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# May 17, 2020 The Sixth Sunday Of Easter



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Picture: The Ascension by Benjamin West (1801)

### The Ascension of Jesus Acts 1:6-11

When they had gathered together they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

He answered them, "It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority.

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.'

When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight.

While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them.

They said, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven."

## **Pentecost Is Soon To Follow Sunday, May 31, 2020**

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, **Through Christ Our Lord, Amen** 



#### Mass Schedule - May 18, 2020

**MONDAY** St. John I, Pope & Martyr Mary Fischl & Christian Bjornholm-Rick & Kathy Biornholm Confession (Ring rectory doorbell) 5:30-6:00pm **TUESDAY** 

1:00pm-6:00pm 5:30-6:00pm

Avis Maier-Charles & Carol Maier Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Confession (Ring rectory doorbell)

WEDNESDAY St. Bernardine of Siena

Anthony Capuano-Schwalm Family Confession (Ring rectory doorbell)

**THURSDAY** 

5:30-6:00pm

Carl J. Youngblood-Charles & Carol Maier 5:30-6:00pm Confession (Ring rectory doorbell)

The Ascension of the Lord

**FRIDAY** 

St. Rita of Cascia Kay Flanagan-Knights of Columbus #7707

5:30-6:00pm Confession (Ring rectory doorbell)

**SATURDAY** 3:45-4:30pm

Joan Dowdell-Betty Carmen Confession (Ring rectory doorbell)

**SUNDAY Readings:**  The Seventh Sunday of Easter Acts 1:12-14, 1 Pt 4:13-16, Jn 17:1-11a

People of St. John's

#### Grazie di cuore (Thank you with all our heart)!

There are so many people and so much to be thankful for. We are trying to keep you interested in reading each week how thankful we are for your continued support. The outpouring of your financial support has blessed us and continues to be there week after week. We are praying the day comes soon when we can meet once again in our beautiful church home! We continue to keep you in our prayers each day. We feel the love!

#### Our options for giving:

- NEW Online giving through our website www.stjohnschurchspencerport.org/donate-online
- The collection tubes in church
- The drop box on the door to the Parish Center
- ACH
- Good old fashion mailing

Please call the office or e-mail us at sstjohnc@dor.org if you have questions with regards to any of our giving options.

#### **GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING**

Collection 5/10/20:	\$6,659.50
Weekly amount needed for budget:	
Year To Date Collection:	
Year To Date Needed for budget:	\$390,195.00

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Collection 5/3/20:	\$11,011.00
Weekly amount needed for budget:	
Year To Date Collection:	
Year To Date Needed for budget:	

#### **Prayers for Spiritual Communion**

"My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as



if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen."

**Success!** Our 49th Annual Living Rosary took place online this past Wednesday evening. Fr. Peter completed the rosary with the assistance of Steve Lewis our in house guest seminarian. Also assisting was a large group of parishioners and perhaps even some non parishioners. The views came in at 154 this morning.

There were many positive comments but the one that stood out the most to me was from a parishioner named Marcia "Thank you Father. Sure nicer than saying the rosary all alone." At a time when we are isolated and often alone the joy that was brought to so many people must have put a smile on our dear Mother Mary's face. I expect we were all heard loud and clear in heaven!

Next Year in May we will celebrate our 50th Annual Living Rosary and remember we are pulling out all the stops so you might as well mark your calendar now!



May is a month devoted to Mary Oueen of heaven so keep those rosary beads moving and prayers going!

Below are a few quotes from some really great and prayerful people who called on Mary for help and guidance during their life!

"If you ever feel distressed during your day, call upon our Lady, just say this simple prayer:

'Mary, Mother of Jesus, please be a mother to me now.' I must admit, this prayer has never failed me." - Blessed Mother Teresa

"Let us run to Mary, and, as her little children, cast ourselves into her arms with a perfect confidence." Saint Francis de Sales

"As mariners are guided into port by the shining of a star, so Christians are guided to heaven by Mary." Saint Thomas Aquinas

#### Parish Update

All of the below are still in effect. We have not been given notice when we will have clearance to reopen. We are behind the scene working to prepare for that day!

- All parish Masses, activities and meetings are canceled until further notice.
- The parish office and school building are closed. You can reach us by calling (352-5481) or e-mailing (sstjohnc@dor.org). Both e-mails and voicemail will be checked daily.
- The Prayer Chain can be reached at any time day or night by calling 585-352-5481 and press 213. We have received many prayer request and our Prayer Worriers have been selfless with their time praying for our needs!
- Church remains open for private prayer daily 9:00am to 5:00pm. People come and go throughout the day to pray and we have also continued to be a drop off location for the food shelf. That in itself has been a blessing to witness the great generosity of others during this time. Church is sanitized daily.
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is available in church during the normal times of 1:00-6:00pm on Tuesdays. We have had good attendance with no lapse during this whole time. Spending time with our Lord has been a great comfort to many.
- Staff members are checking voicemail regularly so call the office as needed. We will get back to you as soon as possible. We miss seeing you all!

Although it is difficult to have funerals at the present time, an individual Mass will still be celebrated for the repose of the soul of each of the faithful departed from ou M our community. If you should suffer a death in your family, even if you plan to have funeral services at a later time, please contact the parish office so that Father Peter can offer Mass for your loved one.

#### Visit St. John's Facebook

Fr. Peter is posting some really great videos on Facebook!

To name a few:

- The Living Rosary
- Jonah Bible Study
- At The Lamb's High Feast I & II (with singing!)
- Students & Test Takers
- Christ in Limbo (3 parts)
- Candle Making! Holy Saturday

And many more so

make sure to check them out! Kathy our parish secretary has helped a number of people navigate to Facebook and our Website over the phone so don't hesitate to call for help!

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#### **Social Ministry News**

Whatever you did for the least of my brothers, you did for Me.

Poor Box Collections for May will go to St. Peter's Kitchen. Over 100 hot lunches are served daily to needy people at St. Peters. Volunteers are needed to manage the mobile food pantry, to pick up deliveries, and wash dishes.

Ecumenical Food Shelf needs are Hamburger Helper, Hash & Chili, Green Beans & Peas, Confectionary Sugar, Crackers, Muffin Mix, Coffee (No Pods) & Shampoo. If you need food assistance, call 397-0290.

#### Prayer to St Joseph for workers and those seeking

employment: Silent and wellknown carpenter in Nazareth, model of workers, by the work of your hands you gave your contribution to the work of the Creator, you earned your living, and you provided for the needs of the Holy Family. Intercede now for all workers, in the difficulties of their daily lives especially for the unemployed, in their anxieties for tomorrow, so that through the guidance of God, the great



Architect and Builder, they all may use their strength and talents to make visible God's new creation, to offer a concrete service to society, and to earn wages worthy of their efforts. With confidence and trust we make this prayer through Jesus. Amen.

**LIST OF ONLINE MASSES:** The Catholic Courier has compiled a list of places to watch/live stream masses. Find it here: https://catholiccourier.com/articles/list-of-parishes-withlive-streams-available. To receive notifications of the livestreams and facilitate viewing, subscribe to the Courier's YouTube channel (youtube.com/catholic courier).

Confession: Monday-Friday 5:30-6:00pm and Saturday 3:45-4:30pm. Ring the rectory doorbell, 60 Martha Street. (Or by appointment: call 585-352-5481.)

Hospital Visits: If you know you are going to be hospitalized please call the office beforehand if possible. Fr. Peter will make arrangements to anoint you. Fr. Peter is only allowed to visit the hospital during Covid-19 for emergencies due to hospital regulations.

Sacraments of Baptism & Marriage: Please call the office with any questions you have during this time. Leave a message with contact information or e-mail us sstjohnc@dor.org.

Prayer Chain Call 352-5481, ext.213, and leave a message. Wills/Bequests/Memorials-Please remember St. John's Parish. Food Cupboard: (585) 397-0290

Divine Mercy Religious Shop Ministries: Due to the Corona virus emergency, and to protect the health of our volunteers and customers, the Shop is temporarily closed. However, the Shop will re -open as soon as State and local authorities recommend the reopening of all non-essential businesses. We will update this website (DMRSM.ORG or just Google Divine Mercy Religious Shop), and the Shop's phone message (585-352-5485), as soon as we know when we will be allowed.

Parish Cemetery: General Information: 352-5481