



6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth.” - Jn 14:16-17a

Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCC

We hope for many things: passing an exam, finding our true love, securing sustainable work, or surviving an illness. We often seek to have God be a part of what we hope for and desire, almost trying to convince Him that our agenda is what is ultimately important. While our particular hopes may appear to be what needs to be achieved in order for us to be happy, they really are not. Our lesser, more personal hopes can distract us from true hope.

When God became a human being, a powerful message was sent all that is authentically human is found in the divine. As the human Jesus lived and died in order to show us that he truly is the universal Christ, we have to keep our sight focused on our eternal truth and destiny and who we truly are. We have to be careful when we allow our earthly concerns to distract us. True hope is found when we place our trust in Christ’s promises and don’t rely on our own strength. True hope focuses on striving toward the fulfillment of God’s promises and not simply on achieving what we think we need in this life. Hope always travels with two friends — faith and love. In this trio of virtues, we find the very presence of God born in every human being. These are God’s greatest gifts, and they lead us to the fullness of His presence.

As with faith and love, we cannot see hope with just our human eyes. We don’t carry this virtue within us to use solely for our own personal agenda. Hope is not something that simply comes with the human package. As with faith and love, hope is a gift that is given to us to draw us closer to our eternal truth. Faith, hope, and love are signs that there is something far greater going on in us and something greater to persevere in obtaining. The true divine gift of hope is what will endure any hardship we encounter, especially those that will come from authentically living the Gospel. With all that is happening in our lives, in our church, and in our world, what is the reason for our hope? Ask God for the fortitude to see His eternal gift as the reason we get up in the morning and do the things we do. ©LPi

REST IN PEACE

Pray for the repose of the souls of *Armand Halle (Karen Barrows’ father), Sr. Marie Bissonette, RSM* and all of our deceased relatives, friends and benefactors.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Thursday, May 21st will be observed as the Feast of the Lord’s Ascension normally a holy day of obligation. However, with the Stay at Home Advisory in effect, Catholics are dispensed from the obligation to participate in Mass. The daily TV Mass will be celebrated from the Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Chapel at St. Paul Cathedral at 9 am on Thursday. It is televised live at Channel 193 for those who have cable and livestreamed at www.worcesterdiocese.org (scroll down at the home page to the gray colored box listing daily Mass). It can also be viewed at that website by means of Vimeo any time later in the day as well.

CONTRIBUTION REPORT

Last weekend, we deposited the following donations:

-- Weekly Adult Offerings:	\$4,173.00
-- Unrestricted Gifts:	\$ 125.00
-- Easter Envelopes:	\$ 13.00
-- Charity Reimbursement:	\$ 200.00
-- Charitable Ministries:	\$ 25.00
-- Funeral Offerings:	\$ 300.00
-- Maintenance Fund:	\$ 541.00
-- Debt Reductions Donations:	\$ 25.00
-- Memorial Gifts:	\$ 180.00
-- Holy Land & Rice Bowl:	\$ 37.00

We also received the following online donations:

-- Weekly Adult Offerings:	\$1,359.71
-- Unrestricted Donation:	\$ 105.00
-- Maintenance Fund:	\$ 324.62
-- Debt Reduction:	\$ 75.00
-- Easter Collection:	\$ 25.00
-- Fuel Donation:	\$ 24.64
-- Holy Day Collection:	\$ 5.00
-- Music Ministry Donation:	\$ 25.00
-- Charitable Ministries:	\$ 90.00
-- Catholic Relief & Rice Bowl:	\$ 15.00
-- Holy Land (Good Friday)	\$ 5.00

A significant number of people are now doing online donations which is very helpful for us and an easy way to contribute whether or not one can come to Mass. Many of you are mailing or dropping off donations at the rectory and this has enabled us to continue paying our bills.

TD BANK --AFFINITY PROGRAM

Our parish has its account with TD Bank which offers a non-profit benefit to customers like us. Members of friends of the parish who have accounts at the bank can have their savings or cd accounts tagged indicating your membership in the parish. The TD Bank Corporation then donates 1/10th of one percent of the average daily balances of all tagged savings accounts and certificates of deposit. Fr. Monroe has his personal accounts at the bank and has his account tagged and a significant number of households have done so as well. Last year we received \$1,235.45. We used the money for our charitable ministries.

None of your money is touched, the dividend comes from TD Bank Corporate Funds. If existing bank customers who are not yet participating decide to do so, we receive \$10 if they do so and \$50 for anyone who opens a new account at TD Bank and asks to have that savings or certificate of deposit account tagged. This is an easy way to provide support to the parish with no charge to yourself.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20
1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21
Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b, 2, 3-4, 5-6a, 9b/Jn 15:26 -16:4a
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 - 18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14
Jn 16:12-15
Thursday: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9/Eph 1:17-23
Mt 28:16-20
Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28
Next Sunday: Acts 1:12-14/Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8/1 Pt 4:13-16
Jn 17:1-11a

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

Have you ever Googled the word “love”? If you did, you may have come across something called the Love Calculator. It is a website where you can supply two names, and the percentage chance of a successful relationship is calculated. Curious, I entered my name and my wife’s. Twenty percent! I hope my wife doesn’t read this!

I then decided to add my name and God. A whopping thirteen percent! Then for the last attempt, I put in my name and Jesus. A very disappointing zero percent! Am I that unlovable? Of course, then I read the small print at the bottom of the page: “Please note that this site has no serious intention whatsoever.” Shocking!

The truth is, the modern world increasingly seems to have no real idea what love is or how to determine when love is real. That makes the seemingly simple words of Jesus about loving God and your neighbor very complex indeed. How can you love God with your all your heart, soul, and mind when you have no idea what the act of loving means? And then, what constitutes loving a neighbor? To make it more complicated, Jesus commands you to love them like you love yourself. I bet you can agree with me that there are a lot of people out there who do not even come close to loving themselves. Knowing what love is in modern times is just not that easy. How is a well-meaning person able to find out the true meaning of love?

You don’t know what true love is? I think you do. Turn your eyes to that crucifix hanging in your church, home, or office. The answer was given over 2,000 years ago, and the image remains for the entire world to see. —*Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS* ©LPi

OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS SCHOOL

Our school is continuing the enrollment process for the 2020-2021 school year. Our school will definitely be opening in the Fall though our enrollment has continued to decline over the last few years. Families of students who are currently enrolled are reminded to let Doreen Albert know if they wish to have the children attend next year. At the moment, due to the effects of COVID-19, we are allowing them to re-enroll without paying the usual \$250 enrollment fee – if they cannot afford to do so now. There are openings for every grade including Preschool. If parents and students would like tour of our facilities and to speak with the principal, she will be happy to arrange a meeting with you according to current protocols. You can email her at doreen.albert@ourladyoftheangels.us.

You can simply go the website: www.ourladyoftheangels.us for all the information about the school. We continue to do full time online teaching Monday through Thursday and half day on Friday.

PARTNERS IN CHARITY

We are at 55% of our parish goal for this year to fund ministries of education and charity as well as other essential pastoral services. We have received donations that total \$31,430 from Fr. Monroe and 105 other households. There are still many households who contributed last year but have not yet done so this year. We urge everyone to contribute something to this appeal.

As baptized Catholics, we are part of a parish Church as well as a diocesan Church and have the responsibility of supporting the work of both levels of Church.

We know that many are experiencing financial uncertainty at this time due to COVID-19. We ask only that you consider what you might be able to afford this year to fund the following:

Clergy Retirement - Retired Priests Health Ministry
Catholic Charities - McAuley Nazareth Home for Boys
Pernet Family Health Services - Seminarian Health Insurance
St. John Diocesan Cemetery System
Diocesan Development/Stewardship Catholic Campus Ministry
Catholic School Department - Office of Religious Education
Ongoing Priestly Formation - New Evangelization
Worcester for Youth and Young Adults
Grant-in-Aid for Catholic Schools - Seminarian Education
Central Catholic School Subsidy - African Ministry
Advanced Studies for Clergy & Laity Communications Office
Hispanic Ministry - Office of Marriage & Family
Minister to Priests - Office of the Diaconate - Respect Life Office
St. Paul’s Cathedral - Vocations Office - Office of Worship.

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun., May 17 – 6th Sunday of Easter

10:00 am Mass from St. Paul Cathedral – Channel 193
or livestream at www.worcesterdiocese.org
6:00 pm Rebroadcast of Mass at Channel 193

Mon., May 18 – St. John I

9:00 am Mass from St. Paul Cathedral – Channel 193
or livestream at www.worcesterdiocese.org

Tue., May 19 – Tuesday of the 6th Week of Easter

9:00 am Mass from St. Paul Cathedral – Channel 193
or livestream at www.worcesterdiocese.org

Wed., May 20 – St. Bernadine of Siena

9:00 am Mass from St. Paul Cathedral – Channel 193
or livestream at www.worcesterdiocese.org

Thu., May 21 – Feast of the Lord’s Ascension

9:00 am Mass from St. Paul Cathedral – Channel 193
or livestream at www.worcesterdiocese.org

Fri., May 22 – St. Rita of Cascia

9:00 am Mass from St. Paul Cathedral – Channel 193
or livestream at www.worcesterdiocese.org

Sat., May 23 – Saturday of the 6th Week of Easter

EWTN at Channel 18 has Masses at various times

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The winner of last week’s drawing is *Janet Leroux - #63.*



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