



TOUR TALK

July/August 2018 Summer Issue

Congratulations

*Congratulations
to our Pastor,
Fr. Terry Hamilton
on the 45th Anniversary
of his Ordination.*

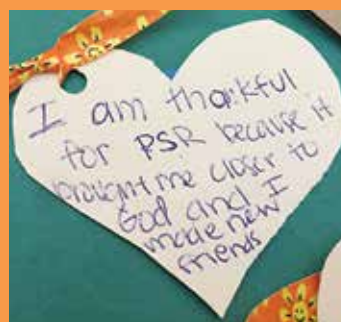
*We are blessed
to have you back home
serving as our Pastor!*



Welcome

*St. Martin of Tours
Alumni
Association
welcomes
its newest
members...*

*The Class
of 2018.*



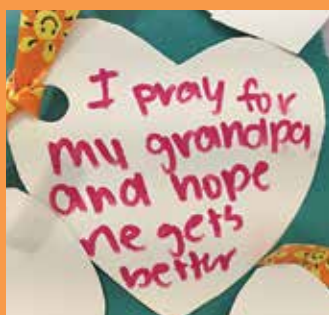
Planting the Seeds of God's Goodness by Laurie Huff, Director of Religious Education

This summer's Parish School of Religion (PSR) Program "Planting the Seeds of God's Goodness" brought forth many fruits. Along with religious instruction, prayer experiences, Sacred Scripture, Art Enrichment and Liturgical Music Appreciation, our time together included a discovery of the ongoing gifts found in creation and our call as followers of Jesus to care for it.

Interwoven was Pope Francis, the story of his love for St. Francis, and the four challenges of his encyclical *Laudato Si'* (translated "Praise Be") that includes: first, to practice small acts of love; second, to live in a global community; third, to slow down (unplugging from technology); and fourth, to celebrate the beauty of the earth. Along for the journey were additional special Franciscan saints St. Kateri Tekakwitha (first Native American canonized, patron saint of ecology) and St. Anthony of Padua (patron saint of lost causes).

As a Parish School of Religion Family, along with learning about our faith, we also recognize the importance of living it. In doing so, a prayer tree was created, affording us quiet space and reflection on committing ourselves to the challenges of *Laudato Si'* and a special food collection for our local chapter of St. Vincent de Paul.

On Friday, June 15, we celebrated the closing of the summer program with a special liturgy led by Ms. Ange and our talented youth. During it, the story of creation unfolded in song and procession as magnificent flowers, butterflies, birds, fish and frogs created by our students made their way to the altar. The joyful presence of our children, their families and our Parish School of Religion team radiated the message that indeed, "God saw that it was good!"



Martinfest

11-10-18

We are currently three months away from the big event! **Martinfest** will be held indoors on our parish campus from 6:00 p.m. until midnight. This adult-only event will showcase our “**Lucky 11s**” Major Award Raffle – our Feast Day, is **11-11** and SMOT Parish was also founded in 19**11**!

This evening will begin at 5:00 p.m. Mass where we ask SMOT Alumni to join us in a special heritage celebration of our Patron Saint and a salute to our Veterans. After Mass, we will be serving a delicious dinner catered by local favorite R&R Meats. Dinner tickets are once again being sold in advance (see form below) and can be picked up at the event.

After dinner, head on over to our Craft Beer Tasting in the Parish Center. We have local breweries including; Brink Brewing Company, 13 Below Brewery, and Westside Brewing, bringing several of their brews for this tasting. Samples, as well as full-sized beers, will be available for purchase. Beer tickets can also be purchased in advance on the form below. This will be an opportunity for you to see what the community has to offer as far as craft beer selection.

There is NO admission charge for this event and entertainment will be provided by SMOT parishioner and alumnus, Tom Gilker’s band “Ripple Effect.” Throughout the evening, we will be awarding prizes for “**Lucky 11s**” Major Award Raffle, with the grand prize drawing held at **11:11** p.m. Winners need not be present to win. Be sure to return your “**Lucky 11s**” Major Award tickets now in order to participate in our remaining \$**111** Earlybird Drawings held on the **11th** of each month leading up until **Martinfest**.

We will also be featuring a Silent Auction, Split the Pot, Basket Bonanza Raffle, and Rapid Gift Card Raffle. PLUS, our BONUS DOOR PRIZE – Anyone in attendance on this evening will receive a Door Prize ticket for a chance to win “Suds OR Suds” for a year! One lucky winner will win a year’s supply of detergent (Suds) AND one lucky winner will win a year’s supply of craft beer (Suds)! You choose which drawing to enter. Winner MUST be present to win!



OR



*Please mark your calendars now and plan on joining us for this fun-filled evening!
Your support will ensure our success.*

Martinfest Presale Dinner & Beer Tickets

Dinner \$18.00 per person

Craft Beer Tickets 4/\$10.00 or 10/\$20.00

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

#Dinner Tickets _____ # Beer Tickets _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Please return orders to the Parish Office by October 30, 2018.

***Please pick up Dinner and Craft Beer Tasting Presale ticket orders
at the doors to Fr. Mick Hall on the night of the event.***



Parish Picnic





SVdP Bundle Sunday



Pastoral Council

Present at the May 24, 2018, meeting were: Lou Winston, Margie Hammitt, Gina Rider, Eileen Duffy, Debbie Weitz, Mary Jo Betz, Laurie Huff, and Father Terry Hamilton. Absent: Cathy May, Sarah Gaskins, and Jason Fightmaster.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Eileen announced the following terms. Mary Jo Betz is on her second, third-year term; Eileen Duffy is on her third, third-year term; and Cathy May is on her third, third year term. All have agreed to continue on Pastoral Council. Eileen opened a discussion of the structure and purpose of Pastoral Council and each committee, what Ministries report to whom and how the council has evolved over the years.

TASK FORCE REPORTS

Parish Life: At Holy Saturday Easter Vigil, new Catholics were joyously welcomed into the Catholic Community. Following Mass which included Baptisms, the First Eucharist and Confirmations, a reception was held with light appetizers and refreshments for those special guests along with their family and friends in Fr. Mick Hall. On Easter Sunday, we held our Easter Egg Hunt following the 11:30 a.m. Mass. The candy which was generously donated by our parishioners was stuffed into thousands of plastic eggs and scattered all over the St. Martin side lawn. Kevin Bonecutter and his family took on the job of filling the eggs and “hiding” them in the grass, trees and several other surprising locations. This is a wonderful event for children and adults alike. Jesus Day was held for our First Communicants a day prior so that all could practice for the big day. As is the tradition, the children and their families were treated to pizza, soft drinks and cookies. On May 11, parishioners all met at Stricker’s Grove for our annual Parish Picnic. It was a beautiful evening for a picnic and those in attendance enjoyed delicious hot dogs, hamburgers, brats and metts grilled by the St. Martin Boy Scouts, along with many side dishes and desserts brought by parishioners for all to share. Children of all ages enjoyed the rides all night long up to the minute that the park closed. We were quite blessed with perfect weather for the night. Our SMOT eighth grade graduation Mass was held on May 21. Following Mass, a reception was held for the happy graduates and their families, treating all to some sweet treats. We have only one more event remaining before the summer break in Parish Life activities. A reception will be held at the conclusion of the two-week PSR Program. All those attending will be treated to pizza, soft drinks and cookies. Parish Life activities begin again on August 18, at our annual Ice Cream Social. More information will be available in the bulletin as the event draws near.

Spiritual Life: Bible Study – We finished our study of the Passion Narratives presented in the four Gospels. After our Summer Hiatus, we will resume our Scripture Study with an investigation into Jesus’ parables. This should begin right after Labor Day. Adult Faith Formation – We are planning a presentation on Pope Francis’ 2015 Encyclical Letter, “Laudato Si,” On the Care for Our Common Home. We are planning a two-night event, the first being a description of our Holy Father’s thoughts on preserving the Earth’s resources followed by an evening of prayer and reflection. Our goal is to have this program coincide with the Feast of St. Francis in the fall. Book Club – The next meeting of the Book Group is scheduled for June 12, at which time we will discuss Barking to the Choir: The Power of Radical Kinship by Gregory Boyle. This inspiring work shares the lessons of faith and compassion acquired over three decades working with gang members in Los Angeles.

Finance: The budget was distributed to members. It is projected that the budget will balance almost to the penny.

Youth Report: Our Lenten Fish Fries ended March 23. Margie Rust and Jenny Frede’s troop worked their last Fish Fry. Next year, Jenny Whitman’s troop will take over. The 11th grade Girl Scouts will use the proceeds from the Fish Fries to go to Tybee Island and Savannah, Georgia in June. This is the home of Juliette Gordon Low, founder of the Girl Scouts. The Boy Scouts worked the grill at the parish picnic on May 11.

Athletics: No report. It was announced Nick Shukas is now president of the Athletic Association and Kevin Bonecutter has taken over as the Spiritual Liaison.

Liturgical Ministry: The Easter Vigil was a beautiful celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation for four adults and two young adults. Following the Vigil, we met for Mystagogy each Sunday of the Easter season and will continue to meet monthly until next Easter. Todd Greco, one of our new Catholics, spoke at each Mass on Pentecost weekend to talk about his journey to and through RCIA. His talk was very inspirational. The worship commission met in May to plan the Pentecost liturgies. The sanctuary was enhanced by the presence of many birds symbolizing the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. In addition, to celebrate the Birthday of the Church “tongues of fire” cookies were distributed after all the Masses.

Outreach: No report

Property and Grounds: The summer months are used for catch up on maintenance around the campus. Cleaning in the schools will begin June 12. The lights in the church are almost completely all updated now to LED. It has been four years since the first upgrade. Father Terry gave an update on the repairs of the St. Cecilia stained glass window in the choir. It is taking longer than expected due to illness of the main artisan who is repairing and restoring the stained glass. The glass is the original dating back to 1923.

Education Commission: The last day of school is May 25. There will be an all-school Mass, awards and dismissal at 10:45 a.m. Our eighth grade graduation was very celebratory and prayerful. Many of our eighth grade students are involved with parish ministries. August 16, 2018, will be the first day of school for the 2018-2019 academic year. Confirmation is scheduled for April 8, 2019.

Principal: No report

DRE: On the third Monday of the month, a support group for caregivers is offered and is fairly well attended. May Crowning had a very good turn out and was very prayerful. All the students who have been baptized during 2018 will be honored at the all-school Mass on May 25. PSR begins June 4, and runs for two weeks.

Pastor’s Report: Father Terry will participate in the service following the Memorial Day parade at the shelter house at Harvest Home. He also will bless the new Splash Park at Harvest Home on June 4. St. Martin’s made a donation to this.

Our next Pastoral Council meeting is scheduled for August 23, 2018, at 6:15 p.m., in Red School.

Why Do Catholics Do That? By Angela Birkhead-Flight, Music & Liturgy Director

The Responsorial Psalm By Paul Turner

We often call the responsorial psalm the “response” to the first reading. That’s true, but it’s really “responsorial” since it has a responsory – a refrain that occurs with each verse.

The psalm is indeed a response or a comment on the first reading. In ordinary time, the Gospel text we hear falls in the Bible somewhere between last Sunday’s Gospel passage and next Sunday’s Gospel. The first reading leaps from some place in the Old Testament because its theme resembles the Gospel. The psalm echoes the reading we just heard. It’s sort of a grandchild to Sunday’s Gospel.

In the Book of Psalms, very few psalms have a refrain. (See Psalms 46 and 67, for example.) But on Sundays, we treat them all alike. We give them refrains, and we put them in the mouths of our assemblies, often changing them into first person.

The refrains that appear in the lectionary, incidentally, are part of the official texts of the Mass. The verses are drawn from another translation. Refrains do not always match the wording in the verses.

We have quite a bit of freedom with the psalm. Since psalms were written as songs, the Church urges us to sing them at every Mass. But because some assemblies struggle with new music, they can learn one or a few psalms for a whole season. Although easier to sing, their rapport with the first reading may suffer.

If we substitute, it’s important to replace the psalm with a psalm. It’s really not supposed to be a popular hymn, or even a song with a refrain that’s drawn from, say, one of the epistles.

The reason has to do with how Christians use psalms. Jesus, a good Jew, surely prayed them daily. Many passages of the New Testament quote the psalms to show their fulfillment in the life of Christ. And they have proven useful for prayer in virtually every culture and age of history.

We also have freedom to change the structure of the psalm. It doesn’t have to be responsorial. We can sing it all together, like a hymn.

Listen carefully to the first reading and figure out its connection to the psalm. Then we can really pray the psalm while we sing.

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For the Parish Staff, as they rest and prepare for the start of parish programs in the fall, that they return refreshed and invigorated by the Holy Spirit.

For Fr. Terry and all parish priests both living and deceased as we celebrate the feast day of St. John Vianney on August 4.

For all those who have received prayer blankets, that they may be healed in mind, body, and spirit.

As we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of Mary on August 15, let us pray for the intercession of St. Mary that our parish will flourish and stay focused on Christ.

For our school children, preparing for the start of a new school year, that they will be open to learning and will bring the light of Christ into their classrooms.

For an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

For an increased respect for life in our society, from conception to a natural death, including caring for the poor, sick, and marginalized; for an end to abortion.

For those being called to become Catholic this year, that they will hear the call of the Holy Spirit and will find a home in our R.C.I.A. program.

That our civic leaders will work for issues of social justice, creating a society of freedom and fairness for all.

That the many children being held in detention centers around the country be returned to their families and not harmed.

For those suffering from cancer and other serious diseases, that they may be cured.

For those suffering in the summer heat, those affected by storms, fire, and flooding, and those who respond to their needs.

For our St. Vincent de Paul Society as they work to provide for the back-to-school needs of our families.

For the intentions in our Memorial Mass Fund book, and all the special intentions of our parishioners.

Memorial Mass Fund

For the Memory/

Intention of:

From:

May

Silos Dela Calzada
Gene & Dolly Renner
Pat Dubois
Tom Gillespie
Doug Lauck
Caroline Marie McCarthy
Ida (Margaret) Wells

Pacita Schweer
Renner Family
Vale Family
Vale Family
Vale Family
Jim Sunderhaus Family
Jim Sunderhaus Family

June

Jim & Betty O'Toole
Ann Graser
Ann Graser
Mary Holland
Mary King
Joe & Ann Graser
Danny Kroger
Gary Cripe
James Reilman
Z & H Families

Dave & Terri Huwel
Bill Stuckenberg
Bob Hildebrand
Peg Ellis & Family
Jodie Graser
Jodie Graser
Bob Hildebrand
Renner Family
Leah & Greg

Sr. Donna & Ginny and Family
Sr. Lucy & Family and Community
Marilyn, Alice, Connie, Sylvia
Sr. M, Fr. B and Families

New Parishioners

WELCOME

May

Derek & Megan Nixon
Matthew & Jenna Turpin
Thomas & Janice Peloquin

June

Nunzio & Jacqueline DeMenna
Sean & Elizabeth Martin
Charles & Karen Healey

Deaths

May

Daniel Smith
Robert Davis
Dorothy Berkemeyer
John Harmon
Cecilia Rhein
Stephen Schwing
Nellie Troehler

June

Carol Parker
Dennis Walsh
Roxie Hurley
Gary Cripe
Gustav Eisenecker
Emery Elizabeth Simon
Eva Cook

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