



Notes from Father Tom...

I hope you are doing well and staying safe. I am writing this in my office where I can have my mask off if the door is closed. I long for the days when this virus is gone but I realize that will probably not happen. So I do what I can to stay safe.

Graduation will take place this week for Saint Anselm School Eighth Grade. I told them at school Mass on Friday that it has been sixty years since I graduated from eighth grade. It seems like it was not long ago sometimes. Congratulations graduates. The ceremony will be live streamed.

I am writing a letter we will mail to you since some are not on the internet. The letter will give detailed info for those who wish to return to attending Mass at the end of the month. The tone of my letter is very cautionary. Much to my surprise, our huge church will not accommodate many people when social distancing gets involved. People from the same household can sit together but those who come by themselves or a couples need to be six feet from anyone else. (six feet in all directions). So the capacity of the church is dependent on whether people come as individuals, couples or families. More people if all families come, fewer if all individuals come. Everyone will need to be patient. It will be assigned seating and I know no one likes that, but it the way we know we can make it safe for everyone.

Keep in mind that the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass is still in place for everyone, not just the elderly and those with illness. More info will be in the letter once I finish it. That's all for now.

Father Pom

† SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17, Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20, 1 Pt 3:15-18, Jn 14:15-21 Sunday, MAY 17, 2020

Monday, May 18, 2020

Donna Veres

Acts 16:11-15, Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b, Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday, May 19, 2020

John Fagan

Acts 16:22-34, Ps 138:1-3, 7e-8, Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday, May 20, 2020

Robert Shelden

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1, Ps 148:1-2, 11-14, Jn 16:12-15

Thursday, May 21, 2020

Pat & Sherri Wascovich

Acts 18:1-8, Ps 98:1-4, Jn 16:16-20

Dolores Lucarelli

Friday, May 22, 2020 Acts 18:9-18, Ps 47:2-7, Jn 16:20-23

Dolores Dacarelli

Saturday, May 23

Tim McNally

† Seventh Sunday of Easter Acts 1:12-14, Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8, 1 Pt 4:13-16



Face Mask Project

We have completed nearly 200 face masks in the past three weeks. Thanks to all who sent fabric! We now have more than enough. Our fabric collection box in the Parish Office will be set aside now.



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Sunday Readings May 17, 2020 Sixth Sunday of Easter

Reading 1

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed the Christ to them. With one accord, the crowds paid attention to what was said by Philip when they heard it and saw the signs he was doing. For unclean spirits, crying out in a loud voice, came out of many possessed people, and many paralyzed or crippled people were cured. There was great joy in that city.

Now when the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent them Peter and John, who went down and prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit, for it had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20

R. (1) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. or:

R. Alleluia.

Shout joyfully to God, all the earth, sing praise to the glory of his name; proclaim his glorious praise.

Say to God, "How tremendous are your deeds!" R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. or:

R. Alleluia.

"Let all on earth worship and sing praise to you, sing praise to your name!"
Come and see the works of God, his tremendous deeds among the children of Adam.
R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. or:

R. Alleluia.

He has changed the sea into dry land; through the river they passed on foot; therefore let us rejoice in him. He rules by his might forever. R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. or:

R. Alleluia.

Hear now, all you who fear God, while I declare

what he has done for me.

Blessed be God who refused me not
my prayer or his kindness!
R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.
or:
R. Alleluia.

Reading 2 1 Pt 3:15–18

Beloved: Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts. Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope, but do it with gentleness and reverence, keeping your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who defame your good conduct in Christ may themselves be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be the will of God, than for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit.

Gospel Jn 14:15-21

Jesus said to his disciples: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him. But you know him, because he remains with you, and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him."

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Treasures From Our Tradition

There is a geography to the liturgy of baptism that distills the journey of faith. Each part of the liturgy is assigned to a distinct part of the church building. Baptism, whether of infants carried to church by their parents or of adults following the paschal candle into a darkened church at Easter, starts at the door. First, a threshold must be crossed and a new community of meaning and memory encountered for the first time. Then, the celebration moves to the place for God's Word. Next, as the litany of the saints is sung, there is a procession to the font. Finally, the movement is to the table, the altar of the Eucharist. There, newly baptized adults are brought to the sacred meal, or the parents of infants are blessed and reminded that their child will one day share fully in the table's banquet.

Many Catholic churches honor this geography by placing the font near the door, or at least small vessels with water. The doorway of our church is a place of memory, and a passageway to a new way of living.

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As Jesus prepared the apostles for the time when he would no longer be with them physically, and knowing that they would face hardship, trials, and persecution in the future, he promised them an Advocate, the Holy Spirit. Through baptism that same Spirit dwells within us, always with us to guide us in the truth of God's love and strengthen us so that we may know Christ and live as Christ's people. Now, as in every time, God knows it is not always easy to live as a Christian. With the assurance of the Holy Spirit's presence, we find the grace to love Jesus and to keep the Lord's commandments.

Strengthened To Live As Christ's Own

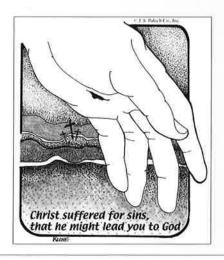
We might look at the world around us and conclude that this is the most challenging time in history during which to live as a person of faith. Yet we know this is not so. Throughout the ages, people of faith have faced mockery, persecution, and even death as a result of their commitment to Christ. Still, it is important for us to acknowledge the challenge of living as a Christian today, when faith is viewed with ambivalence at best, and often with antagonism. Some do not understand how faith and reason can sit side by side, even though many of the world's greatest scientific discoveries have been made by people of faith. Others see the failures of the Church or its leaders and discount faith as a result. We rely on the powerful presence of the Holy Spirit to be with us when we are mocked or simply misunderstood on account of our faith in Jesus Christ. Through the Holy Spirit, we will find the grace to live with conviction as Christian people.

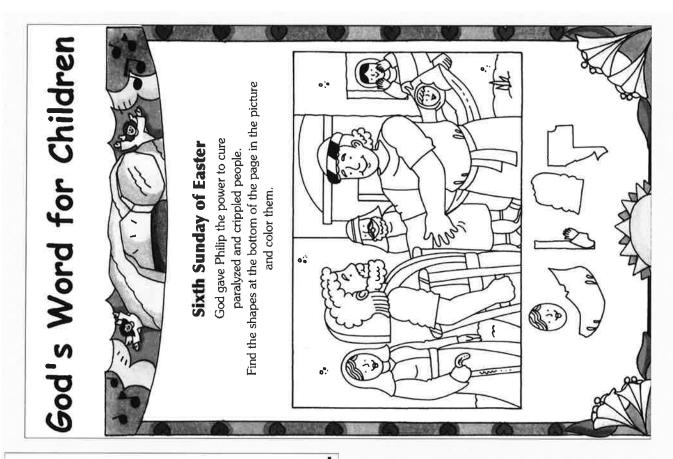
The Reason For Our Hope

Saint Peter admonishes us, "Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope." One of the greatest gifts of faith in our lives is our hope in Christ Jesus. Through Christ, we keep our eyes on the wider view of life here on earth and everlasting life with God. We know that the trials and challenges of today do not have the final word, and do not have power over us. With the presence of the Advocate, we have the help we need to live as God directs and desires, so that the world might come to know Christ through the witness of our lives. This is a hope-filled, meaningful way of life. When so much of our surrounding culture speaks of impermanence and momentary distractions, we have the hope of meaning and purpose today and the promise of eternal life to come.

Today's Readings: Acts 8:5–8, 14–17; Ps 66:1–3, 4–5, 6–7, 16, 20; 1 Peter 3:15–18; John 14:15–21

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GOD'S WORD FOR CHILDREN!

Sixth Sunday of Easter Year A

God gives us the Holy Spirit, "the Spirit of truth".

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20 1 Pt 3:15-18 Jn 14:15-21

Directions: Write or draw a picture of when you had to choose between right and wrong and the Spirit helped you

choose the right path.



Letters from Heaven



Start with the letter in the shaded square. Draw a path from letter to letter to complete the Biblical statement. Move one square at a time, up, down, right, left and diagonally until all letters are used once. Ignore any black squares.

Jesus said to his disciples, "If you love me, you will keep ...



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Heavenly Father, we pray that You will lay your healing hands upon all those who are sick. We beg you to have compassion on all those mentioned below, Amen

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Please remember in your daily prayers these individuals, who have been and are called to the priesthood.

Sunday, May 17, 2020 ~ Father Sweany Seminarians at Borromeo/St. Mary Monday, May 18 ~ John Harwood Tuesday, May 19 ~ John Harwood

Wednesday, May 20 ~ Joseph Herrera, Jr. Thursday, May 21 ~ Benjamin Jackson Friday, May 22 ~ Alexander Krukemeyer Saturday, May 23 ~ Jeffrey Lindholm



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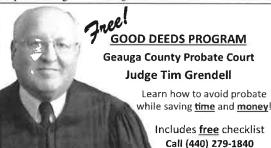


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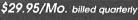
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