foibles. For example, he describes a 'gotcha' moment in an interview when he couldn't remember the names of all his siblings. As one of twelve children, he feels he should be excused for an occasional gaffe like this.

I didn't keep score, but I think Boehner was harder on his fellow Republicans than on his opponents across the aisle. He said his purpose in Washington was to get things done, and he faults many younger members of his party for only playing to win.

John Boehner's high point in Congress came when he arranged for Pope John Paul II to speak before a joint session. He wrote that at the end of that evening, he realized that it was time for him to bow out gracefully. He retired at the end of that term.

Do I agree with Boehner's political agenda? No. If he were a parishioner here (he is a practicing Catholic), would I welcome him onto Saint Mary Magdalen's parish council? Yes.

Dr. Bruce Perry and **Oprah Winfrey** jointly wrote *What Happened to You?* Most of Perry's work has been with children who have suffered extreme trauma. He came to Oprah Winfrey's attention when she started a school for disadvantaged girls in South Africa. In the years since, Perry's approach has helped Oprah to deal with her own traumatic childhood.

In order to heal from the difficult things in our pasts, the authors believe we must reframe how we see ourselves. Rather than asking, "What's wrong with me?" we should be asking "What happened to me?" Particularly as children, but throughout our lives, we feel guilty for behaviors that have been caused by trauma. Often this is reinforced by censure from our peers when we act out. This creates a closed loop that can relegate some people to the edge of society. They are unhappy, and they spread that unhappiness to those around them.

I found this book enlightening. It has caused me to look differently at my prejudices and people I find difficult to be around. On the other hand, I can't account for some people who seem to genuinely relish the role of reprobate and spoiler. While I believe that much of their behavior stems from their pasts, I still feel there is a place for personal responsibility.

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MASS TIMES

Saturday 5:30 pm — Vigil Mass (Livestreamed — church)
Sunday 8:00 am — Church
Sunday 9:30 am — Dominican Garden
Sunday 11:00 am — Church

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Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

In today's first reading the people of Israel were starving in the desert. When Moses prayed to God He sent them food. What was it? Sort out the letters by their numbers to find out!

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13

God Provides Bread

word puzzle

John 6 24-35

Fill in the missing words. Use the letters in boxes to fill in the blanks at the bottom.

The people came looking for Jesus after the miracle of the loaves and fishes. Jesus said to them, "You are only looking for me because you ⁴ the loaves and were filled. Don't work for food that perishes but for the that lasts for eternal ⁸ ." The people asked, "What can do to do the works of ?" Jesus said to them, "This is the work of God, that you in the one he sent." So they asked him, "What ⁹ can you show us so that we can believe in you? Our ancestors ate manna in the desert, like it is written in the Scriptures, "He gave them bread from Heaven to eat." So ³ said to them, "It was not Moses who gave you bread from Heaven; my ¹⁰ gives you the true bread from Heaven. The bread of God comes down from Heaven and gives life to the ⁵ ." So the people said to Jesus, "Sir, give us this ⁷ always!"

Jesus said to them, "I am the

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August 1st, 2021 ~ 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Collection for the Week Ending July 25 th , 2021			
Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
07/25/2021	\$6,798.65	\$8,471.00	-\$1,672.35
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*Solemn Vespers in Honor of
the Solemnity of the
Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
— Save the Date —*

Sunday, August 15, 2021
7:30 pm, Church

Scripture Readings for the Week

- 1st *SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*
Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15 / Ephesians 4:17, 20-24 /
John 6:24-35
- 2nd *Weekday [St. Eusebius of Vercelli; St. Peter Julian Eymard]*
Numbers 11:4-15 / Matthew 14:13-21
- 3rd *Weekday*
Numbers 12:1-13 / Matthew 14:22-36
- 4th *Memorial: St. John Vianney, Priest*
Numbers 13:1-2, 25; 14:26-35 / Matthew 15:21-28
- 5th *Weekday [The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major]*
Numbers 20:1-13 / Matthew 16:13-23
- 6th *Feast: THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD*
Daniel 7:9-14 / 2 Peter 1:16-19 / Mk 9:2-10
- 7th *Weekday [St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs;
St. Cajetan, Priest; BVM]*
Deuteronomy 6:4-13 / Matthew 17:14-20

Mass Intentions

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| Saturday | 5:30 | For the People of the Parish |
| Sunday | 8:00 | Intentions of Erin Cassidy &
Paul Niskanen |
| | 9:30 | Intentions of Alex Ubillus |
| | 11:30 | Shelley RIP |
| Monday | 8:30 | Intentions of Fr. Nicholas Glisson |
| | 5:30 | Joe McGruder RIP |
| Tuesday | 8:30 | Intentions of Roger Silloway |
| | 5:30 | Dale Hoy RIP |
| Wednesday | 8:30 | Intentions of the Donor |
| | 5:30 | Intentions of Will Silloway |
| Thursday | 8:30 | Lourdes Cembrano RIP |
| | 5:30 | Dale Hoy RIIP |
| Friday | 8:30 | Intentions of the Lukban Family |
| | 5:30 | Peter Sunday Nwakwo RIP |
| Saturday | 8:30 | Herb Mills RIP |

Peace & Justice Notes

How does our Faith call us to respond for Racial Equity? Join your fellow parishioners at St. Mary Magdalen for prayerful discussion and reading about this complicated and important topic in a Small Faith Group this fall. Last year, over 50 people participated in four different such groups; they found that the experience deepened their understanding of the racial history of our nation, and resulted in meaningful connections with fellow parishioners as well.

We will be offering the program *Faith and Racial Equity* — which comprises 8 weekly sessions — starting the week of September 13th and continuing through the week of November 15th through the 21st; thus finishing before Thanksgiving and Advent. We do not know yet whether these groups will continue to be held over Zoom or will take place in person. Depending on guidance from the state and the Diocese, we may have the possibility of either format.

Note: For those folks who have participated in either or both of the first two modules — *Faith & Racial Equity* and/or *Faith & Racial Healing* — we will also be offering the third program, *Faith & Racial Justice*, with the same dates and parameters as noted above. Check your email inbox soon for a message from your group leader.

For more information, please contact Claire Broome at cvbroome@gmail.com



Fr. Nick and Sharon Henthorn-Iwane, organizer of the **Mary Magdalen Festival**, toasted with Fr. Nick's Bloody Marys at the start of the Happy Hour in Rengel Plaza after the 5:30 pm Mass. *Photo: M. Emily Onglatco*

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