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TO YOUR SON,
SO THAT YOUR SON
MAY GLORIFY
YOU.”**

JOHN 17:1

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7th Sunday of Easter - May 24, 2020

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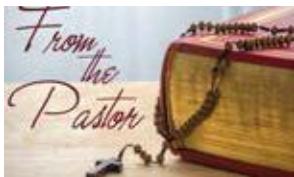
Open from 12 Noon to 7:30 PM

THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

**Mass will continue to be
livestreamed from our Sacred Heart
Church website:
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each Sunday at 9 AM, and on
Weekdays at 8 AM.**

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

**Saturday at 4 PM
and by appointment by calling
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Dear Parishioners,

Last Thursday we celebrated the Feast of the Ascension of Jesus Christ, also called Ascension Day or Ascension Thursday.

Ascension Day is traditionally celebrated the 40th day after Easter Sunday. This feast day commemorates Jesus Christ's ascension into heaven according to Christian belief. Forty days after the resurrection, Jesus and his disciples went to Mount Olivet (Mount of Olives), near Jerusalem. There Jesus promised the disciples that they would soon receive the Holy Spirit, and asked them to remain in Jerusalem until the Spirit had come. As he blessed them he began to ascend into heaven to take his seat at the right hand of God.

Luke chapter 24 tells how Jesus leads the eleven disciples to Bethany, a village on the Mount of Olives, where he instructs them to remain in Jerusalem until the coming of the Holy Spirit: "And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he parted from them, and was carried up into heaven."

This time between the Ascension and this coming Sunday – Pentecost, is a great opportunity – reflecting back to the experience the Apostles and Mary had – to prepare for The Holy Spirit, promised by Jesus.

God bless you, God love you! *Father Tad*



**Memorial Day Mass will be live streamed
at 9 AM on Monday, May 25th.**

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On our Website: www.SacredHeartRoyersford.org**

We pray for those who gave their lives in the service of others, and accept the gift of their sacrifice.
May we be worthy of their sacrifice.

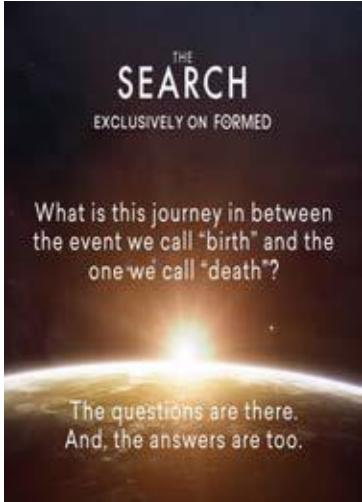
In today's Gospel...Jesus prays for His Disciples.

Today's reading is a prayer, which appears at the conclusion of Jesus' Last Supper discourse. At the end of the prayer, Jesus is arrested in the garden. The prayer might be read as Jesus' final commendation of himself to the Father. In the prayer, Jesus also expresses care and concern for his disciples.

Jesus' prayer reaffirms the complete union between Jesus and the Father. Throughout John's Gospel, Jesus has been presented as the Word, who pre-existed with the Father and was sent to do the Father's work on earth. In this prayer we learn that Jesus' life and ministry have been directed toward one purpose, revealing the Father. When this work is accomplished, Jesus is to return to the Father to be glorified. Regardless of what happens to Jesus, in John's Gospel, Jesus and the Father are in charge. Even in the description of Jesus' death, Jesus does not simply die but instead hands over his spirit.

In today's Gospel we also note the distinction found in John's Gospel between the world and the disciples. The disciples are in the world, but they are separate from it because they have been given to Jesus. They are chosen from the world to be in service to the world for its salvation. This salvation has been accomplished in Jesus because Jesus has revealed the Father to the world, but the disciples will be sent by Jesus to make both the Father and Jesus known to the world. Jesus' prayer is for the disciples' work in the world.

- Loyola Press



The world is changing, but the essential human Questions remain the same.

Why are we here? What's life all about? What happens when we die?

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LIHEAP Recovery Program Has Reopened - LIHEAP provides assistance for home energy bills, helping ensure continuity of utility and other energy services for low-income Pennsylvanians. Assistance is available for both renters and homeowners. The LIHEAP Recovery Crisis Program will offer a crisis benefit and a supplemental payment for households that previously received a crisis payment made directly to utility companies or fuel providers to help offset costs for home utilities.

LIHEAP Recovery Crisis benefits may be available if a household:

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- Owes funds to a utility provider that would constitute a service termination if not for the Public Utility Commission's moratorium on terminations.

Submit a request for assistance online at: <http://www.montcopa.org/FormCenter/Community-Connections-32/Contact-A-Navicate-195>

Support for Persons with Disabilities and the Deaf Community



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The Office for Persons with Disabilities and the Deaf Apostolate has generated wonderful supports to assist during the pandemic and the post-pandemic transition period. Consider joining their email lists to stay up to date on what's available!

- ◆ OPDarchphilly.org The home page of the Office for Persons with Disabilities lists Archdiocesan and other spiritual and practical support resources for parishes and individuals with disabilities and their family members. To receive email or text updates from the office, please text OPD to 84576.
- ◆ www.DeafCatholicPhilly.org The home page of the Deaf Apostolate provides the links to Our Daily Hope Vlog, live-streamed daily and Sunday Masses in American Sign Language and other resources to serve the Deaf Catholic Community during this time. To receive email or text updates from the Deaf Apostolate, please text *deafcatholic* to 84576.



Please Pray for Those Serving in the Military

1st Lt. Dan Cummings, U.S. Army; SPC John Patrick Dougherty, U.S. Army; Capt. Ian Gardocki, U.S.A.F., Special Forces; 2nd Lt. Nicholas Gardocki, U.S. Army; 2nd Lt. Michael McCormick, U.S. Army; SSG Daniel A. Manildo, U.S. Army; P/O HM2 Ryan M. Sirico, U.S.Navy, Medical Corps; PFC Michael Yacovelli, U.S. Army; Lance Corporal Justin Solorio, U.S. Marine Corps

Continuing Mondays at 7:30 PM through Monday, June 22

Event: Life in the Spirit: A Virtual Conference

The Lord has more for you! He desires an intimate relationship with you through openness to His Holy Spirit and His gifts. Renew and ignite the power of the Holy Spirit within you! Come and experience freedom with the Holy Spirit!

The team includes: Host, Maria Richardson of Saint Maria Goretti Parish; Father Stephen DeLacy, Vocations Director for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia; Kathleen McCarthy, In His Sign Catholic Radio Network; Gloria Domino, Catholic Charismatic Renewal; and Gina and Russ Montalbano, Bethany Music Ministry. **More information and registration:** <https://youaremadenew.com/life-in-the-spirit-2020/>

Mass and other Prayer Links and Resources

Archdiocese of Philadelphia Resources

archphila.org/resources

Note: Sunday and Weekday Masses, in addition to airing live, are archived on site for your viewing at another time.



Facebook: Search for Sacred Heart Royersford

On our Website:

www.SacredHeartRoyersford.org

Sacred Heart Parish's Daily Masses will be
livestreamed each day this week at 8am.
(Memorial Day Mass will be held at 9am.)
Sunday Masses will be livestreamed at 9am.

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hour are found at: [Mass-online.org](http://Mass-online.org)

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Mass will be rebroadcasted each Sunday at 9am.



SPIRITUAL COMMUNION
My Jesus, really present in the
Holy Sacrament of the Altar,
since I cannot now receive Thee
under the Sacramental veil, I
beseech Thee, with a heart full
of love and longing, to come
spiritually into my soul through
the Immaculate Heart of Thy
Most Holy Mother, and abide
with me forever; Thou in me,
and I in Thee, in time and in
eternity in Mary. Amen.



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I offer my prayers of thanksgiving
for you and your continued support. *Father Tad*



*Mass *pro populo* or "for the People of the Parish"

MON, May 25 St. Bede the Venerable, St. Gregory VII,
St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi

9:00 AM Alice Davis

Request of her Loving Daughter, Sara

St. Philip Neri

Joanna Edleman

Request of Yonce

St. Augustine of Canterbury

Marino Pacioni

Request of Rita Koller

THUR, May 28

8:00 AM Robert Simpson

Request of Bill Carroll and Family

SAT, May 30

4:15 PM Mary Ann Cunnane

Request of Robert and Sheila Mauger

Pentecost Sunday

Pro Populo

Vincenza Bono and Giuseppe Tulone

Request of the Ciabattoni Family

Claire Conwell

Request of Dorothy and Nicholas Valerio



**May's prayer intentions are for
Father Giuffre.**

SAINT OF THE DAY

May 25 - St. Bede the Venerable almost never left his monastery once he became a monk, but he influenced the entire Church of his day. One of the most well-rounded scholars, he wrote and taught in all areas of knowledge. Bede's writings were read in church even before his death. **St. Gregory VII** originally known as Hildebrand, was a reformer before and during his papacy (1073-1085). He struggled to gain the Church's freedom from undue civil influence and paid a price for his efforts. Gregory VII died in exile in 1085. Thirty years after his death, the Church won its struggle.

Saint Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi is known as the "ecstatic saint" because of her unusual gifts from God. To safeguard the authenticity of her visions, her confessor had her dictate them to fellow sisters. The result was five volumes encompassing ecstasies, letters, and inspirational sayings. But her life was not all sweetness; she also battled with temptations.

May 26 - St. Philip Neri - For many years after his student days, Saint Philip Neri lived as a layman engaged in prayer and apostolic works in Rome. During this time, he attracted many to join him—poor and rich. After ordination, he became a noted confessor and eventually founded the Oratory, a religious institute, with some of his followers.

May 27 - St. Augustine of Canterbury, a monk, was the first bishop of Canterbury. While he only labored for another eight years after establishing the diocese, his influence lives on. Part of his success, limited though it was, was due to his compassionate approach to the local peoples.



Nightly Rosary to End Coronavirus

Each evening thru May! Nightly at 6:00 PM in Spanish and 8:00 PM in English. If you do not have a computer you may phone in to: (646) 558-8656 Enter the Webinar ID: 494 480 541 or visit: phillyevang.org/rosary



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We pray that God will bless you all with His healing hand. **Fr. Tad**

When your loved one recovers, please notify the Parish Office so we can offer a prayer of thanks!



The St. Raymond Nonnatus Foundation for Freedom, Family, and Faith provides FREE on-line support meetings for the divorced/separated and for the adult children of divorced (over 18 years of age). The foundation offers prayerful accompaniment and support.

Learn more at www.nonnatus.org or text/call 215-870-9913. Questions or prayer requests - please email director.srnf@gmail.com. Connect on social media at *Philly Nonnatus* and *St. Raymond Nonnatus Foundation*.

Note: St. Raymond was born at Portella, Catalonia, Spain. He was delivered by caesarean operation when his mother died in childbirth. Hence his name *non natus* (not born). He joined the Mercedarians under St. Peter Nolasco at Barcelona. He succeeded Peter as chief ransomer and went to Algeria to ransom slaves. He remained as hostage for several slaves when his money ran out and was sentenced to be impaled when the governor learned that he had converted several Mohammedans. He escaped the death sentence because of the ransom he would bring, but was forced to run the gauntlet. He was then tortured for continuing his evangelizing activities but was ransomed eight months later by Peter Nolasco.

He became a Cardinal and was canonized in 1657.



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Contact Deacon Anthony for other offers of support - 267-270-6600.

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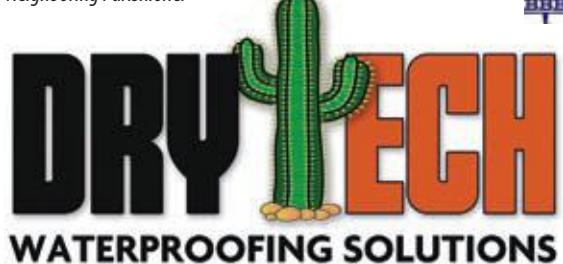
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