Acts 7:55-60  

Ears play an interesting role in this emotionally charged scene. Stephen has just finished a long homily outlining Israel’s history of rejecting God’s messengers, and he closes by indicating his accusers as “stiff-necked” (v. 51) and “uncircumcised in heart and ears” (v. 51). When Stephen said that, people well versed in the Scriptures immediately realized that he was quoting the prophet Jeremiah who said: “To whom shall I speak? / whom shall I warn, and be heard? / See! Their ears are uncircumcised, / they cannot pay attention; / See, the word of the Lord has become for them / an object of scorn, for which they have no taste” (Acts 6:10).

As if to verify Stephen’s accusation, his judges shouted and covered their ears as they threw him out of the city to stone him. Luke spared no detail: “they were infuriated, and he ground their teeth at him” (7:54).

Although the picture of religious leaders holding their fingers in their ears appears comical, it was also deadly serious. While many Jews were joining the Christian movement, the leaders judged the message and freedom of the disciples to be as threatening as Jesus had been. For whatever reasons, they felt the need to eliminate Stephen, taking the mob to come along for the ride. The tragedy here was the leader’s absolute refusal to listen to or hear anything that challenged their own position. Stephen’s fate was clear; he had seen a vision of Christ, and he died imitating Christ’s forgiveness. The leaders were the ones on the road to death.

Finally, a subtle note of hope appears in the mention of Saul, at whose feet they laid their cloaks. His eyes were eventually opened; the same could happen with their ears.

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20

This selection from the epilogue to the Book of Revelation offers an interesting follow-up to our scene from Acts. In Acts, we witnessed the conflict between the disciples and unbelievers. Now, in Revelation, we hear Christ promising to return soon. Here, Christ identifies himself as the Alpha and Omega. Now he is revealed, like the Father before him (1:8), as the beginning and the end, the eternal one, ever present and still coming.

This is beyond our understanding. Happily, full understanding is not what is asked of us. Our role is to take our place among the believers, to admit our thirst and to, place ourselves among the hearers who say, “Come! Amen! Come Lord Jesus!”

John 17:20-26

This passage speaks both to our mission and to the goal of our life. Jesus has told the disciples very clearly that he was going away and sending the Holy Spirit. Certain that his mission would continue, he prayed for all of us throughout history who would believe through the witness of the disciples.

This, the only prayer we hear Jesus pray for his disciples, presents an alternative to some popular piety picturing Jesus’ knowledge of his future disciples. There are certain reflections on the crucifixion that propose that, while on the cross, Jesus contemplated all human sin. It is difficult to find any scriptural background to support that idea. On the other hand, Jesus’ words in John’s Last Supper discourse indicate that he did envision the future community of believers. His vision of our future showed forth the unity of disciples sharing in his glory.

Being in union with God and sharing the glory of the Father and Son describes the goal of human life in Christ. The Eastern Churches refer to this as theosis. Second Peter describes it saying, “he has bestowed on us the precious and very great...
promises, so that through them you may come to share in the divine nature” (2 Peter 1:4). We are called to more than the imitation of Christ. We are invited and empowered to enjoy union with him sharing his own oneness with the Father.

The sign of that union is God’s love dwelling in us. Participating in God’s loving activity is the sign of union with God. It is both a grace and a call, something of which we are incapable on our own, but which we can allow to become the core of our very lives.

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Saturday, June 1
7th Sunday of Easter
4:30 PM + Mass for the Parishioners of All Saints

Lector: Melanie LaSota
Ushers: Bob Lauzonis & Jack Dunmyer

Sunday, June 2, 2019
7th Sunday of Easter
8:30 AM + John Cusick
Of. Roland & Lynn Gaglia
9:30 AM Coffee Social

Lector: Karen Seiler
Ushers: Maureen & Chuck Ratajjack
Church Lock-up: Kody Niedzwiecki
Cemetery Gates: June 1st/2nd Jeanne White

Donna & Bob McGregor offer flowers at the Main Altar to the praise and glory of God in memory of Don & Dorothy Donelli.

Saturday, June 8
Solemnity of Pentecost
10:30 AM + Adoration & Benediction
4:30 PM + Frank Millantz
Of. Wife, Stella

Lector: Diane Popek
Ushers: Jeff Popek & Bill Kramer

Sunday, June 9, 2019
Solemnity of Pentecost
8:30 AM + Leonard J. Vera &
Granddaughter Shelby Lynn
Of. Fotovich Family
9:30 AM Coffee Social

Lector: Donna McGregor
Ushers: Bob McGregor & Bob Clarry
Church Lock-up: Melanie LaSota
Cemetery Gates: June 7th/8th/9th Gary Mitkoski

Readings for June 9, 2019
Acts 2:1-11
1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13
John 20:19-23

Prayers for the Sick
We pray for the members of our parish and its extended family: Nancy Kleer, Rick Ruffennach, Anthony Staff, Maria Tokarczyk, Bob Tokarczyk, Dan Fotovich, Madeline Fotovich, Stella Millantz, Thomas Lill, Stella Trillow, Sylvia Feldman, Mitch & Roberta Cholewinski, Vicki Dzikowski, Ron Dzikowski, Christopher Schade, Marianne Fairs, Nancy Goldbach, Fran Kolodziek, Denise Kolodziek, Pat Hohn, Brian Kaminski & Tim Costello, Jr.

Holy Hour of Adoration & Benediction
Our monthly Holy Hour of Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament and Benediction will be on Saturday, June 8th from 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM. All parishioners of the parish are encouraged to attend this monthly prayer and sisters of the Society of the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament are reminded that prayer in front of the Most Blessed Sacrament is a part of their commitment as members.

Parish Committee Meeting
The June Parish Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 4th at 7:00 PM. The meeting will take place in the church undercroft. As always, all parishioners are invited to attend Parish Committee Meetings.
### WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

**2019**

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### Church Renovation Pledges

We have received pledges from 74 parishioners or **45.6%** of our membership for our church renovation project for our 100th Anniversary Celebration. Our pledge total: **$30,992.00** per year. If you have not made a pledge prayerfully considering how God has blessed you and your love of His church, we have currently collected **$73,606.00** toward the pledged amount of **$93,000.00**.

Parishioners are reminded to fulfill their pledge made to the church restoration. We still need to collect **$19,404.00** of the monies pledged.

### Family Promise Week

Our next week for hosting Family Promise is Sunday, June 16th – 23rd. Sign-up sheets are in the undercroft of the church. Thanks to our regular volunteers who always step up to the plate and we encourage any parishioner who has not considered volunteering for this parish outreach project to consider doing so. Please contact Karen Seiler with any questions.

### Graduate Sunday

Today we celebrate the members of our parish who have graduated from either High School, College (2 or 4 year), Graduate School or a Technical School.

**SARAH DOBBINS**

On May 11, 2019, Sarah graduated from La Roche University with an Associate of Science degree in Nursing. After the graduation ceremony she attended the Pinning Ceremony in the Magdalen Chapel on campus. The graduates recited the Nightingale Pledge and received the Blessing of Hands by Sr. Elena Almendarez, CDP.

Sarah is currently studying for the Nursing Boards. She is enrolled in the Bachelor Program at La Roche in the fall.

**Congratulations Sarah!!**

### Carnegie Farmers Market

**Sundays**

*East Main Parking Lot*

*Noon to 3:00 PM*

*June 9th to August 25th*


Come and explore new spices & produce, connect with your community and support local farms and vendors. You can also visit: CarnegieBorough.Com/market.

### 8th Annual Barbeque Grilled Chicken Dinner

**Sunday, June 23, 2019**

**3:00 PM – 6:00 PM**

**MENU**

½ Flame Grilled BBQ Chicken with Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, Corn, Dinner Roll, Beverage & Dessert

**ONLY $15.00**

Children’s Dinner

Hot Dog, Baked Beans, Corn, Beverage & Dessert

**ONLY $5.00** (Children 5yrs. Old – 10 yrs. Old)

Children under 5 yrs. Old eat for FREE

Please see Kurt, Melissa & Jessica Niedzwiecki for tickets and to volunteer to help at the dinner.