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Alleluia!

*"Yes, Christ, my hope is arisen; To Galilee He goes before you"
(Easter Sequence)*

Mass Schedule

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY: 5:00 P.M.

SUNDAY: 8:15 A.M.

10:45 A.M.

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE:

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WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY-FRIDAY:

9:00 A.M.

CONFESSIONS:

SATURDAY: 4:00-4:30 P.M.

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MONDAY, MAY 22 – Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious

9:00 a.m. Deceased Members of the
Starinchak Family by Fran Starinchak

TUESDAY, MAY 23

9:00 a.m. Betty Koenig (RIP)
by Rose Mary Grevenkamp

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

9:00 a.m. Lynn Green (RIP) (Birthday)
by Barbara Brown

THURSDAY, MAY 25 – The Ascension of the Lord

9:00 a.m. Fr. James Theodore Smith (RIP)
(Birthday) by Charles & JoAnn Hohman

FRIDAY, MAY 26 – Saint Philip Neri, Priest

9:00 a.m. Gailord Shaw (RIP)
by Ken & Sandy McCullough

SATURDAY, MAY 27

5:00 p.m. Therese Caggiula (RIP)
by Suzanne & Jaron Shook

SUNDAY, MAY 28 – The Ascension of the Lord

8:15 a.m. For the Living and Deceased
Members of St. Edward Parish
10:45 a.m. For the Living and Deceased
Descendants of the Dittoe,
Russell & Thomas Families
by Peter & Sharon Thomas

Pray for all priests, seminarians and priestly
vocations.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 21, 2017 – YEAR A

PRELUDE

8:15 and 10:45 a.m.: Variations on
“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”
(Beethoven, J. Koerts)
Val Matula, organist

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE: O God, Beyond All Praising (#534)
SPRINKLING RITE: I Saw Water Flowing
GLORIA:
Mass in Honor of Saint Benedict (text on pg. 6)

LITURGY OF THE WORD

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps. 66:
Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. (p. 158)
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. (p. 159)

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF GIFTS:
Be Thou My Vision (#394)
SANCTUS, MEM. ACC. A, AMEN, AGNUS DEI:
Mass in Honor of St. Benedict
COMMUNION:
Your Words Are Spirit and Life (#591)
COMMUNION 2 (10:45 a.m. Choir):
Stainless the Maiden
vs. 1 in Polish, sung by Al Pyzik –
See “Notes from the Loft” for translation.

CONCLUDING RITE

SENDING FORTH: All Creatures of Our God
and King (#536, vs. as needed)

CANTORS

5:00 p.m.: Rachel Reardon
8:15 a.m.: Heather Horton
10:45 a.m.: Beth Spieles

LECTORS:

5:00 p.m. Kevin Skinner, Steve Blubaugh
8:15 a.m. Eric Soiu, Pam Soiu
10:45 a.m. Catherine Burczak, Laura Collins

ALTAR SERVERS:

5:00 p.m. A.J. Paumier, Joey Paumier,
Audrey Stankunas
8:15 a.m. Graduating Seniors
10:45 a.m. Ian Johnson, Jason Reding,
Emma Reding

HOMEBOUND MINISTERS:

Loren Brown and Greg Lombardo

A WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR

1. Here follows a lovely prayer by Pope Francis addressed to Our Lady of Fatima. Let us make it our own as we honor the Blessed Mother in her month of May:

*Hail, Mother of the Lord,
Virgin Mary, Queen of the Rosary of Fatima!
Blessed among all women,
you are the image of the Church robed in Easter light,
you are the honour of our people,
you are the victory over every assault of evil.*

*Prophecy of the merciful love of the Father,
Teacher of the Message of Good News of the Son,
Sign of the burning Fire of the Holy Spirit,
teach us, in this valley of joys and sorrows,
the eternal truths that the Father reveals
to the little ones.*

*Show us the strength of your protective mantle.
In your Immaculate Heart,
be the refuge of sinners
and the way that leads to God.*

*In union with my brothers and sisters,
in faith, in hope and in love,
I entrust myself to you.
In union with my brothers and sisters, through you,
I consecrate myself to God,
O Virgin of the Rosary of Fatima.*

*And at last, enveloped in the Light
that comes from your hands,
I will give glory to the Lord for ever and ever.
Amen.*

2. Week III of the 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal continues to be successful. As of last Wednesday, our pledge total is \$140,000.00. This means we are approaching our secondary goal of \$192,000.00 (diocese + debt reduction). Thanks to all for your generous response.
3. We welcome Bishop Campbell who will be here on Wednesday to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to the young people of our parish, with a total of 39 candidates. Come Holy Spirit, come upon them.
4. Thanks to Michelle Shoaps and Barb Lechner for planting flowers along the entry walk to the church and along the front of the educational/office building. They look beautiful!

WELCOME!

You may have come as a stranger to us, yet you are known to Our Lord, Jesus Christ. In His name, we pray you will find peace, hospitality and friendship with us.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

- 5:00 p.m. Dave Conway, Mark Klark,
Gary Kristensen, John Martin,
Monna McCabe-Ashcraft
- 8:15 a.m. Kathy Stukus, Phil Stukus,
Gene Theibert, Carla Wolfe,
Rita Baldwin
- 10:45 a.m. Pete Thomas, Sandy Wolfe,
Jennifer Zarins, Chris Becher,
Patricia Belhorn, Lorrain Carlson,
Barb Doran, Margo Downing,
Von Downing

GIFT BEARERS:

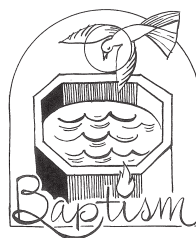
- 5:00 p.m. Suzanne & Jaron Shook
- 8:15 a.m. Graduating Seniors
- 10:45 a.m. Peter & Sharon Thomas

SUNDAY NURSERY

The Nursery/Playroom for young children is open during the 10:45 a.m. Mass. New volunteers are needed to keep this ministry going strong! For more information and to be added to the Sunday schedule, contact the new Coordinator, Lauren Alspach, at 330-760-0756 or Lauren.Alspace@gmail.com.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

The Sunday offertory collection for May 14th was \$7,686.10.



BAPTISMS

We welcome into our church family: Joseph Edward Gassman, son of Gregory & Mary Gassman; and Catherine Ann Gruenwald, daughter of Ross & Lauren Gruenwald, who were baptized on May 14th. May the Lord continue to bless them and their families forever.

Flocknote

Join us and keep up to date with what is going on at St. Edward! Please check out this link on our parish website and register for Flocknote. You can get updates from the Parish and from the ministry or social group you are a member of. Don't miss out on what is going on at St. Edward Church. Please call the office if you have any questions!

Keep in touch with us
VIA EMAIL AND TEXT MESSAGE



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SYMPATHY

We pray for parishioner Jeanette Mintz, mother of parishioner Theresa Allen. May she receive the eternal treasure of everlasting life.

ONLINE GIVING

Contributions can be made through the Online Giving Program. A direct link is available on the parish website. The next diocesan collection is the Catholic Communications Campaign. [St. Edward is very grateful and blessed by](#) your generous support.

Online contributions for the BAA for St. Edward is available directly through the Diocesan website. See BAA link under Special Events on our parish website.

If you are new to the Parish or new to Online Giving, please use the link on the parish website at www.saintedwards.org, and select "Sign up for a New Account" to register. Please call the office if you have any questions or need assistance in setting up an account. Thank you.

EVENTS/MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 21

Collection for the Catholic Communications Campaign

Choir – 9:30 a.m. – Loft

St. Vincent de Paul Conference Meeting – noon – Classroom 7

Monday, May 22

Eucharistic Adoration – 9:30 a.m. until Tuesday, 9:00 a.m. – Chapel

Bridge Group – 6:30 p.m. – Hall

Lighthearted Scripture – 7:00 p.m. – Lounge

Tuesday, May 23

Parish Council – 6:30 p.m. – Lounge

Bell Choir – 7:00 p.m. – Loft

Men's Group for Rediscovery – 7:30 p.m. – Lounge

Wednesday, May 24

Rosary Makers – 9:30 a.m. – Lounge

Choir – 6:20 p.m.

Confirmation Mass – 7:00 p.m. – Church – Reception in Parish Hall.

Men's Faith Sharing Group – 7:00 p.m. – Lounge

Thursday, May 25

Scripture Study – 9:30 a.m. – Classroom 8

Knights of Columbus – 7:00 p.m. – Hall

RCIA

The RCIA period of Mystagogia takes a break this week. We will conclude on Tuesday, May 30th, at 7:00 p.m., in the Parish Hall. We will do some final Easter reflections and prepare for Pentecost.

CONFIRMATION

The Confirmation Mass is this Tuesday evening, May 24th, at 7:00 p.m.! Individualized prayer cards for our 8th Grade students are available at both entrances to the Church as you leave Mass this weekend.

ST. EDWARD YOUTH MINISTRY

Summer Calendar will start in June!

Look for events like "Breakfast with Jesus" on Monday mornings, annual Paintball and Cedar Point trips, and when to turn in registration for National Catholic Youth Conference in November!



NOTES FROM THE LOFT

♪ Alleluia! He is risen! This Sunday's Choir piece at the 10:45 a.m. Mass is "Stainless the Maiden," a traditional Polish Marian hymn. The first verse will be sung in Polish. Its lyrics are: *Serdeczna Matko, Opiekunko ludzi, Niech Cię płacz sierot, do litości wzbudzi! Wygnarńcy Ewy do Ciebie wołamy, Zlituj się zlituj, niech się nie tułamy.* Imperfectly translated, it means, "Beloved Mother, guardian of the people, have compassion on the fears of orphans! Eve's exiles are calling to you; care for us, care, do not let us stray."

~ Paul (music@saintedwards.org or 740-587-3254)



BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL 2017

LIVING THE GOSPEL IN FAITH, HOPE, AND CHARITY

We would like to thank all the parishioners who have already pledged their gift to the 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not yet made your commitment, you can do so today at Mass. Pledge envelopes are available in the pews. The needs of our diocese are great. We hope to realize our parish goal with 100% participation. Each dollar raised over our diocesan goal will be refunded to our parish. Every gift is important and no gift is too small. Thank you for your generosity.

Online contributions for the BAA for St. Edward is available directly through the Diocesan website. See the BAA link under Special Events on our parish website.

PRAYER CHAIN

If you, a family member or someone close to you, would like to be added to the St. Edward Prayer Chain, please call Cindy Kendrick at 740-366-2871 or 740-404-3591. If you would like to volunteer to be a member of this ministry, please call Cindy.

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN

A special collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) will be held **this weekend**. The CCC helps spread the Good News to you – and focuses on new and existing ways to communicate Jesus' Gospel message, making it available to both the faithful and those seeking the faith. The CCC supports both national and diocesan communication efforts that provide news, discussions, and special events and programs. Please be generous in the collection and support this important work!



HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES OF ST. EDWARD

Graduating High School Seniors will be honored at our 8:15 a.m. Mass on May 28th. Please join us to celebrate your graduation. Graduates are to meet in the Gathering Space before Mass, wearing your cap and gown, to be in the procession. There will be a breakfast reception for the graduates and their families after Mass in the Parish Hall. If you did not receive an invitation, please contact the Parish Office at 740-587-3254 or barb@saintedwards.org, so that we can include you! **Please RSVP to the Parish Office (same phone or email) by this weekend.**

BERNICE AND JOE CIRICOSTA \$1,500.00 SCHOLARSHIP FOR 2017

Applications for the 2017 initial award of The Bernice and Joe Ciricosta Scholarship are now being accepted. Applications are available in the Parish Office or on the Parish website and may be completed and submitted online. Please see the "Bernice and Joe Ciricosta Application" link on the home page of our Parish website. This \$1,500.00 scholarship, established to honor the memory of Bernice and Joe Ciricosta, dedicated educators, will be presented annually to any parishioner in good standing of St. Edward Parish who is currently pursuing a post-secondary program at an accredited institution. Applications should be submitted to the Parish Office or online on or before **June 9th**.

FUNERAL LUNCHEON MINISTRY AT ST. EDWARD

We are in need of Co-Chairs to coordinate our Funeral Luncheon Teams. We have six teams who rotate to prepare, serve and clean up after luncheons about three times a year. The job of the Co-Chair is to plan a main dish and call team members to prepare side dishes. This is a valuable ministry to our parish families.

MEMORIAL DAY – MONDAY, MAY 29

The Parish Office will be closed.

2017 The Edwardians!

A Senior Social Group – Men and Women age 50 and up

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FROM JUNE TO AUGUST

****Please note: Accepting RSVPs on all events.**

Reservations of events by Motorcoach
limited by number of seats.



July 11 – TUESDAY – “MYSTERY DAY” trip on a Deluxe Motorcoach (50 seats). Inclusive price of \$48.00 per person. Motorcoach arrives at St. Edward parking lot at 7:30 a.m. Departs promptly at 8:00 a.m. Join us for a day of adventure, thrills, surprises, etc., that you will long remember and will tell all of your friends about upon your return. Dress very casual! Bus is not handicap accessible. **Don't miss this eventful trip. Only twenty (20) seats left. Paid reservations due by JULY 6th.**

August 11 – FRIDAY – “BACK WOODS WHOLE HOG ROAST” Sts. Peter & Paul Retreat Center Shelter House, located on Seminary Road off of Thornwood Drive, Heath. Cost is \$3.00 per person. **Arrive at 5:30 p.m. Eat at 6:30 p.m.** Looking for **100 people** to come and enjoy the feast of a whole hog on the grill cooked by Chef Chris and served with all the trimmings! Coffee and soft drink beverages furnished. Bring your B.Y.O.B. cooler. **The Catholic Foundation monies contributed to this event. Paid reservations due by August 7th.**

Two-day Motorcoach Trip to Marietta. This trip is sold out! Place your name on wait list. If someone cancels, you will be called. **June 19th and 20th (MONDAY/TUESDAY) – 51 Seats.** Cost is \$58.00 per person (double Occupancy). Bus arrives at 7:30 a.m. Departs promptly at 8:00 a.m. **The Catholic Foundation monies contributed to this event.**

Questions? Email lindawoolard@windstream.net or phone 740-323-3105.

Note: You may pay for multiple events in one check.

Make check payable to **THE EDWARDIANS**.
Mail to: Linda Woolard, 481 Beacon Road,
Newark, OH 43055.

ST. EDWARD'S KINDERGARTEN ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

St. Edward is currently accepting applications for enrollment into our Kindergarten Enrichment Program (KEP) for the 2017-2018 school year. Our KEP is open to any Kindergarten student enrolled in a half-day, morning Kindergarten program or home-schooled Kindergarten. Children participate in a variety of enrichment activities including reading and math readiness, journals, physical fitness, Art, Music, board games, Religion and time for social interaction with their peers.

KEP will be an afternoon program, Monday-Thursday, for 2017-2018, at St. Edward's Preschool. Those attending AM Kindergarten at GES will ride a Granville bus from GES to St. Edward for their PM Kindergarten Enrichment Program Monday-Thursday.

Packets of information are available in St. Edward's Preschool Office, and are downloadable from www.saintedwardspreschool.org. We welcome families to visit our Kindergarten Enrichment Program and ask that you call/email ahead, so we can arrange a tour. For more information, contact Adrienne Evans, St. Edward's Preschool Director, at (740) 587-3275 or preschool@saintedwards.org.



"STRENGTH FOR THE JOURNEY," PRESENTED BY THE WOMEN OF ST. EDWARD

Strength for the Journey is a morning retreat for women presented by Lori Crock on Saturday, June 3rd. Join us in the Parish Hall, from around 8:30-9:00 a.m. to between 11:30 a.m. and noon. The morning includes a continental breakfast and presentations by SoulCore (Rosary prayer and exercise) and time for journaling and reflection outdoors, weather permitting. *Please dress in comfortable clothing that you can move in and bring a journal. Be ready to rest, refresh and renew in Jesus Christ.* Space is limited, so please register for this free event by May 26th by contacting Peggy Behrman at mmbehrman@aol.com or 614-937-4865, after 7:00 p.m. **A freewill offering will be accepted.**

Lori Crock writes a column for the *Catholic Times*, [Holy and Healthy Catholic](http://HolyandHealthyCatholic.com), and she blogs and speaks about the relationship between spiritual and physical strength. Lori is a St. Joseph-Plain City parishioner and a strength coach who helps people gain physical strength and improved movement skills at her fitness studio. She leads SoulCore at parishes around the diocese.



FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY

The St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry collection is next weekend, May 28th. **Donations of canned fruit, and tuna would be greatly appreciated.** Please leave your donations in the green wooden box by the Church Office. Thank you.

SVDP MAY VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

We do not normally have a volunteer of the month for May through August but we are making an exception this year. **Dick Schmitz** was to be the volunteer for September, but unfortunately for our parish, he has chosen to move to South Carolina to be closer to his grandchildren. His absence will be greatly felt. Following is a list of some of his activities:

- **Food Pantry** – Picks up donations from Kroger and the Food Pantry Network, stocks the shelves, delivers the food collected at St. Edward and St. Francis, drives guests home with their groceries.
- **SVdP Conference** – We can count on him to go on home visits as long as he is in town, collects after Mass, helped honor past Volunteers of the Month by leading students in yard work.
- **Thrift Store** – Substitutes when needed on Saturday mornings.
- **The Haven** – Helps cook meals.

Dick doesn't know the word no, it is always "when and where am I needed." He helps with any ministry. He has assisted with the Santa's Attic setup, made soup for the Soup Supper, purchased and packed gifts for the Giving Tree...you name it, he is right there. He will be moving in July, so please be sure to let him know how much you appreciate him before he leaves. The Knights of Columbus' Helping Hands will be assisting him to load his belongings on the rental truck.

"WHEN I WAS HUNGRY...."

We are seeking volunteers in two areas: to cook dinner, and assist staff at the **St. Vincent Haven, our St. Vincent de Paul shelter for men that are Homeless.** Most volunteers schedule themselves for one night a month, or are on-call as occasional subs, in case another volunteer is sick. Training is provided. Volunteer job descriptions:

– **Meal preparation:** Meal volunteers typically work with a team of 2-6 people. The team can be from your church, your work, your friends, or your own family – a rewarding way to spend time together and put your faith into practice. Most people prepare the food off-site and deliver and serve at the Haven at 5:30 p.m. However, there is also an opportunity to teach cooking to help the men be more self-sufficient when they get housing, so let us know if that interests you.

– **Staff Assistants:** Work near the front door 4:00-8:00 p.m. to buzz in visitors and residents and answer questions or summon staff. Some volunteers prefer to work with a friend or family member, but that is not required.

The Haven is located next to the SVDP Thrift Store at 115 Wilson Street. Call Judith Waite Allee at (740) 975-9606, to talk about volunteering, including other talents you may wish to share.

CATHOLIC MEN'S LUNCHEON CLUB

The next Catholic Men's Luncheon Club will feature a talk by historian Ed Quickert. Please join us Friday, June 2nd, at St. Patrick Church in downtown Columbus for Ed's talk, "The History of the Catholic Men's Luncheon Club." Holy Mass begins at 11:45 a.m., followed by lunch and Ed's talk until about 1:00 p.m. No reservations are necessary. Cost of \$10.00 covers the lunch and meeting. Bring a friend!

June's luncheon is sponsored by **Angels Nurture & Disciple** (AND, Inc.), which is an organization that seeks to inspire, empower, and facilitate significant improvement in the educational, career, financial, and spiritual well-being of single mothers who have chosen life for their child. For information on Catholic Men's Luncheon Club, visit www.catholicmensministry.com/cmlc, or contact Tim Merkle, CMLC President, at htm@ejhlaw.com.

JUBILEE OF ANNIVERSARIES 2017

Join couples from the diocese on Sunday, June 25th, at 2:30 p.m., at St. Matthew Parish, 807 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna. Mass will be presided by Bishop Frederick F. Campbell and a reception follows celebrating the 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, 55th, or 60th (and every year thereafter) Anniversary of married life. To honor and celebrate with couples who have embraced the vocation of marriage and who have continued to renew and express their commitment through the years. Please register for this event online (FamilyLife.ColsDioc.org), call the Marriage and Family Life Office at 614-241-2560, or fill out the registration form (on our bulletin boards) and send it to: The Marriage & Family Life Office at 197 E. Gay Street, Columbus, OH 43215.

HOME REPAIR BY GOSPEL ROAD VOLUNTEERS

Do you need Painting, cleaning, landscaping, simple home repair done, but aren't able to accomplish them due to age or physical challenge? The **Catholic Diocese of Columbus Gospel Road Project** might be able to help you to get that work done. On July 10-13, 150-175 youth and adults are coming to Newark and the surrounding area to provide service to those in need. We are searching for projects that help the youth to live the Gospel message of love and concern and complete work that is meaningful and helps make an impact on the lives of those being served. If you or someone you know needs help to accomplish the kinds of tasks mentioned, please take one of the flyers on our bulletin boards. Questions? Contact Ed Watson, Coordinator of Youth Ministry, at St. Francis Parish, at 740-345-9874, ext. 214 or edwatson@cducation.org.


DIOCESAN SENIOR CITIZENS DAY CELEBRATION

The Diocesan Senior Citizens Day Celebration will be at St. Joan of Arc Church in Powell on **Tuesday, June 6th**. Bishop Campbell will celebrate Mass at 10:30 a.m., and a luncheon will follow. This annual event is a great opportunity for seniors to meet with other seniors from around the Diocese. Registration for the celebration is \$10.00. To register, send a check payable to the Office for Social Concerns, Catholic Diocese of Columbus, 197 E. Gay Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215. For questions, call 614-241-2540 or email socmailbox@columbuscatholic.org. Registrations are requested by June 1.

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE – MONDAY MAY 29

The American Legion will have a service at St. Joseph Cemetery around 10:00 a.m., following the 9:00 a.m. outdoor Mass at the cemetery (bring a chair if you need to sit.) There will also be a service at Mount Calvary Cemetery around 11:00 a.m. Please join us at one of these services. St. Joseph Cemetery is located on Route 13, North of Newark. Mt. Calvary is located on Route 13 in Heath.

The Legion will be placing flags on veterans' graves at St. Joseph Cemetery on Saturday, May 27th, between 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. You are welcome to join us to make sure your loved ones are not missed.

 On Tuesday, May 23rd, there will be an Open House at Sts. Peter and Paul Retreat Center, 2734 Seminary Road, Heath. Please stop by at 1:00 p.m. to see where all the magic happens in creating head wear for patients who have hair loss due to medical issues/cancer/alopecia. See our new cutting room, supplies, and watch volunteers work on a variety of different steps in the process of making our head wear. Sts. Peter and Paul representatives will be there to answer any questions you have about their facility and tell you about what they offer. Light refreshments will be available.

A CELEBRATION FOR FR. MICHAEL REIS

All are invited

In thanksgiving, Father Michael Reis will celebrate 50 years of Priestly Ministry Sunday, June 11, 2017, at the 9:30 a.m. Mass at Saint Leonard Church, 57 Dorsey Mill Road, Heath.

A light reception will follow in the Parish Hall.

RSVP not required.

Fr. Michael Reis
25 Noe Bixby Road, #99
Columbus, OH 43213
740-501-4344

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



The Spirit of Grace and Truth

Blessed are you, Lord our God,
King of the Universe,
for you have graced us with your presence
and given us your Spirit, the Spirit
of Truth.
May we, who have been baptized by water
and the Spirit,
receive your grace and truth,
respond with hope,
and bless others with the light of your love.
And may we, anointed by the power of the
Holy Spirit,
find the peace, healing, strength, and faith
you give
as we accept your gifts.
We ask this through Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

May 21, 2017 No Longer Orphans

Today's Readings: Acts 8:5–8, 14–17; Psalm 66:1–3, 4–5, 6–7, 16, 20; 1 Peter 3:15–18; John 14:15–21. In today's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples that he will not abandon them as orphans. For three years, they had followed him and trusted that he would show them the Truth. Each of the Twelve relied on Jesus to guide them, to demonstrate the best way to be good, loving, religious people. Now he tells them to demonstrate their love by keeping the Commandments. And he assures them that he will send the Advocate. He tells them that they need to trust what they already know, for within that *knowing*, they will have all that is necessary to live in God's love. Jesus was trying to teach the Apostles the hard lesson that they need to trust what they have learned

and what they have been living. We, too, need to take that lesson to heart.

Today's Gospel is a bit about handing on what is in the family. Every family has a talent, an attitude, or a particular trait that appears here and there throughout the family tree. Jesus tells us today that he lives on in each of us through the Spirit. Jesus lives on through a holy attitude, a helping hand, a grateful smile. Guided by his commandments, we have the Spirit coursing through our spiritual veins, and we recognize him in others, and sometimes in ourselves. He remains with us, lives through us, and we share the life of God in those familiar and holy ways of the Spirit inherited through the sacraments.



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, May 22

Our Advocate

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus refers to the Advocate as the Spirit of truth. In the First Reading, Lydia who is persistent and faithful, becomes an advocate for her household and her friends, who eventually are baptized by Paul. For whom are you an advocate? *Today's Readings: Acts 16:11–15; Psalm 149:1b–2, 3–4, 5–6a, 9b; John 15:26–16:4a.*

Tuesday, May 23

Good Works, Belief, and Baptism

The account of Paul and Silas in prison, in today's First Reading, shows the strength and faith of the disciples as they spread the Good News. Because of the imprisoned evangelizers' faith, the jailer is converted. He then cares for them and is baptized, along with his household. How does your life draw others to the faith? *Today's Readings: Acts 16:22–34; Psalm 138:1–2ab, 2cde–3, 7c–8; John 16:5–11.*

Wednesday, May 24

Dying and Rising

Too often, we accept Christ's dying and rising without recognizing its profound impact on our lives. How have you allowed your faith to transform you? Have you struggled and made it through a dark time and found new life with God's help? In this sixth week of Easter, the depth of the meaning of the Paschal Mystery may just be dawning on you. Hang on to the realization of that new meaning and allow transformation to occur. *Today's Readings: Acts 17:15, 22–18:1; Psalm 148:1–2, 11–12, 13, 14; John 16:12–15.*

Thursday, May 25

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations." We often wonder how we are to fulfill this command from Jesus. In *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis speaks of slowing down and

accompanying people, allowing them to share their concerns. We can respond to others by humbly and gently sharing God's Word. *Today's Readings: Acts 1:1–11; Psalm 47:2–3, 6–7, 8–9; Ephesians 1:17–23; Matthew 28:16–20.*

Thursday of the Sixth Week in Easter

In today's reading from Acts and the Gospel, the way Jesus' disciples acted before he died and rose is contrasted with how they lived afterwards. In the Gospel, Jesus' words puzzle the Apostles. In Acts, however, Paul proceeds to spread the Good News with no qualms. He knows that his faith is based in Jesus Christ. *Today's Readings: Acts 18:1–8; Psalm 98:1, 2–3ab, 3cd–4; John 16:16–20.*

Friday, May 26

St. Philip Neri, Priest

Holiness and humor mark the life of Philip Neri (1515–1595), who frequently used lighthearted methods to emphasize a more spiritual, deeper meaning. He turned Carnival into a pilgrimage to the seven churches, complete with music, laughter, and dancing. The focus on the churches attracted so many, and the movement around the city of Rome was so exhausting, that there was no time for sinful partying. How can you use humor for holiness' sake? *Today's Readings: Acts 18:9–18; Psalm 47:2–3, 4–5, 6–7; John 16:20–23.*

Saturday, May 27

Complete Confidence in God

"If you ask anything of the Father in my name he will give it to you," Jesus tells us in today's Gospel. We often take that as an endorsement to ask for just about anything. Our prayer, however, must truly be in Jesus' name. That implies less control on every small desire we have, and more asking for the joy promised. How that joy is delivered is up to God. *Today's Readings: Acts 18:23–28; Psalm 47:2–3, 8–9, 10; John 16:23b–28.*



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“What page, what passage of the inspired books of the Old and New Testaments is not the truest of guides for human life?” ~Saint Benedict, from the *Rule of Saint Benedict* (73:3)

“Devotion to the Blessed Virgin is actually necessary, because there is no better means of obtaining God’s graces than through His most holy mother.”

~SAINT PHILIP NERI

Monday, May 22 ~ Sixth Week in the Season of Easter

Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious

Holy Gospel: John 15:26-16:4a Jesus said to his disciples: “When the Advocate comes whom I will send you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, he will testify to me. And you also testify, because you have been with me from the beginning. “I have told you this so that you may not fall away. They will expel you from the synagogues; in fact, the hour is coming when everyone who kills you will think he is offering worship to God. They will do this because they have not known either the Father or me. I have told you this so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you.”

Meditation: What does Jesus tell us about the Holy Spirit? First, the Holy Spirit is inseparably one with the Father and the Son. It is the Holy Spirit who gives life – the very life of God – and who kindles faith in hearts receptive to God's word. The Spirit makes it possible for us to know God personally. He gives us experiential knowledge of God as our Father. The Spirit witnesses to our spirit that the Father has indeed sent his Son into the world to redeem it and has raised his Son Jesus from the dead and has seated him at his right hand in glory and power. The Holy Spirit reveals to us the knowledge, wisdom and plan of God for the ages and the Spirit enables us to see with the "eyes of faith" what the Father and the Son are doing. Through the gift and working of the Holy Spirit we become witnesses to the great work of God in Christ Jesus. Jesus warned his disciples that they could expect persecution just as Jesus was opposed and treated with hostility. We have been given the Holy Spirit to help us live as disciples of Jesus Christ. The Spirit gives us courage and perseverance when we meet adversities and challenges. Do you pray for the Holy Spirit to strengthen you in faith, hope and love and to give you courage and perseverance?

Prayer: Bestow on us, we pray, O Lord, the wisdom and strength of the Cross, with which you were pleased to endow Saint Rita, so that, suffering in every tribulation with Christ, we may participate ever more deeply in his Paschal Mystery. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Have you ever given any thought as to where you turn for help and support when you most need it? True friendship is strengthened in adversity. Jesus offers his disciples the best and truest of friends. Who is this promised friend? Jesus calls the Holy Spirit our *Counselor* and *Advocate* (also translated *Paraclete* or *Helper*). Counselor is a legal term for the one who will defend someone against an adversary and who guides that person during the ordeal of trial. The Holy Spirit is our Advocate and Helper who brings us safely through the challenges and adversities we must face in this life. As Jesus approaches the hour he was to be glorified – through his death on the cross and his resurrection – he revealed more fully to his disciples the person and role of the Holy Spirit.

Tuesday, May 23 ~ Sixth Week in the Season of Easter

Holy Gospel: John 16:5-11 Jesus said to his disciples: “Now I am going to the one who sent me, and not one of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ But because I told you this, grief has filled your hearts. But I tell you the truth, it is better for you that I go. For if I do not go, the Advocate will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes he will convict the world in regard to sin and righteousness and condemnation: sin, because they do not believe in me; righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will no longer see me; condemnation, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.”

Meditation: Have you ever felt like God is far from you at times? Separation and loss of relationship often lead to grief and pain. The apostles were filled with sorrow when Jesus spoke about his imminent departure. Jesus explained that it was for their sake that he must leave them and return to his Father. He promised, however, that they would never be left alone. He will send in his place the best of friends, the Holy Spirit. Paul reminds us that "nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus" (Romans 8:39). By sending the Holy Spirit to his followers, the Lord Jesus makes his presence known to us in a new and on-going way. We are not left as orphans, but the Lord himself dwells within us through the power of the Holy Spirit (2 Corinthians 4:9; 6:16b). Jesus tells his disciples three very important things about the work of the Holy Spirit – to convince the world of sin and of righteousness and of judgment. The original word for convince also means convict. The Holy Spirit is our Sanctifier. He makes us holy as God is holy. He does this first by convicting us of our sin and by bringing us humbly to the foot of the Cross. The Spirit convinces us of God's love and forgiveness and of our utter dependence on God for his mercy and grace. We need the power of the Holy Spirit to lead us from the error of our sinful ways and to show us the way of love and truth.

Prayer: Grant, almighty and merciful God, that we may in truth receive a share in the Resurrection of Christ your Son. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: The Jews who condemned Jesus as a heretic and blasphemer thought they were serving God rather than sinning when they crucified Jesus. When the gospel was later preached on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:37), many were pricked in their heart and convicted of their sin. What made them change their mind about Jesus? It is the work of the Holy Spirit to both convict us of wrongdoing and to convince us of God's truth. The Spirit convinces us of the righteousness of Christ, backed by the fact that Jesus rose again and went to his Father. The Holy Spirit also convicts us of judgment. The Spirit gives us the inner and unshakable conviction that we shall all stand before the judgment seat of God. God's judgments are just and good. When we heed his judgments we find true peace, joy and reconciliation with God. Do you allow the Holy Spirit free reign in your life that he may set you free from the grip of sin and set you ablaze with the fire of God's love?

Wednesday, May 24 ~ Sixth Week in the Season of Easter

Holy Gospel: John 16:12-15 Jesus said to his disciples: "I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now. But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth. He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming. He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you. Everything that the Father has is mine; for this reason I told you that he will take from what is mine and declare it to you."

Meditation: Jesus told his disciples that he would send them the Spirit of truth who will guide you into all the truth...and declare to you the things that are to come (John 16:13). Through the gift and working of the Holy Spirit poured out on the new community of faith on the day of Pentecost, we too are able to profess the same creed which the apostles proclaimed – that Jesus died, and was buried, and rose again on the third day, and will come again to judge, raise the dead, and give everlasting life (the Apostles Creed). We not only have the same faith given to the apostles and early believers, but we have the same Spirit in us who raised Jesus from the dead. The Lord Jesus gives each of us his Holy Spirit as our divine Teacher and Helper that we may grow in the knowledge and wisdom of God. Do you listen attentively to God's word and allow his Holy Spirit to give you understanding of God's truth and will for your life?

Prayer: Grant, we pray, O Lord, that, as we celebrate in mystery the solemnities of your Son's Resurrection, so, too, we may be worthy to rejoice at his coming with all the Saints. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: What we would all give to know all truths! Truth, however, is not something we create nor is it our discovery. It is the gift of God who is the possessor and the giver of all truth. Jesus tells his disciples that it is the role of the Holy Spirit to reveal what is true. How can this be? Skeptics of truth don't want to believe in an absolute Truth. If truth is objective then it must be submitted to as authoritative. Some fear the truth because they think it will inhibit their freedom to act and think as they wish. Jesus told his disciples that the truth will set you free (John 8:32). The truth liberates us from doubts, illusions, and fears. Since God is the source of all truth, then the closer we draw to him and listen to his word, the more we grow in the knowledge of him and of his great love and wisdom for us.

Thursday, May 25 ~ Sixth Week in the Season of Easter
Saint Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church;
Saint Gregory VII, Pope; Saint Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, Virgin

Holy Gospel: John 16:16-20 Jesus said to his disciples: "A little while and you will no longer see me, and again a little while later and you will see me." So some of his disciples said to one another, "What does this mean that he is saying to us, 'A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me,' and 'Because I am going to the Father'?" So they said, "What is this 'little while' of which he speaks? We do not know what he means." Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, "Are you discussing with one another what I said, 'A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me'? Amen, amen, I say to you, you will weep and mourn, while the world rejoices; you will grieve, but your grief will become joy."

Meditation: The world says take your joy now in whatever pleasures you can get from this present life. Jesus points to an "other-worldly" joy which transcends anything this world can offer. Jesus contrasts present sorrows with future joy. A woman in labor suffers the birth-pangs first, but then forgets her sorrow as soon as her new-born child comes to birth. We cannot avoid pain and sorrow if we wish to follow Jesus to the cross. But in the cross of Christ we find freedom, victory, and joy. Thomas Aquinas said: "No one can live without joy. That is why a man or woman deprived of spiritual joy will turn to carnal pleasures." Do you know the joy of the Lord?

Prayer ~ Saint Bede: O God, who bring light to your Church through the learning of the Priest Saint Bede, mercifully grant that your servants may always be enlightened by his wisdom and helped by his merits. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer ~ Saint Gregory VII: Give to your Church, we pray, O Lord, that spirit of fortitude and zeal for justice which you made to shine forth in Pope Saint Gregory the Seventh, so that, rejecting evil, she may be free to carry out in charity whatever is right. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever

Prayer ~ Saint Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi: O God, lover of virginity, who adorned with heavenly gifts the Virgin Saint Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, setting her on fire with your love, grant, we pray, that we, who honor her today, may imitate her example of purity and love. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever

Contemplation: How do "weeping" and "rejoicing" go together? Jesus contrasts present sorrows with the future glory to be revealed to those who put their hope in God. For the people of Israel time was divided into two ages – the present age and the age to come. The prophets foretold the coming of the Messiah as the dawn of a new age. Jesus tells his disciples two important truths. First, he must leave them to return to his Father and second, he will surely come again at the end of time to usher in the new age of God's kingdom. Jesus' orientation for the time between his first coming and his return in glory at the end of the world is a reversal of the world's fortunes. Do you find yourself weeping and rejoicing in the Lord?

About these saints:

Saint Bede was born in England. A Benedictine, he was "the most observant and the happiest of all monks." His writings were so full of sound doctrine that he was called "Venerable" while still alive. He wrote commentaries on Holy Scripture and treatises on theology and history. He died at Jarrow, England.

Pope Saint Gregory VII was a monk of Cluny. Before ascending to the papacy, he fought against the abuse of lay investiture, the source of the evils from which the Church was suffering. His energetic stance as Pope Gregory VII earned for him the enmity of the Emperor Henry IV. He was exiled to Salerno where he died.

Saint Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi was born in Florence and joined the Carmelites when she was nineteen. She practiced great mortification for the salvation of sinners; her constant exclamation was, 'To suffer, not to die!' With apostolic zeal, she urged the renewal of the entire ecclesiastical community.

Friday, May 26 ~ Sixth Week in the Season of Easter
Saint Philip Neri, Priest

Holy Gospel: John 16:20-23 Jesus said to his disciples: "Amen, amen, I say to you, you will weep and mourn, while the world rejoices; you will grieve, but your grief will become joy. When a woman is in labor, she is in anguish because her hour has arrived; but when she has given birth to a child, she no longer

remembers the pain because of her joy that a child has been born into the world. So you also are now in anguish. But I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy away from you. On that day you will not question me about anything. Amen, amen, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in my name he will give you."

Meditation: Why does Jesus tell his disciples to weep and mourn? Jesus was neither a pessimist nor a masochist, and he was certainly more than a realist! The way to happiness and joy in the kingdom of God is through the cross. Sin must be brought to the cross of Jesus Christ and evil can only be completely mastered by the power of God's redeeming love. Jesus told his disciples that it was more blessed to mourn for sin because it would yield the fruit of peace, joy, and righteousness. Jesus knew that the cross would be a stumbling block for those who refused to believe in him. The cross for Jesus was not defeat but victory – victory over sin, over the forces of evil in the world, and over Satan, the arch-enemy of God, humankind, and all that is right and good and true.

Prayer: Father, you continually raise up your faithful to the glory of holiness. In your love kindle in us the fire of the Holy Spirit who so filled the heart of Philip Neri. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: We must remember that through his death on the cross, Jesus won for us new life and freedom over the power of sin, despair, and death. The Easter victory of Jesus teaches us courage in the face of suffering and death. In the resurrection of Christ our fears are laid to rest. His resurrection is total, final triumph, and for us peace and joy at the end. We will have troubles in the present reality. Through the eyes of faith, we know the final outcome – complete victory over sin, suffering, and death in Jesus Christ. That is why we can pray confidently now, knowing that the Father will give us everything we need to live as his children and as disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ. Do you know the Easter joy of Christ's victory over sin and death?

About Saint Philip Neri: This gracious, cheerful saint was Rome's apostle of the sixteenth century (1515-1595). A peculiar charism was his burning love of God, a love that imperceptibly communicated itself to all about him. So ardently did this fire of divine love affect him during the octave of Pentecost in his twenty-ninth year that the beating of his heart broke two ribs. It was a wound that never healed. For fifty years the saint lived on in the intensity of that love which was more at home in heaven than on earth. Through those fifty years his was an apostolate to renew the religious and ecclesiastical spirit of the Eternal City, a task he brought to a happy conclusion. It is to his credit that the practice of frequent Holy Communion, long neglected in Rome and throughout the Catholic world, was again revived. He became one of Rome's patron saints, even one of the most popular. Philip Neri loved the young, and they responded by crowding about him. As a confessor he was in great demand; among his penitents was Saint Ignatius. To perpetuate his life's work, Saint Philip founded the Congregation of the Oratory, a society of secular clergy without religious vows. The purpose of his foundation was to enkindle piety among the faithful by means of social gatherings which afforded not only entertainment but religious instruction as well. Joy and gaiety were so much a part of his normal disposition that Goethe, who esteemed him highly, called him the "humorous saint." It was his happy, blithe spirit that opened for him the hearts of children. "Philip Neri, learned and wise, by sharing the pranks of children himself became a child again" (epitaph). As a youth Philip Neri often visited the seven principal churches of Rome. He spent entire nights at the catacombs, near the tombs of the martyrs, meditating on heavenly things. The liturgy was the wellspring of his apostolic spirit; it should likewise motivate us. Philip Neri was deeply devoted to the Blessed Virgin; his prayer to her is lovely: *Immaculate Virgin, thou hast to save me. Grant that I may always remember thee; and thou, do thou never forget me. The happy day, when I shall go to behold thy beauty in paradise, seems a thousand years off. So much do I long to praise and love thee more than I can now do, my Mother, my Queen, my beloved, most beautiful, most sweet, most pure, Immaculate Mary. Amen.*

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The Catechism Corner

Happy Easter on this the 6th Sunday of Easter. He is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen! In keeping with the Easter theme of renewal of our baptismal promises, we continue through our creed reading this week paragraphs **456-483** collectively entitled, "The Son of God became man." Paragraphs **456-460** answer for us why the Word – Jesus Christ became flesh. **456** – "For us men and our salvation He came down from Heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit, he became incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and was made man." **457** – The Word became flesh for us in order to save us by reconciling us with God. **458** – The Word became flesh so that we might know God's love. **459** – The Word became flesh to be our model of holiness. **460** – The Word became flesh to make us "partakers of the divine nature." Paragraphs **461-463** are entitled the "Incarnation." The Word became flesh, the Church calls "Incarnation" the fact that the Son of God assumed a human nature in order to accomplish our salvation in it. Belief in the true Incarnation of the Son of God is the distinctive sign of Christian faith: "By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit which confesses that Jesus Christ has come in flesh is of God." The remainder of this section discusses the topic of "True God and True Man" and "How is the Son of God Man?" In brief, **480** – Jesus is true God and true man in the unity of the divine person; for this reason He is the one and only mediator between God and man. **483** – The Incarnation is therefore the mystery of the wonderful union of the divine and human natures in one person of the Word.

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Holy Scripture, the Word of God, is filled with so much meaning for us each and every week, if we only listen carefully and absorb what we are being told. In the last verse of today's First Reading we hear, "Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit." It is speaking of Sts. Peter and John who traveled to Samaria to more or less confirm those who had been baptized there.

In fact, most historians believe that the laying on of hands in the New Testament is the origin of the Sacrament of Confirmation. In the *Apostolic Constitution on the Sacrament of Confirmation* Pope Paul VI affirmed that laying on of hands in the Sacrament of Confirmation continues the grace of Pentecost (on Sunday, June 4, this year).

If you have been confirmed, you have experienced the "laying on of hands." That means the Holy Spirit has been called to bless, sanctify, transform, and give grace to you. You have received the Holy Spirit, which is the ongoing life of the Church. You have been anointed with the Spirit of God. That means you have been called to not only live out that Spirit, but also to live a life which shares that Spirit with your parish and with others.

When the priest or Bishop imposes hands, it is called epiclesis, a Greek word that means "invocation." The "laying on of hands" is an important part of the ordination of priests and deacons. St. Paul reminded us all in his First Letter to Timothy, "Do not neglect the gift you have, which was conferred on you through the prophetic word with the imposition of hands."

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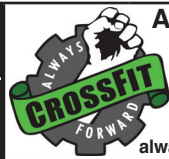
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