

Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it... Psalm 127:1a

Worship:

Tabernacle Worship Service

Every Sunday Evening

St. John's Parish House
75 East Main St. South Pottstown 5:30 pm

Ministry:

The Table

Every Wednesday Evening

Washington & Chestnut Sts. 7:00 pm

Home Churches:

Hanover St. Home Church

Tuesday Evenings

256 South Hanover Street Pottstown, PA 19465
7:00 to 9:00

King St Commons Home Church

Thursday Afternoons

King St. Pottstown, PA 19464
1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

Consumer Center Church

Thursday Evenings on hold for the summer

249 High Street Pottstown, PA 19464
7:00 to 8:00

Prayer Requests:

Keep Nancy and her family in your prayers. Nancy is now at her son, Henry's new home in King Street Commons (he has moved from Walnut Street) in Pottstown. This is probably not the best situation for her, but it is what she wants. Please keep her and the rest of the family in your prayers!

New Problems for The Ministries at MAIN Street. Wednesday afternoon we received a surprise visit from Terry Baker from St John's with bad news from the Township Supervisors. It appears that the Pottstown Mercury referred to the MAIN Street Shelter project as a "Permanent Shelter" and now wants all work to cease. MAIN Street Board Members are having a closed door meeting with the NorCo Code Enforcement Officer at 8:30 am tomorrow, and a public meeting with the Township Supervisors at 7:00 pm the same day.

We will be open to questions from the community, including three people who are circulating a petition to stop the shelter.

Please pray, and consider coming to this meeting Monday evening in support of what God would have us do on behalf of our most vulnerable in our community.

Thanks to ALL who think this is what it means to worship Christ!! And please remember that we still have a few more projects scheduled this summer to make the Parish House ready to receive guests This work is to position us to reopen this fall. For more info., please see Pastor Kork.

Your Prayer Notes:

July 29, 2007: **Proper 12 (Year C)**

psalm 85, hosea 1.2-10, luke 11.1-13, & colossians 2.6-19

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"He restores my soul . . .
surely goodness and mercy will follow me" **Psalm 23**

July 22 :: 2007

Changing Our Minds

Hearing God, and completing Him

Worship
psalm 52
amos 8.1-12
luke 10.38-42
colossians 1.15-28

Benediction

proper 12 (Year C)
Tabernacle Worship
75 East Main Street, Pottstown, PA 19465
Every Sunday Evening at 5:30, St. John's parish

[Service]

Tonight...

Worship Film ::

“Objects of Worship”

Scripture Reading & Call to Worship ::

psalm 52

Congregation Song Worship ::

~ offer thanksgiving sacrifices, and tell of his deeds

Scripture Reading ::

colossians 1.15-28

with songs of joy

Focus Films ::

“Currents to a New Sea”

The Scripture ~

Changing Our Minds
Hearing God, and Completing Him

Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

Luke 10.40b-42

This week's Lectionary:

psalm 52, amos 8.1-12,

luke 10.38-42, & colossians 1.15-28

Reflection Film ::

“All Things New”

Benediction ::

revelation 22.12-14, 16-17, 20-21

[Journaling Worship]

your discussion notes...

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Meditation:

Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land,...

The time is surely coming, says the Lord GOD, when I will send a famine on the land; not a famine of bread, or a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD. They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the LORD, but they shall not find it." (Amos 8.4, & 11-12)

Reflection:

Amos is the first in a long line of Hebrew prophets who tell the people the truth, however unwelcome: that affluent people are responsible for the dispossessed in their midst.

- Thomas Cahil

Psalm 52 lays out a clear choice: One can take refuge in God or in money and security. The choice applies to individuals as well as to nations. Then and now...

still waters

psalm 52

home church studies

[Worship]

1 Why do you boast, O mighty one, of mischief done against the godly? All day long 2 you are plotting destruction. Your tongue is like a sharp razor, you worker of treachery. 3 You love evil more than good, and lying more than speaking the truth. Selah 4 You love all words that devour, O deceitful tongue. 5 But God will break you down forever; he will snatch and tear you from your tent; he will uproot you from the land of the living. Selah 6 The righteous will see, and fear, and will laugh at the evildoer, saying, 7 "See the one who would not take refuge in God, but trusted in abundant riches, and sought refuge in wealth!" 8 But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God. I trust in the steadfast love of God forever and ever. 9 I will thank you forever, because of what you have done. In the presence of the faithful I will proclaim your name, for it is good.

Consider:

At times Jesus very directly confronted the conventions of his day or the traditions of his people when they stood in the way of true faith and real justice. He overturned the tables of the moneychangers in the temple, healed on the Sabbath, and condemned the scribes who "swallow the property of widows" (Mark 12.40). At other times, however, his actions served as a more subtle rebuke to deeply entrenched institutions and ways of being. In fact, without a careful read we risk glossing over the significance of his more understated lessons.

[Think & Pray...]

Today's gospel is a case in point. Jesus doesn't so much denounce the old ways, but rather he gently models and affirms the new. The story is familiar. As one translation puts it, "Because much work fell to Martha, her agitation flared up," and she complained that Mary sat and listened at the feet of Jesus. Behind Martha's complaint—whether she intended it or not—was the force not only of thousands of years of tradition, but of law. Women were prohibited from receiving religious instruction—even from touching the Torah. There Mary sat, at the foot of the rabbi, in the company of men, drinking up the words of Jesus. When called to task, Jesus affirms Mary for choosing the "better part," the "one thing needed": to listen, learn, and be changed by the Word of God.

Amos reminds us of the nature of that Word. The Lord, he writes, shall never forget the trampling on the needy and the bringing to ruin of the poor. How does this oppression occur? In the small deceits and injustices carried out in the name of maximizing profits; "buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals," ransoming lives for the material benefit of the few. The Lord will not forget these actions by those who "trusted in abundant riches and sought refuge in wealth" (Psalm 52:7). But for those who seek the one true thing at the foot of the Lord—the Marys among us—the better part will not be taken away.



luke 10.38-42

[The Scripture]

38 Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. 39 She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. 40 But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." 41 But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; 42 there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."