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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 9, 2021

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday	***5:00 p.m.***
Sunday	***9:00 a.m.***
Weekday	***8:00 a.m. Tues.***

Holy Days & Special Liturgies
(please refer to bulletin)

Reconciliation (Confession)
Contact Fr. Ed. to arrange (330-575-9105)

Eucharistic Adoration
Cancelled until further notice

Holy Rosary
Cancelled until further notice

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FEAST OF FAITH

The Creed

Following the readings and the homily, we stand together and say or sing the Creed, our profession of faith. The Creed is a solemn statement of belief, a "rule of faith" (General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 67). It states the core of what we believe about God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The language of the Creed is knotty and difficult at times, precisely because its purpose is to express with precision what we believe about God. The Creed that we pray most often, the Nicene Creed, came out of the earliest ecumenical councils: Nicea in 325 and Constantinople in 381. It originated in a time of great controversy about the divinity of Christ, and thus the longest section of the Creed relates to Christ, truly human and truly God.

The Creed is both communal and personal: it is "we," but it is also "I." In the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, it is only after listening to the teaching of the Church and professing faith in the Holy Trinity that the candidate is admitted to the sacraments. So it is every Sunday. We listen to the word, we profess our faith, and then we come to the altar.

—Corinna Laughlin, © J. S. Paluch Co.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sun. 9:00 a.m. Mass..... *Flower Fund Intentions*
Mon. No Liturgy
Tues. 8:00 a.m. Mass..... *Sadon Family*
Wed. No Liturgy
Thur. No Liturgy
Fri. 8:00 a.m. Mass @ St. Ambrose
Sat. 5:00 p.m. Mass..... *Joe Koval & Rich Kurta*
Sun. 9:00 a.m. Mass..... *Bill & Rose Sontag*

2021 ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL

THANK YOU! As of April 28th, 135 of our 510 Active Households have collectively committed $31,724.00 toward our parish's goal of $41,800.00. If you have not yet responded please do so at this time by visiting https://www.ccdoy.org/give/bishops-appeal/ or using the commitment envelopes available in the church or responding to the mailing.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Mon: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26-16:4a
Tues: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11
Wed: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15
Thur: Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20
Fri: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17
Sat: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28
To Prepare For Next Weekend's Mass . . .
Sun: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17- 23 or Eph 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]; Mk 16:15-20

THE CALL AND CAUSE OF LOVE

Love calls and causes us to do great things, more than we might believe we are capable of. While some are called to give their lives as martyrs, most of us find ourselves called to lay down our lives in smaller ways in the midst of everyday life. Parents lose sleep in the early moments of their baby's life, and again as their teens mature and gain independence. Adult children change their plans to care for aging parents. We hear the call of love as we become attentive and respond to the needs of the poor, lonely, sick, and vulnerable. Love causes us to turn our lives around, to strive to become more Christ-like in our words and actions. Peter followed this call of love when he entered the house of Cornelius, a Gentile. He was likely as astounded at the outpouring of the Holy Spirit as were the believers who accompanied him, yet love caused Peter to see beyond the accepted boundaries of religion and race, seeing instead evidence of the Lord's great love at work. *© J. S. Paluch Co.*

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Let us pray for our sick, elderly and homebound.
In particular, please remember in prayer:

Ken Boehnlein	Kyle Painley	Nancy Richards
Joyce Cavanaugh	Madeline Kapote	Marianne Baroni
Michael Carlo	Cheryl Milroy	Cecelia Woicehovich
Debbie Bukas	Bob D'Aurelio	Pat Smith
Don Havener	Eb Kotz	Billy Smith
Austin Palya	Kevin Murphy	Loretta Brugmann
Irene Welling	Kathy Paroff	Vivian Chen
David Turk	Fr. Ron Szudarek	Sue Johnson
Donna Sabarese		

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# OF ENVELOPES & ONLINE:	106 (of 380)

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Do you love Jesus? Do you consider Him your friend? Jesus says that if we love Him we would be willing to offer whatever we have to Him, not because we want praise and glory, but simply because we love Him. Does your giving seem mechanical out of obligation or do you share freely out of love?

This weekend, you are reminded to pick up a First Step Packet from the Narthex or Hallway if you wish to participate in Catholic Charities' First Step for Change campaign. The funds collected through this effort will be used to help low-income pregnant women and parents-to-be give their children a healthy start in life. If expectant parents do not have access to food, shelter, clothing, and essential items—like cribs or car seats—their children are at-risk from the very beginning. Take home a First Step Packet today and make a difference in the lives of others. Remember, all money collected by our parish will help families in our community.

Mother's Day Mass Remembrance

In loving & grateful appreciation for their countless acts of love & sacrifice,
these mothers will be remembered in the Masses celebrated Mother's Day Weekend

In Honor Of

Irene Welling
Florence Brady
Cecelia Woicehovich
Katie Toothman
Debra Toothman
Vicky Toothman
Judy Marik
Olga Pratt
Michelle Green

In Memory Of

Dolores Wenberg
Faye Carlisle
Eileen Veneziale
Mary Vanek
Rose Gaglione
Jenny Regec
Helen Sobona
Jane Kropp
Jospehine Gennaro
Martha Benek
Ellen Toothman
Agnes Basel
Elvera Sontag
Noreen Custer
Eileen D'Aurelio
Blanche Ferrari
Rose Sontag
Lillian Eppich
Imelda Westover
Linda Kulka
Margaret VanDame
Irene Rogalski
Aretta Duman
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Mary Postlethwait
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Mary Dulik
Mary Westover
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Rose Bognar
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Anne M. Gargon
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Ursula Kuzniakowski
Marie Grimley
Sophie Write
Anna Soltis
Casalicchio Beloved
Mary Buchanan
Marie Adams
Audrey Rolf
Onchak Family
Lee Januszko
Mille Oblinski
Betty Maruschak
Zitner Family
Jane Sawyer
Ethel Wojtecki
Julia Novak
Grace Goodwill
Anne La Ruffa
Alberta Richards
Betty Mahoney
Eleanor Szygenda
Josephine Geiss
Shelly Richards
Mary Koval
Mary Gluckle
Grace Cooley
Mary Burley
Mary Deininger
Evelyn Hospodansky
Lockie Romanello
Josephine Marik
Mary Brosovich
Evelyn Jasko
Eufemia Casavecchia
Francis Brosovich

Additional Donations

Mr. Ronald Nader
Mr. & Mrs. Dale Zullo

PSR SCHEDULE

The last day of weekly online lessons is today. Please continue to check your e-mails and our parish website for summer activities and updates.

ATTENTION 2ND GRADE FAMILIES

The First Communion class will participate in a May crowning ceremony during 9:00 a.m. Mass on May 9th. A reception for the First Communicants and their friends and families will be held after the Mass in Hughes Hall. Hope to see you there.

CALL FOR CATECHISTS

We thank everyone who helped to make this PSR work. It has been both challenging and rewarding, a true team effort. Looking forward to the fall, we will be in need of volunteers to teach PSR in the fall. If you are a person who would like to share their faith with a group of caring adults and have an affinity for young people, this could be your call. Please contact Peg Haney or any of the catechists to talk about serving our community in this vital way.

CATECHIST BRUNCH

All catechists are invited to brunch in the Parish Center on Sunday, May 23, after 9:00 a.m. Mass. We're looking forward to seeing you then. If you can't make it, contact Peg Haney.

CLOSING FOR SUMMER

The Religious Education office will close for the summer on Friday, May 28th. It will reopen again on Monday, August 9th.

QUESTIONS? Please contact Peg Haney (330-274-2268 or phaney@stjosephmantua.com) or the Parish Office (330-274-2253)

OUR LADY SERVICE DAY INVITATION

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Service Day is set for Saturday, May 22. This year they have invited parishioners from St. Joseph Parish to join in this effort with members of St. Joseph Cares. They would greatly appreciate your time as a volunteer. Please scan the QR Code or go to https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080d45adad2ca5f85-ourlady1 to be directed to their easy sign-up form where you can indicate which project you are interested in working. Parental supervision of children age 12 and under is required. Please be assured that your email address is secure and will not be shared in any way. It is also essential that you provide a phone number where you can most easily be reached.

PLEASE NOTE: They have many community projects at area agencies. Of special note this year is their Nursing Home Drive-By Parade project. This will be especially good for families with small children and for those who are unable to serve at our private home sites. The home yard projects will be limited to minimal volunteers so that they can adhere to physical distancing guidelines.

On May 22nd, Fr. Shawn will be kicking off the day with a special blessing under the church bell tower at 8:15 a.m. You may participate honoring physical distancing guidelines or stay in your car. The blessing will also be live streamed on Facebook so you may participate in the safety of your home as well. T-shirts will be distributed prior to the kick-off blessing for those who signed up by May 1st. Our Lady and St. Joseph Cares thank you for your generous participation. It is with heartfelt thanks that we trust in Our Lord for a safe and productive Our Lady of Perpetual Help Service Day. If you'd like more info., please email Mary (mcorrigan@olphaurora.org).

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

The Diocese of Youngstown is sponsoring a Wedding Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, June 13, 2:00 p.m., at St. Columba Cathedral, honoring couples observing their 25th, 40th, 50th and over wedding anniversaries in 2021. The celebration includes Mass with Bishop Bonnar, renewal of marriage vows, and a personalized certificate for each couple. Couples may opt to attend the Mass in person at St. Columba Cathedral or they may participate remotely via livestreaming on the diocesan website at www.doy.org. Limited spaces are available for couples at the cathedral. You must make reservations in advance for this event by contacting the Parish Office (330-274-2253) ***before May 13***. For more information, please contact 330-744-8451ext.272 or dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR MISCARRIED OR STILLBORN CHILDREN

If you know someone who has suffered the loss of a child through miscarriage or stillbirth, please invite them to one of the following Memorial Services on Sunday, May 23, in the Chapels at: Calvary Cemetery, Youngstown (248 Belle Vista Ave.) at 1:30 p.m. and Calvary Cemetery, Massillon (3469 Lincoln Way E.) at 5:30 p.m. Parents, family, grandparents and others are encouraged to attend. Sponsored by the Diocese of Youngstown Office of Worship and Office of Pro-Life, Marriage and Family Life. For more information, please call 330-744-8451.

OPEN TO THE CALL

"God sent His only Son into the world so that we might live through Him." Are you open to the call to be sent into the world as a priest or consecrated religious, that others might live in Christ? If you think God may be offering you this grace, please contact Father Scott Kopp at 330-744-8451 or skopp@youngstowndiocese.org.

DEEP DEBT

My mother was the most beautiful woman I ever saw. All I am I owe to my mother. I attribute all my success in life to the moral, intellectual, and physical education I received from her.

—George Washington

CRS LOCAL COMMITTEE

The Diocese of Youngstown is looking for individuals interested in forming a local Catholic Relief Services Committee. The goal of the committee is to become champions for our communities by leading the way to a more just and peaceful world. The committee members will work the CRS Diocesan Director on CRS related projects as well as recruit volunteers within their parish communities to work with the poor and vulnerable. Faith. Action. Results. Please consider joining to learn more. Contact Nikole Baringer at 330-744-8451, ext. 323 or email nbaringer@youngstowndiocese.org.

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Schedule of Events

~ For the Week of May 9 - 16 ~

Sun.	~ *Happy Mother's Day!* ~	
	9:00 a.m.	Mass w/May Crowning (Church)
	10:00 a.m.	Reception for 1st Communicants (Hall)
	After Mass	Troops 575/7575 Flower Sale (Outside)
Mon.	6:00-7:00 p.m.	Cub Den Mtgs. (Grounds/Alt.)
Tues.	8:00 a.m.	Mass (Church)
	7:00 p.m.	Scouts BSA Mtgs. (Grounds/Alt.)
Wed.	7:00 p.m.	Men of St. Joseph Mtg. (APR)
Thur.		
Fri.	8:00 a.m.	Mass @ St. Ambrose (Garrettsville)
Sat.	10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	Soccer Games (Fields)
	5:00 p.m.	Mass (Church)
Sun.	~ *4C's Collection Weekend* ~	
	9:00 a.m.	Mass (Church)

Congratulations are extended to those who received Eucharist for the first time on Sunday, May 2, 2021. May the Lord strengthen and nourish them each in their Christian faith.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

We celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima on May 13. Mary appeared to three peasant children near Fatima, Portugal, six times between May 13 and October 13, 1917, and asked for prayers for world peace and an end to World War I, for sinners, and for the conversion of Russia. She entrusted the children with three secrets, regarding devotion to her Immaculate Heart, a vision of hell, and a "bishop in white" shot by soldiers firing bullets and arrows. Many connect the third secret to the attempted assassination of Blessed Pope John Paul II on May 13, 1981, and the pope thanked Mary for guiding the bullet and saving him. At the Vatican, Pope Francis has stood before the statue of Our Lady from the Fatima shrine and formally entrusted the world to Mary.

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FLAG BURNING CEREMONY

Following the United States Flag Code, the Fr. Cassidy Assembly #3034 of the K of C 4th Degree will sponsor a flag disposal ceremony for all worn and weathered American flags on Sunday, June 13, at 3:00 p.m. at St. Joan of Arc, 8894 St. Rt. 14, Streetsboro, OH 44241. ***Gather your worn or torn symbols of our nation's courage and bring to the Narthex for this reverent disposal.*** All are invited to attend this impressive ceremony. Afterward, they will serve hotdogs and hamburgers. Bring a dish to share. For more info., please contact Ed Zwolinski (edwardzwolinski@gmail.com or 440-413-4246).

Your Mother is always with you.
She's the whisper of the leaves
as you walk down the street.
She's the smell of certain foods
you remember, flowers you pick
and the fragrance of life itself.
She's the cool hand on your brow
when you're not feeling well.
She's your breath in the air
on a cold winter's day.
She is the sound of the rain
that lulls you to sleep,
the colors of a rainbow;
she is Christmas morning.
Your Mother lives inside your laughter.
She's the place you came from,
your first home and she's the map
you follow with every step you take.
She's your first love, your first friend,
even your first enemy,
but nothing on earth can separate you.
Not time, not space, not even death.

~Unknown

LOTTERY RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

Follows Ohio Lottery's 3-digit daily drawings (midday & evening)

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4/26 am - No Winner (#268)	4/30 am - M. Kulla (#360)
4/26 pm - No Winner (#421)	4/30 pm - No Winner (#964)
4/27 am –No Winner (#153)	5/1 am - No Winner (#388)
4/27 pm – No Winner (#917)	5/1 pm - No Winner (#483)
4/28 am - No Winner (#520)	5/2 am - M. Berzinskas (#105)
4/28 pm - No Winner (#735)	5/2 pm - No Winner (#270)
4/29 am - No Winner (#747)	
4/29 pm - No Winner (#519)	

For tickets or more info., please call or text Deb Kruis (330-221-0272) or Mary Ann Feddor (330-842-0505).

Complete list of winners @ https://stjosephmantua.com/lottery-raffle-fundraiser