

SACRED HEART HEARTBEAT

ENGLISH LANGUAGE
ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



7th Sunday of EASTER June 8/9, 2019

COMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

June 8 – Birthday of Fr. Michael Linden, SJ, Jesuit Superior in Jordan

June 8/9 – **SECOND SUNDAY COLLECTION FOR SACRED HEART PARISH**

June 10 – Mary, Mother of the Church

June 11 – Feast of St. Barnabas, Apostle

June 13 – St. Anthony of Padua

June 15/16 – **SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST**

June 21 – St. Aloysius Gonzaga, SJ

First Day of Summer - Father's Day (Take a priest to lunch!)

June 22/23 – Solemnity of Corpus Christi

June 24 – Solemnity of the Birth of John the Baptist

June 29 – Solemnity of Ss. Peter and Paul, Apostles

July 3 – Feast of St. Thomas, Apostle

July 5 – Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Patronal Feast of our parish

First Friday – Adoration following the 8:30 AM Mass

July 6/7 – We will celebrate the Mass of the Sacred Heart, in honor of our patronal feast

July 6 – Reception after Mass for the parish feast

July 13/14 - **SECOND SUNDAY COLLECTION**

July 15 – Feast of the Dedication of the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre

July 22 – Feast of St. Mary Magdalen

July 25- Feast of St. James, Apostle

July 31 – Solemnity of St. Ignatius Loyola, founder of the Jesuits

Reception following the 8:30 AM Mass

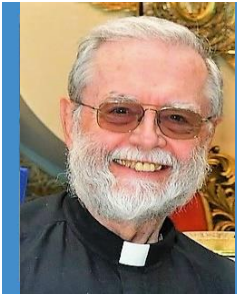


Pope Francis'

MONTHLY
PRAYER
INTENTIONS

FOR JUNE

That priests, through the modesty and humility of their lives, commit themselves actively to a solidarity with those who are most poor.



RAMBLINGS

OF THE REVEREND REDACTOR

Things heard at a reunion: “70 isn’t as old as it used to be....” And “Do you remember when we...?” and often enough, “Whatever happened to so and so...” My favorite – “Who did you used to be?”

Reunions are wonderful opportunities for looking back, days filled with nostalgia. They also help us appreciate what we have, what we have become, the blessings we have received in the years since we graduated. We renew old friendships and make new ones with people we might not have known in school but with whom we have a host of shared experiences. We also get to see how things have changed, and compare our memories of what used to be with the “new” reality on the ground. Reunions are important events in life, and if you get a chance to go to one, you probably should.

Retreats are a lot like reunions, and for many of the same reasons. You get a chance to get away from your everyday life with its cares and responsibilities, but instead of re-connecting with old friends, you are re-connecting with God. You go through the same routine of looking back, seeing what has changed, if it has changed for better or worse, and taking a deeper and more intimate look at who you are now, and if that is someone you really want to be.

At both reunions and retreats, part of the ritual is looking to the future. Promises are made about keeping in touch, sharing information, and resolutions about doing better. Sometimes these promises are made with friends, and sometimes to God.

Reunions take time. You often have to travel, and to get the full benefit of the experience, you need to spend time with friends, at the events, sometimes just walking around the campus. Spending time is even more important on retreat, because instead of talking with friends, you are listening to God, and for most of us, it takes time to slow down, to immerse yourself in the silence and to be ready to open yourself to be able to hear God’s voice. One or two days is simply not enough. (Jesuits make an 8-day retreat each year. I know myself well enough that I take ten days to make an 8-day retreat. And for the same reasons, I arrive on campus a day before the reunion starts, and I don’t leave until a full day after the reunion ends.)

Last week I wrote about maintaining relationships, and it seems I am in the same theme this week – the relationships with friends, and the more important relationship with God. They each take effort – we have to show up, we have to open up, we have to be willing to both share and listen. We have to be willing to carve time out of our lives, our schedules and make that time available for the reunion or the retreat. If you are too busy to go on a retreat – you’re too busy. In many cases – most cases? – you have made the commitments and filled your calendar without thinking about God, or your friends. You have put other things ahead of keeping in touch. When you tell people you will be away for a week because you’re going to a reunion, everybody thinks that is wonderful. When you tell them you are going away for a retreat to have a week of prayer and silence, they understand and appreciate that too. You DO have the time – you CAN have the time – you MUST have the time. It may be the most important thing you do for yourself.

Let us continue to pray for one another and for a world that needs changing.

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Fr. John’s Mobile: 079 013-8985 (If no answer, leave a message.)

Facebook: If you are on Facebook, go to Parish Group and ask to be admitted to the group. You will be.

MALTA ANYONE?

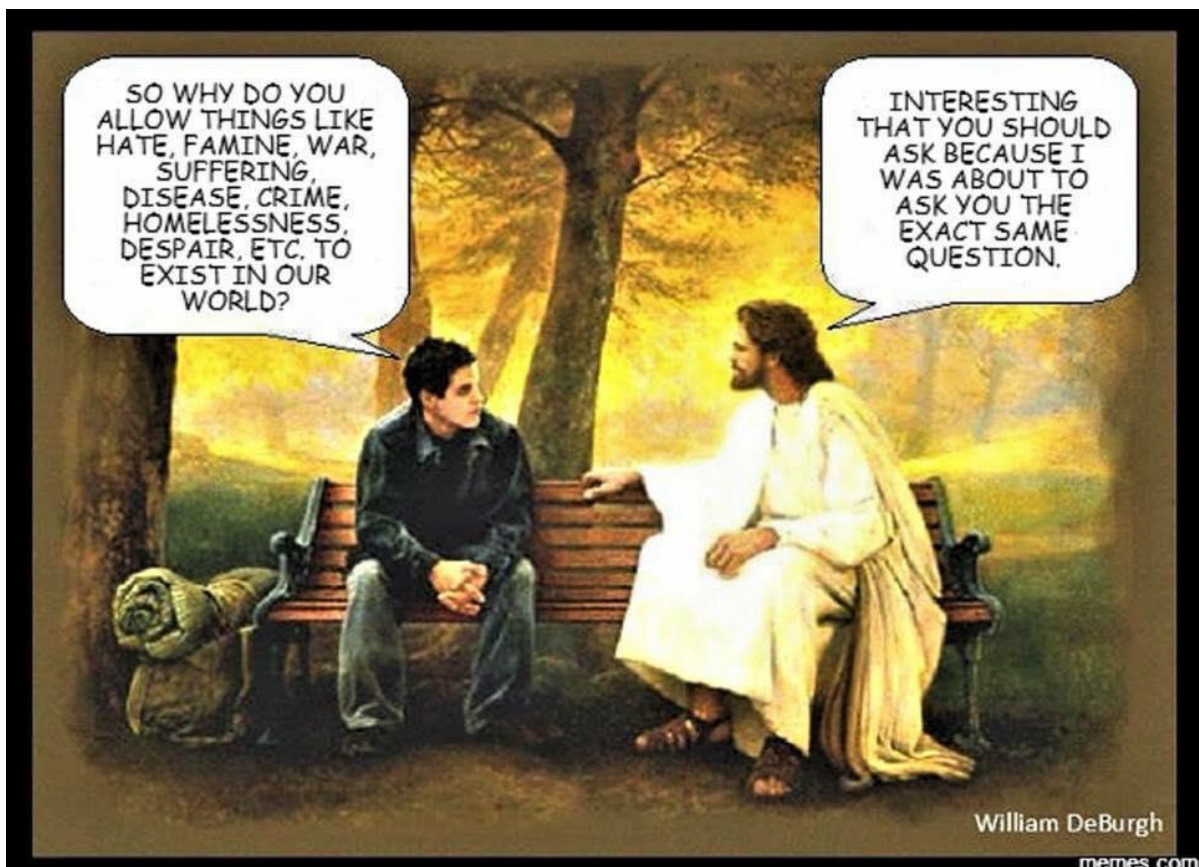
Responding to suggestions from parishioners and after discussion in the Parish Advisory Council, Sacred Heart Parish is planning a short pilgrimage to Malta, tentatively from September 17 to 24. We would leave on Tuesday morning and return on the morning of the 24th. (Fr. John has to be back for Mass!) Plans are still being made but it looks as though the cost will be around 600 JOD – that could change depending on how many sign up. That includes air fare, hotel, breakfast, all admissions and perhaps some meals. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED – no commitment but interested – LET US KNOW!!! Contact Karim Mubarak, who is heading this particular event, at karimmubarak@hotmail.com. Prices and availability change with the season, so if we wait too long to make a decision, the numbers we have quoted may not be available. If we have on our list, we can keep you advised about deadlines and any changes. LET US KNOW!!!

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE SACRED HEART

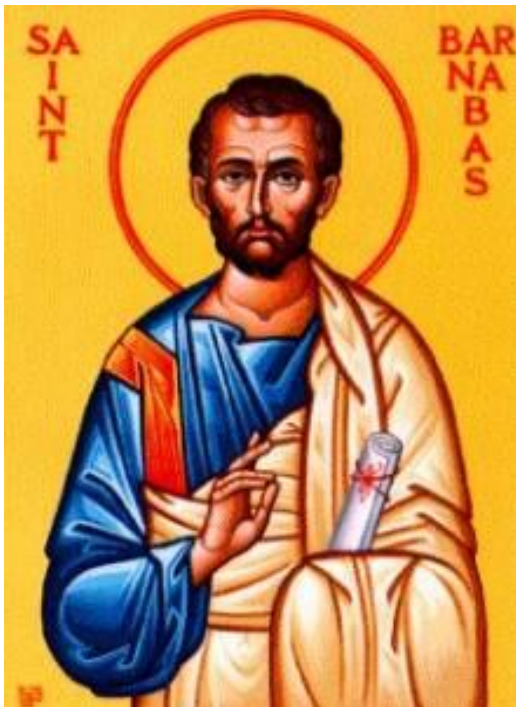
This is THE feast of our parish, and it is measured from Pentecost Sunday. Since we celebrate Pentecost according to the Orthodox calendar, the Solemnity falls on July 5th, a Friday. We will have a special Mass at the Jesuit Center on that day, with a short reception to follow and the usual First Friday adoration after the reception. The Mass that weekend will be in celebration of the Sacred Heart and on Saturday after the Mass there will be a reception in the church hall or perhaps outside. But celebrate we will and all are invited to both contribute and come and celebrate.

MONTHLY REPORT

Because Father John is away we don't have the final numbers for Mass attendance in May. However, the website continues to attract visits and visitors. In May there were 1,340 visitors to the Parish website, and they made 6,049 visits. Computers registered in the United States continue to be the most frequent (although those may be in other places) and Jordanians rank a close second. Germany comes a respectable third. Google.com continues to be the most popular referral site, with Google.jo coming in second.



ST. BARNABAS – FEAST DAY JUNE 11



Saint Barnabas, born **Joseph**, was according to tradition an early **Christian**, one of the prominent **Christian disciples** in Jerusalem.

According to **Acts 4:36**, Barnabas was a **Cypriot Jew**. Named an **apostle** in **Acts 14:14**, he and **Paul the Apostle** undertook missionary journeys together and defended **Gentile** converts against the **Judaizers**. They traveled together making more converts (c. 45–47), and participated in the **Council of Jerusalem** (c. 50).

Barnabas and Paul successfully evangelized among the "God-fearing" Gentiles who attended **synagogues** in various **Hellenized** cities of **Anatolia**.

Barnabas' story appears in the Acts of the Apostles, and Paul mentions him in some of his **epistles**. **Tertullian** named him as the author of the **Epistle to the Hebrews**, but this and other attributions are conjecture. **Clement of Alexandria** and some scholars have ascribed the **Epistle of Barnabas** to him, but his authorship is disputed.

Although the date, place, and circumstances of his death are historically unverifiable, Christian tradition holds that Barnabas was **martyred** at **Salamis, Cyprus**, in 61 AD. He is traditionally identified as the founder of the **Cypriot Orthodox Church**.

Barnabas is usually identified as the cousin of **Mark the Evangelist** on the basis of the term "anepsios" used in **Colossians 4**, which carries the connotation of "cousin." Some traditions hold that **Aristobulus of Britannia**, one of the **Seventy Disciples**, was the brother of Barnabas.

Acts 11:24 describes Barnabas as "a good man, and full of the Holy Spirit and of faith".

