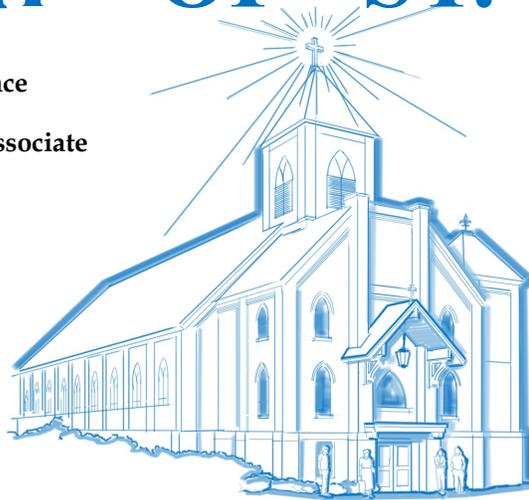


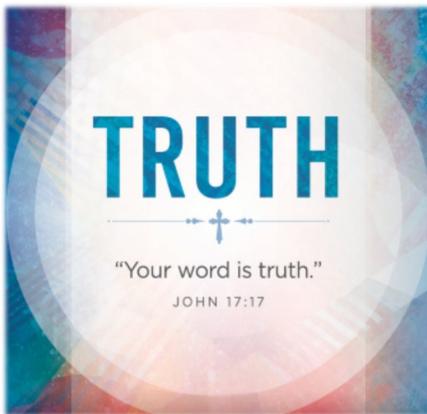
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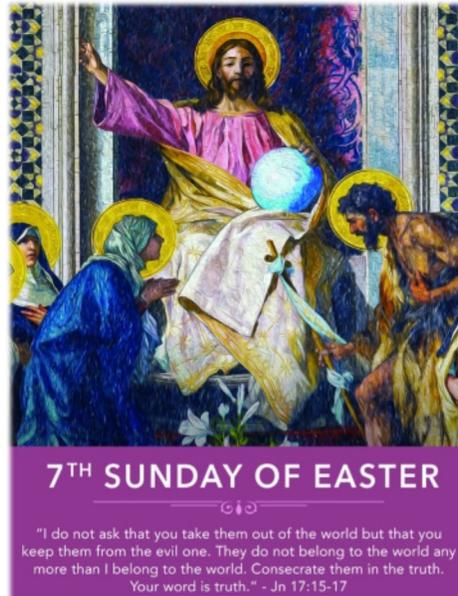
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LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration of the Week

When Jesus was physically with his disciples, he guarded and protected them. One of his greatest desires was that they share his joy completely. God's love is the source of all things and their sustenance. As we conduct the normal routines of our lives it is easy to get caught up in the immediacies of this world and lose focus. We become very self and worldly dependent, forgetting that God wishes to guard and protect us. The Joy the resurrected Christ can offer cannot be found in this world, it takes a bit of faith to realize that God's will is a constant in our lives and that God desires only the sustenance and goodness of both our bodies and our souls. We need to trust in God's constant and rejuvenation love. This radical resurrection trust allows us to experience the joy of God's presence in all of the good the bad, positive and negative, life building and life destructive events that we encounter. God remains where love remains.



Preparing for Pentecost

On **May 23rd**, we observe the wonderful feast of Pentecost, marking the fiftieth day after Easter and the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles. The Holy Spirit came as a gift to the disciples to strengthen them in going forth in the name of the Lord "to renew the face of the Earth." We invite you to wear something **red**. The blaze of color will encourage us to appreciate the red fire of God's love for us through the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

World Communications Day

Prayer

The Pope takes inspiration from a Franciscan Prayer for World Communications Day so we might turn to the Truth in person:

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Help us to recognize the evil latent in a communication that does not build communion.

Help us to remove the venom from our judgements.

Help us to speak about others as our brothers and sisters.

You are faithful and trustworthy; may our words be seeds of goodness for the world:

Where there is shouting, let us practice listening;

Where there is confusion, let us inspire harmony;

Where there is ambiguity, let us bring clarity;

Where there is exclusion, let us offer solidarity;

Where there is sensationalism, let us use sobriety;

Where there is superficiality, let us raise real questions;

Where there is prejudice, let us awaken trust;

Where there is hostility, let us bring respect;

Where there is falsehood, let us bring truth.

Amen.



Mass Intentions

Monday, May 17, 2021

Easter Weekday

7:30 a.m. *Robert Damiano* by Terry Meng

Tuesday, May 18, 2021

Saint John I, Pope & Martyr

7:30 a.m. *For Our Son David* by Ralph & Maryann DiTucci

Wednesday, May 19, 2021

Easter Weekday

7:30 a.m. *Josephine Santucci* by Theresa Santucci

Thursday, May 20, 2021

Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest

7:30 a.m. *Grazia Morreale* by Family

Friday, May 21, 2021

Saint Christopher Magallanes, Priest & Companions, Martyrs

7:30 a.m. *Frank Crane* by Daughters

Saturday, May 22, 2021

Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious

4:30 p.m. *Mary & Joseph Lamonica & The Deceased Members of The Lamonica & Sacco Families* by Bea & Wayne Crysel

Sunday, May 23, 2021

Pentecost Sunday

8:00 a.m. *Richard Guinan* by Doris Swagler

10:00 a.m. *For the People of the Parish*

Eucharistic



Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament has resumed on **Tuesdays**, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Covid protocols are still in effect. Please continue to wear a mask and socially distance. If you are interested in signing up for a certain time, please contact Teresa Quinzi Willette at 585-370-1087. Thank you.



Congratulations to our Communicants

It is a joy to welcome sixteen of our young people to the table of the Lord during the month of April. They have been preparing for this important day for some time, learning about the richness of the Eucharist in our lives; as sustenance, as sharing, as thanksgiving, as caring. Please pray for our children during this special time in their faith journey. Our Communicants are: *Finnley Atkinson, Mackenzie Boyer, Ella Cardamone, Hilary Davis, Gia DiFlorio, Liliana DiTucci, Avery Flanigan, David Herrling, Kaylee LeBlond, Colleen Morrison, William Paratore, Gabriella Pattison, William Ramsay, Addison Rountree, Sophia Schofield, Alyssa Treviso and Lilliana Witkowski.*



Catholic Ministries Appeal

Dear Parishioners: I, as your pastor need your help! As of now, we have raised just over **\$68,000** towards our **CMA goal of \$80,090.00**. Thank you so much to those who have already made a contribution. For those who have not yet had a chance to make a gift, please help us to wrap up our campaign by the end of May. You can go online (<https://www.dor.org/giving/contribute-to-the-cma/>) or mail a donation to our office. Any amount you are able to give is most appreciated. As you know, any shortfall must be made up from general parish collections.

Thank you,

Fr. Leone



Banns of Marriage

II-James Bates and Julia Benson

Please Pray for Those in the Military:



Lord, hold our troops in Your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

PVT. Kyle Anderson
 Brandon Beauchamp USAF
 USMA Matthew Blejwas
 Specialist Aaron Brochu
 Airman Rachel Brock
 BM3 Mary Carr USN
 Captain Craig Carlisle
 Chief Master Sgt. Matt Clancy
 Sgt. Robert DeMaria US Army
 1st LT Matthew J. Dunn USMC
 AO2 Timothy Fennell USN
 Captain Brian Findlay
 Lt. Kurt Findlay
 Sgt. Daniel Frate
 CW5 Thomas Grove
 Cpl. Kevin Harte
 LT. Bart Hicklin USN
 CPT. Jeffrey Huddle US Army
 Sgt. Ryan Jackson
 HM1 Christian R. Kissel USN
 Ryan LaFountain
 PVT. Jack Leonardo US Army
 HM3 Marcella Levato USN
 Bryan McAuliff USN
 PVT. Brett McCarthy US Army
 HM3 John Ross McCarthy USN
 Staff Sgt. Nathaniel McAvoy
 CPT. Richard R. McPhee
 CPT. Shannon McPhee
 Staff Sgt. Joseph Meritt Jr.
 PVT. Megan Rossi USMC
 CPT. AJ Spacher US Army
 Staff Sgt. Alesa Whelehan
 Tech. Sgt. Christopher Whelehan
 SR Darroch Zingg USN

Let Us Pray

Please remember in your prayers those members of our parish in the hospital, the sick at home, and those in nursing homes.

In your Christian charity, you are asked to pray for those who have died, especially **Mary Anne Kier and Shirley Requa**. May the Lord strengthen their families and friends at their time of loss.



Good News!

May 16, 2021

Ascension of the Lord (B)

Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23
or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13; Mk
16:15-20

The message of this feast is that Jesus was taken up into heaven. Just what does this mean? Is heaven “up there” along with the moon and the stars? Cosmology would question that. Today’s readings also say that Jesus is seated at God’s right hand. Is this science, or is it a concrete image used to explain something more marvelous than words can describe?

Traditionally the place of honor is at the dignitary’s right hand (decided by a righthander, no doubt). That Jesus sits at God’s right hand means he enjoys the place of highest honor. The psalm response refers to this exalted place as the throne of God. “Throne” suggests king. Thus, the readings tell us that Jesus, who is now exalted with divine honor, is above everything else. Finally, to say that heaven is above means that it is beyond earth, perhaps not in actual distance but in distinction and glory. Thus, Jesus’ ascension means that the risen Lord is no longer limited by the restrictions of earth’s space and time but now enjoys the highest honor with God everywhere and always.

This is the message the disciples were sent to preach. This is the message we also are sent to preach. But how are we to do it? By the way we live our lives. Emmanuel Célestin Cardinal Suhard of Paris (1874-1949) wrote: “To be a witness... means to live in such a way that one’s life would not make sense if God did not exist.” Do our lives show that we believe this?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Dear Padre

May 16, 2021

My neighbor, a fundamentalist Christian, said I won’t be saved unless I accept Jesus as my personal savior. Didn’t Jesus become my savior when I was baptized?

Your neighbor is probably referring to John 3:7, when Jesus said, “You must be born anew” (Common English Bible). Jesus is talking about a spiritual rebirth; we must have a spiritual birth in order to be saved. As you noted, Catholics believe this happens at baptism. In John 3:5, Jesus says, “Unless someone is born of water and the Spirit, it’s not possible to enter God’s kingdom.”

We are saved by the waters of baptism. But for Catholics, it’s not merely a onetime event. We continue to accept or reject the salvation offered us by the decisions we make every day.

Your neighbor used the words “personal savior.” Catholic Christians go even deeper through the sacraments. We develop and nurture a very personal relationship with Jesus by regularly receiving the Eucharist. In the sacrament of reconciliation, we admit we have sinned and ask Jesus to forgive us. And in the sacrament of confirmation, our relationship is “sealed” with the gift of the Spirit.

Many Catholics also celebrate the sacrament of marriage. The couple’s personal relationship with Jesus is deepened through the love the couple shares.

So, tell your neighbor you are indeed saved by Jesus. And because you are saved, you deepen that relationship with Jesus by living a sacramental life.

Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSSR

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday at 4:30 p.m.,
Sunday at 8:00 & 10:00

HOLY DAYS

Please consult Bulletin

DAILY MASSES

Mon.-Fri. - 7:30 a.m.
Consult bulletin for changes

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Call Rectory Office 586-3231

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.
(or by appointment)

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PARISH MEMBERSHIP

We welcome you to worship regularly with us and to join our Parish Community formally, offering your time, talents, and financial support. Newcomers are wholeheartedly received into membership by simply registering at the office at their convenience.



Collection for May 09, 2021	
Total Collection Sunday	\$7,460.00
Sunday Envelopes	\$5,949.00
Sunday Loose	\$517.00
Utilities	\$250.00
Postage	\$25.00
Catholic Courier	\$0.00
Easter	\$205.00
Easter Flowers	\$10.00
Ascension	\$210.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$50.00
Diocesan Missions	\$76.00
Candle Money	\$153.00
Total Attendance	335