Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 9, 2021

St. Joseph Catholic Church

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St. Joseph is a Tithing Parish

God's Plan for Giving

In return for the Lord's generosity, our people returned to God the following:

Sunday Collection:	**$ 3,486.25**
Our Faith Our Future:	**$ 980.00**

The above are bank deposit amounts

Second Collections

May-Mother's Day
May 13th –Ascension
May 16th –Repair & Maintenance
May 23rd -Pentecost

Missalette

If you ordered and paid for a missalette and have not received, please contact the church office. Thank you.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat. May 8th	*6th Sunday of Easter*
4:00 PM	*Mother's Day Blessings*
Sun. May 9th	
8:00 AM	*Mother's Day Blessings*
11:00 AM	*Mother's Day Blessings*
Mon. May 10th	
9:00AM	Gary Regelman
Tues. May 11th	
9:00 AM	Patricia Flanagan
Wed. May 12th	**Ascension of the Lord Vigil**
6:00 PM	Catherine Buehler
Thurs. May 13th	***The Ascension of the Lord***
NOON	In Memory or Special Intentions for the names on our Mother's Day Envelopes.
Fri. May 14th	
9:00 AM	Jean Machamer (Joe & Vickie Youman)
Sat. May 15h	*7th Sunday of Easter*
4:00 PM	Richard Szemplinksi (The Rocktashel Family)
Sun. May 16th	
8:00 AM	Patricia Rocktashel (George & Anne)
11:00 AM	People of the Parish

From our pastor,

Happy and Blessed Holy Mother's Day to all of our mothers, both living and deceased. This Sunday in America shows how the grace of God transcends all races, ages and various levels and areas of society; God wants us to love, respect and venerate our Mothers, who give to us the gift of life through Motherhood. Once one lets go of self-importance and realizes the more blessed importance of loving one's mother, then the grace of God flows.

God is love and love is never selfish, but is over flowing and ever sharing. Love of Mothers takes nothing from God, but salutes and praises the great work of God, that of the gift of Mothers. This love for mother comes not from revealed religion, but from the nature of creation, to be human is to love motherhood. Even if our mothers were not what we would call 'Motherly' even in their lacking of what should have been, they show us what we really needed. The world needs to respect, venerate and honor Mothers; it will make us a better world. Because of this truth, Mothers need to realize that they are the first experience and image of God to their little ones. Out of Mother/child experiences comes the greater, the higher God-person experience. Let us pray in gratitude to God for Motherhood. Amen

Fr. John D. Hoke

Readings for May 9, 2021

Acts of the Apostles 10:25-48
Here we see that the Holy Spirit can and does work outside of the normal sacramental process, even before Baptism, the Cornelius Family has received the Holy Spirit, but this would be an example of Actual Grace, a special grace other than Sanctifying Grace. God prepares us by Actual Grace for the greater grace, Sanctifying Grace that makes us Children of the Father, the Body of the Son, and the temple of the Holy Spirit. All is under the grace of God.

Psalm 98:
The Lord has revealed to the nations His saving power, alleluia
What God has given to us He wants us to share with the whole world; we become instruments of His grace.

1st John 4:7-10
No one can read this passage and then theologize; that salvation is just a matter of beliefs in our brain, or even feelings in our heart; we must believe and live the faith by bearing good fruit. Love is not love unless it gives itself to another.

John 15:9-17
We continue to reflect upon the meaning of the Last Supper, the gift of Holy Communion: Because He has loved us we must love one another, e become like the Eucharist we have received. No love, then no life in God.

Are you a Catholic young adult (ages 21-39) in the area looking to get together with other young adults?
We have an active group formed that meets up monthly for prayer and socialization. Contact Kelsi Chuprinski, kac056@bucknell.edu for more information. Our next gathering will be May 7th at 6pm, beginning with First Friday Mass and then going to New Trail Brewery after.

Remember those who are sick in your prayers, especially:

Jack Wasilewski
Joan Bittler
Tresha Sudol
Abram Koons
Jackie Rando
Ed Zerrenner
William Cameron
Joseph Masseri
Marie Luzenski
Billy Spaulding
Charlotte Farrell
Helen Beaver
Vickie Youman
Kurt Livingston
George Sudol
Connie Buehler
Marie Lindner
Sister Laura
Mindy Lamprinos
Ginny Azinger
Shirley Rauch
Evelyn Young
Judy Reese

Margaret Koons request we pray for the 11 on her personal prayer list.

PRAYER IS OUR WAY TO CALL UPON GOD

Diocesan Annual Campaign

Our Parish goal is $29,837.00. If you have not given towards the Annual Diocesan Campaign, please remember to do so. All contributions exceeding our Parish goal are returned to our Church.

Religious Education News!

May 16th- Last Day of CCD for those not receiving a Sacrement. All Students are required to attend class and then Mass, at Parish Center

May 23rd -First Holy Communion

June 6th –The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ, Corpus Christi- Four Confirmants will receive the Sacrement of Confirmation, Celebrant
Most Reverend Ronald W. Gainer, DD,JCL

Youth Help Needed

We will be placing flags on the graves of Veterans in our cemetery for Memorial Day. Please consider volunteering your time by assisting with flag placement. Your time helping will go towards works of Mercy. Thank you.

Filled Pork Chop Dinner

Friday, May 14th
4-6:30p.m.
St. Joseph Parish Center
854 Cemetery Road, Milton, PA
(We will not be taking phone orders)

Take out Dinner will include: Filled Pork Chop, Mashed Potatoes with gravy, Fresh Corn, Applesauce and Dessert.
$12.00

Calendar of Events

Thursday, May 13th –Ascension of the Lord
Sunday, May 31st – Memorial Day
Sunday, June 1st Confirmation with Most Reverend Ronald W. Gainer, DD,JCL
Sunday, June 20th Father's Day
Sunday, July 4th Independence Day
Saturday, July 31st –Annual Chicken BBQ Dinner
Father Hoke's Ordination Celebration/Parish Picnic- August T.B.D.
Saturday, October 2nd Rosary Rally
Saturday, October 16th –Women's Conference

May Birtdays

Marie Luzenski

A PRAYER FOR MOTHER'S DAY

God our creator,
we come before You
and lift up in prayer all mothers, grandmothers, stepmothers and mothers to be
who gave the gift of life.
We give you thanks for their presence, talents and gifts which they share in our church,
society and world.
May all mothers know of Your loving and gentle presence
and may they always turn towards You
in times of joy, sorrow and glory.
We ask this in Your Name.

Amen.

Works of Mercy Mini Camp

Looking for any student or parishioner who might be willing to donate time in working within our Parish and Community. We are hoping to do a three day camp.

Each day will start with Mass

Day one, job within our community.

Day two, job within our church community

Day three, job for our church.

Each job should take no longer than 2-3 hours. Jobs will include, grass cutting, weeding, small painting jobs.

If there is an interest, more information will be available. Please contact Anne Rocktashel, or call the church office.

Any Confirmation student in need of hours will get hours for work.

Will there be a New Restroom at Broadway Church? Yes and other concerns must be addressed

The committee continues to meet and much has changed since the Covid 19 restrictions.

We have learned that the New Parish Center can be used as an ordinary Worship Place.

We learned that we do not need the parish hall only for fund raising dinners; it can also be a worship place with take-out meal replacing the need for a dining room.

We will slowly get more worshippers back to Mass, yet the Saturday Vigil Mass is getting more crowded, with limited seating.

THE QUESTION IS? Should we move the Vigil Mass back to the Parish Center?
There is easier parking, more restroom access and more space for ease of distancing due to the Covid restrictions.

I really love offering Mass at the old Broadway church, but I realize that for many reasons this might not be practical. I know your needs are important.

I have put together a survey asking for your input, whether you would want to move the Saturday Vigil 4:00 Mass back to the Parish Center
Please take time to fill in the survey, as I am very interested in your view of this concern.

Moving Saturday 4PM Vigil to P.C.

____ I am in favor of moving Mass to Parish Center.

____ I am NOT in favor of moving Mass to Parish Center.

NAME (optional)_____