



St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish Family

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 17, 2020

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C.C.D.

All children preparing to receive any sacrament must be in a Religious Education Program for two consecutive years immediately prior to receiving a Sacrament. The child must also be a practicing Catholic.

Certificates of Eligibility

Certificates to act as sponsors, Godparents, etc. will only be issued to parishioners who are formally registered with the church and attend Mass on a regular basis.

New Parishioners

Please call the Rectory for an appointment to register.

Bulletin Deadline Tuesday prior to publication.

Sick Calls

Please notify the parish office

Sacrament of Marriage

Please call the Rectory one year in advance.

Sacrament of Baptism

First Sunday of each month at 11:30 a.m.
Second Sunday during 10:30 a.m. Mass
Baptismal Preparation for Parents **MUST** precede the Baptism
Please contact Father Dave for an appointment.

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR, FR. DAVE

DEAR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS:

Please know that all of you, as parishioners of St. John's, were greatly missed over the weekends. Our seminarian Bobby Rienzo and I remembered all of you in the Masses we celebrate not only for the intentions that were scheduled but for all the parishioners of the parish.

Continue to stay safe and healthy and know that our prayers are with you. As of now, there is no indication as to when Mass and other activities in the parish can resume. Pray for all those who are in any way affected by this whole situation. Know that God will bring good and blessings out of all this. Now is a good time to quiet our spirits and turn to God and allow him to work in our lives. If there is anything we can help you with, please do not hesitate to call the rectory 570-622-5470.

Father Dave

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ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS

A reminder to all parishioners that the church will be open for private prayer and time before the Blessed Sacrament on the following days and times:

Saturday --- 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Sunday --- 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Confessions will be heard on the following days and times:

Saturday --- 10:30 to 11 a.m. and 4 to 4:30 p.m.

Sunday --- There will be no confessions.

Please use the upper side door of the church where the ramp is located.

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Rosary prayed on Facebook

Divine Mercy prayed on Facebook

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FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

In this Sunday's readings Philip proclaims the gospel in Samaria and many people are cured. Peter and John follow and lay hands on the newly baptized there and they received the Holy Spirit. In this Sunday's gospel Jesus tells his disciples that those who love Him will follow His Commandments.

St. Theresa of Avila once wrote that Christ has no body on earth but ours. This sixteenth century mystic understood what Jesus meant when he said, "If you love me you will keep my Commandments." She believed we would meet Jesus' expectations by becoming a voice of the voiceless as Philip did in Samaria in today's reading – where his preaching, signs and deeds brought great joy.

If we do not speak and act for Christ, who will?

Yours in Christ,

Father Dave

MASS INTENTIONS

(Services are not open to the public)

Monday – May 18

TEDDIE BRENNAN (living intention)
(Pat Mulqueen)

Tuesday, May 19

ANNETTE LIEBERMAN (Ron & Pat Lombel)

Wednesday, May 20

ANN M. KOCH (Ed & Gerry Schwartz)

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Thursday – May 21

JOSEPH WOLLYUNG (John & Joyce Gerace)

EUGENE GUSTITIS (John B. Lieberman)

Friday, May 22

DOROTHY ELISON (Maria Schaeffer)

Saturday – May 23

YARASHUS & KOTCH FAMILY (Yarashus Family)

Sunday, May 24

CATHY MOONEY TROUP (Nora Chiplonia)

CATHERINE BORTZEL

FAMILY MATTERS

Household Chores. If God is in the ordinary activities of our lives, then He must be around when we are doing the household chores. We pray today for all those engaged in spring cleaning, regular weekend chores and all those mundane activities that make up family life.

You pray for my family and I'll pray for yours.

CANDLE DONATIONS

BVM – Living & Deceased of Tamburelli Family

by Frances Tamburelli

St. Joseph – IMO Joseph Wollyung Sr.

by Joe & Barbara Wollyung

Tabernacle – IMO Joseph E. Rosenberger

by Joe & Barbara Wollyung

Sanctuary

1. IMO Josephine Cavanaugh by Hahner Family

2. IMO Leo & Dorothy Lotz by Family

3&4. Special Intention

Guardian Angels

1&2. IMO Jimmie Florida by Joan Florida

PRAY FOR OUR SICK / DECEASED

We remember in prayer those who are ill. We commend to our Divine Lord all of our aged people and those residing in nursing homes.

Sick: *Joseph Conway Sr.*

Deceased: *William Moran*

This Week's Readings

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (May 16/17)

Reading I: Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8, 14-17

Reading II: 1 Peter 3:15-18

Gospel: John 14:15-21

ASCENSION OF THE LORD (May 21)

Reading I: Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

Reading II: Ephesians 1:17-23

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What are the reasons for the hope you have?

How do you share hope?

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

AND

CONFIRMATION

... have been cancelled until

further notice ...

WEEKLY COLLECTION

May 9/10: \$ 4,251.00

Dues: \$ 510.00

*We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving
by dropping envelopes at the rectory,
by mail and online giving.*

PRAY THE ROSARY



Recite the rosary daily during the month of May, which is dedicated to the Blessed Mother. There is no prayer more pleasing to Our Lady and more efficacious in asking for her intercession.

Pope Francis is asking Catholics to make a special effort to pray the Rosary asking for Mary's intercession in stopping the coronavirus pandemic. The month of May is traditionally devoted to Mary and many Catholics already pray the Rosary during the month. Pope Francis has written a prayer to Mary that specifically references the pandemic, which can be recited at the end of the Rosary. The prayer is on our website.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

PRAYER FOR A PANDEMIC

May we who are merely inconvenienced, remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors remember those most vulnerable.

May those who have the luxury of working from home remember those who must choose between preserving their health or making their rent.

May those who have the flexibility to care for our children when schools close remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel a trip remember those who have no safe place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market remember those who have no margin at all.

May those who settle for quarantine at home remember those who have no home.

As fear grips our country, let us choose love during this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other; let us find ways to be the loving embrace to God and our neighbor.

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CATHOLIC BISHOP ABUSE REPORTING SERVICE

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MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER "If you love me, you will keep my commandments," says Jesus. Do we model Jesus' sacrificial love in our marriage for others to see? You can learn more about loving sacrificially when you attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend. For information call 610-449-1859 or visit www.wwme.org.

CEMETERY REGULATIONS

- All decorations must be removed within 14 days after specified holidays which are: Easter, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Father's Day and Christmas.
- All decorations except those flowers or plants planted in the ground, must be removed by **July 1st**
- Placing of artificial flowers in the ground is forbidden.
- All rubbish should be taken with you or placed in receptacles at Cemetery