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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER — MAY 22, 2022

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**Mass Schedule**  
at St. Thomas of Canterbury Church

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 pm  
Sunday: 8 am, 10 am, noon

Daily Mass:  
Monday-Saturday, 8:30 am

**Confession**  
Saturday: 9-9:45 am or by appointment

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are at 8:30 am, noon, and 7 pm.  
It is a holy day of obligation.**

The Parish Office will be open.

**Did you register your child for 2022-23 Faith Formation Classes?**  
Classes begin in first grade. For more information, contact Faith  
Formation Director Mary Ellen Tiernan at (845) 534-2547 (option 2) or  
metiernan@stmariannecope.com.

**Inquiry and the Rite of Christian Initiation** for Adults (RCIA) and  
Teens (RCIT): Becoming a Catholic is a journey that takes time and  
guidance but has wonderful rewards! Formal classes begin in the fall,  
but this is a time for "inquiry". For information, contact Mary Ellen  
Tiernan at metiernan@stmariannecope.com.

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**Altar Server Call!** Children in fourth grade and above are invited to  
serve as an altar server at Sunday Masses. Email Father Doughty  
at pastor@stmariannecope.com and include your child's full name and  
age and a parent's telephone number.

**The Adult Faith Formation class on Women of the Bible has begun.**  
Classes are at 7 pm on May 24, May 31, June 7, June 14, and June 21  
in the St. Thomas old school building. For information, email Mary  
Maddalena at aff@stmariannecope.com.

The **Prayer Shawl Ministry** is looking for people who can knit,  
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be used to comfort the ill and/or bereaved. We usually meet on the 1st  
Monday of the month in the St. Thomas old school building. Please  
contact the Parish Office or Regina Lieby (rlieby411@gmail.com) with  
any questions. Our next meeting will be June 6 at 10 am.

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## THE PASTOR'S CORNER

# SOMETHING NEW, SOMETHING OLD: RESTORED ORDER

**A**T LAST SUNDAY'S FAMILY FORMATION GATHERING, I announced, with Mrs. Mary Ellen Tiernan, our Faith Formation Director, that next year we would begin preparing our children for earlier Confirmation with First Communion. This initiative, which is now followed in more than a dozen dioceses around the country, seeks to restore reception of the sacraments of initiation to their original order - Baptism, Confirmation, and Communion - as followed by the early Church and reiterated in the teachings of the Second Vatican Council. Its more recent practice has been seen in the Rite of Catholic Initiation of Adults (RCIA) when "catechumens" seeking to enter the Church's life are first baptized, then confirmed, and finally receive their first Holy Communion at the Easter Vigil. As practiced elsewhere, children normally will receive their first Reconciliation in second grade, and Confirmation and First Communion in third grade. In our program, children who have already received their First Communion will be confirmed earlier in an accelerated program.

For a century or more in the United States, the question of when Confirmation should be conferred has had varied and sometimes confusing answers. There was little rhyme or reason to the decision. Indeed, years ago, Confirmation was linked closely to Holy Communion (in that order), and neither was given until the age of 12 or 13 and within close proximity to one another. (Around that time (Saint) Bernadette Soubirous saw apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary - she was 14 - she had received only baptism!) It was early in the twentieth century that Pope Saint Pius X promulgated the first reception of Holy Communion for children who had reached the age of reason, or about second or third grade, which became our practice today.

Being Confirmed myself at the age of 27, with Holy Communion to follow for the first time, I am

still amazed to hear from many of our parishioners (and our deacons) at how many different ages they received their Confirmation. The present time, however, necessitates a more faithful practice to the Church's early vision for the sacrament of Confirmation, completing the grace of baptism and preparing the child for the fullness of communion in the Eucharist.

What matters essentially is Grace. Pope Francis and Pope Benedict XVI, the bishops who have Implemented Restored Order, are all of the mind that, amidst the challenges to a lived faith that are in the world today, our children need Grace as soon as possible. It is clear that teenagers in this country are in crisis and that younger children are forced to make more decisions about their moral life earlier and earlier. I am convinced that the conferral of grace in the Sacrament of Confirmation will both help them and their families weather the challenges to their faith and their lives.

I am also confident that this "intervention" will help to engage our families in the life-long task of sharing the faith with one another. Our Family Formation program will continue to provide those opportunities after the children have received Confirmation and Communion. For the teenagers (in 7th and 8th grade, and in high school), we are planning a more service-oriented, faith-based approach that will further inspire the young people to make a commitment as disciples of Christ.

For the next few weeks, I will write about different aspects of Restored Order and what it means for us. As always, I ask your prayers and encouragement for our staff as we implement this "new" program for the life of our families and our parish. We will have a special opportunity to pray as a parish family with a novena to the Holy Spirit (to be said from May 27th until Pentecost) inserted in this bulletin.

# THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE



**JOEL IS THE 36TH BOOK IN OUR BIBLES.** It is one of the briefer Old Testament books being only four chapters long. The name Joel itself means “The Lord is God”. The first two chapters deal with a famine—it is a spiritual famine in that the people were not too good at remembering that the Lord was their one and only God. The last two chapters deal with a time of plenty—when we do remember that the Lord is our God, we do not have want.

The prophecy dates from the 6th century B.C., and is a good one for our reflection at any time of the year.

In Joel’s pages, we will read of a lament over the ruin of the country and a call to repentance and prayer (ch. 1), the inevitable “Day of the Lord/Yahweh” that appears in all these Old Testament prophecies, and the familiar refrain from one of the Weston Priory hymns of decades gone by: “Come back to me with all your heart” (ch. 2), an outpouring of the Spirit that saves the day and a prophecy that Peter will quote in chapter 2 of the Acts of the Apostles (ch. 3, which is the end of ch. 2 in some Bible translations), and a passage about the judgment of the nations and ploughshares becoming swords (ch. 4, which is ch. 3 in some Bible translations—for our purposes, I am counting 4 as the number of chapters when I tally up the 1,334 chapters at the end of each of these Bible paragraphs).

When you finish this book, you will have read 36 (49.3%) of the 73 books of the Bible, yet 1,025 (76.8%) of the 1,334 chapters of the Bible.

*Permission granted by Rev. Robert J. Schrader (based on Timothy Schehr’s book, The Bible Made Easy: A Book-by-Book Introduction).*

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Mon, May 23

8:30 +Mamawal family by Linda Siner

### Tues, May 24

8:30 +Fr. Robert Hilfiker by Kathy Kissel

### Wed, May 25: *St. Bede the Venerable*

8:30 Mother’s Day Novena

### Thurs, May 26: *The Ascension of the Lord*

8:30, noon, and 7:00

### Fri, May 27: *St. Augustine of Canterbury*

8:30 +Walter Siner III by Linda Siner

### Sat, May 28

8:30 +Cornelius (Neil) Caplice by Betty Caplice

4:30 +Con Hurley by Anne McGuire

### Sun, May 29: *Seventh Sunday of Easter*

8:00 +Eileen Fitzgerald by Rich and Jean Cibirka

10:00 +Mary Feffer by Dave and Louise Carnright

12:00 Pro Populo (for the people of the parish)

*The Sunday Mass at noon will ALWAYS be offered only for the People of the Parish. The offering for an unannounced Mass is \$10; for an announced Mass—\$15.*

## READINGS FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### Reading I – Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

Through prayer and consultation, the early Church resolves the thorny question of whether Gentile converts have to observe Jewish cultural rituals. The answer was negative because this would put an unnecessary burden on them.

### Reading II – Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

All the nations, as noted in today’s Responsorial, are called to dwell in a glorious and heavenly Jerusalem, founded on the Lamb and His twelve apostles.

### The Gospel – John 14:23-29

Jesus promises that the Father and He will dwell among them but not as Jesus has up until then. He also promises to send “the Advocate” the Holy Spirit, who will teach them all they need to know.



Scan the QR code to visit the **Worship Aid** page for the readings, antiphons, and music for the Sunday Mass.

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