

May 14, 2023



Today's readings

6th Sunday of Easter

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass

Monday & Thursday:
8:00 a.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday,
and Friday:
No Mass

Weekend Mass

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday:

8:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Confession:

Saturday: 11:30 a.m.
Or by appointment

All Sacraments:

Please call the office



Happy Mother's Day



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LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, May 13 — Vigil

4:00 PM All Mothers Living & Deceased

Sunday, May 14 — 6th Sunday of Easter

8:30 AM All Mothers Living & Deceased

10:30 AM All Mothers Living & Deceased

Monday, May 15

8:00 AM † Steven W. Beck by Robert & Beverly Mascetta

Tuesday, May 16

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Wednesday, May 17

No Mass

Thursday, May 18 — Feast of the Ascension

9:00 AM † Edward A. Francowic by Son, Edward

Friday, May 19

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Saturday, May 20 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Ray, Rose & Joanne Cocciolone by patty & Rich

Sunday, May 21 — 7th Sunday of Easter

8:30 AM † Clarita Billick by Gloria Hayes

10:30 AM † Evelyn Kowell by Daughter, Paula

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Thursday: 8:30 a.m.–12; 1 p.m.–3 p.m.

Friday: 8:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Ministry Schedule — May 20 & 21

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	R. Kozar	J. Dudas	M. Smith G. Smith
8:30 a.m.	K. Miller	J. Brown	T. Todd
10:30 a.m.	G. Pesi	K. Byron	M. Guiliford

Money Counters

Monday, May 15—Team #5—R.Croushore

Ministry Schedule — May 18 Ascension

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
9:00 a.m.	S. Stein	J. Dudas	Volunteer

The Holy Spirit of God

Focusing on God's presence within is a prevailing theme found throughout our liturgy this week. For the first time during this post-Easter season, the "Spirit of truth" makes an appearance. The success of the early church was primarily because of the gift of the Holy Spirit that enlightened the hearts and minds of the people. This presence of God enabled them to deal with many hardships and yet triumphantly speak of God's glory through the gift of Jesus. In our first reading from Acts we hear of the success of Philip in his evangelization of Samaria. This has traditionally been referred to as the second Pentecost, less spectacular than the first one in Jerusalem, but essentially with the same result: "they received the Holy Spirit."



The second reading for this week takes up the delicate issue of suffering in life. The author clearly tells the people, as he speaks to us, that suffering is not to be considered a punishment for sin, for it often comes "for doing good." The Old Testament notion of God punishing for wrongs done was a hard concept to break for the early disciples. The author clearly reminds us that suffering is certainly not the will of God. Rather God's will is that everyone finds true and lasting happiness.

In the gospel for this week, Jesus once again speaks about commandments. In our world today a lot of people think of commandments as burdensome and restrictive, interfering with their freedom. We are reminded in the gospel that the way we should look at commandments is that they are an expression of our love for God. It is easy for us to fall into the mindset that we obey commandments simply because it is law, we are being reminded today that they are an expression of love for God. The gospel begins and ends with the invitation to love Jesus by keeping his commandments. But this gospel is not just about our love; rather it speaks clearly about God's love for us. God does everything possible to share divine life with us, even to sending the Spirit. On our own it is impossible either to know God or love God. This is why the gospel is so reassuring when Jesus promises us the Spirit who "remains with us, and will be in us." If we wish to grow in our love for God, we must first become attentive to the Spirit who dwells within us. We get to know the Spirit within us (who is really the presence of the risen Jesus in us) by taking sufficient time to be aware of the Spirit so near us.

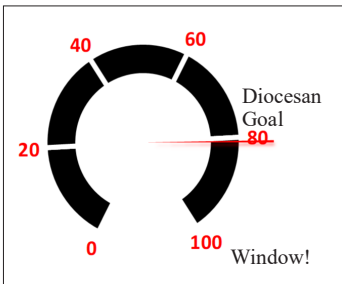
Even though the relationship of Jesus to the Father is a difficult concept to grasp, at least we can relate to the "father and son" image. But how should we represent the Spirit as a Person in God? The only real image we find in the scriptures is that of a dove, but is that all we can say about this Spirit of God. It is true that we as Catholic Christians have a lot to learn about the Spirit. There is no doubt that the charismatic movement helped with the understanding of the Holy Spirit, but do we understand how that Spirit works in and through our lives? We know that the Spirit was present at creation, has inspired the prophets, and rested upon God's Servant and Messiah. It is the Spirit who has given us Jesus (the virginal conception) and has rested upon him all his life, raising him from the dead, to establish him as Son of God in power. The same Spirit is also a gift from the Risen Christ to the church. The Spirit is the one who enables us to acknowledge God as Creator. The Spirit is always with us!

With Deepest Sympathy — Condolences are extended to the family of NUNCIO G. BATTISTA. May God grant him eternal rest, and comfort to his family. We commend his soul to rest in the peace of Christ.

Stewardship

DLA

Time is running out, we are getting to the last few weeks for our campaign for this year. Thus far we have heard from 203 of our parishioners and they have given \$45,344. **We have surpassed the diocesan goal, which is wonderful. I thank you so much for that. From this point on everything that is given from this point on will stay 100% in our parish.** This is a good opportunity for us to acquire funding for the Church.



Please consider making a contribution to be a part of the campaign. Remember that we hope to backlight one of the windows from the church on Knox and put it in our church. I want all of you who have contributed so far to know that I am grateful for the many sacrifices you make for our church.

Brown Bag Sunday

It is time to do another Brown Bag Sunday! This time we are asking you to buy yarn for our "Prayer Shall Ministry." When purchasing yarn be sure it is washable and it usually comes in 7 oz. skeins. You can bring your yarn to Mass with on the weekend of **June 10 – 11**. I thank you all in advance for your generosity!



Weekly Collection May 7

Votive Candles:	205
Utility & Energy:	152
Accent:	3
Ascension:	70
Children & Adult Collection:	\$4,503
Online Collection:	\$850
Total Collection:	\$5,783
Communications:	10
Total Collection:	\$5,793

Photo Directories

The Photo Directories are in! If you had your photo taken for the directory, you may pick your book up next weekend (May 20 –21) after Masses, or you may stop in the office. If you did not have a photo taken and are interested in a directory, you may place your name on the availability list.

Around the Diocese

Bus trip to 'Moses'

St. Paul Parish, Greensburg, is planning a bus trip to the Sight and Sound Theater, Lancaster, to see "Moses" Friday, June 23. Cost is \$178. The bus will leave at 10 a.m. The trip will include an Amish-style dinner at Plain & Fancy. Participants can register, pay the deposit and sign waivers at <https://scholasticatravel.groupcollect.com/go/15477a>. For information, call 724-989-6034.

Memorial Day car cruise/show Delmont

The annual Knights of Columbus car/cruise show will be held on **Memorial Day, Monday, May 29, from 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m.** at St. John Baptist de La Salle Parish, Delmont. Admission is free, with a \$10 donation for all vehicles displayed (trophies awarded to best in class). Proceeds will be donated to the Veterans PA Hero Fund for Returning Vets with Disabilities, Westmoreland County Veterans Food Bank and Allegheny County Heinz VA Medical Center. For information contact Dennis Majewski, 724-325-4235 or DTMajewski@aol.com, or Don Granata, 412-215-3473 or granms@outlook.com.

Faith

First Communion



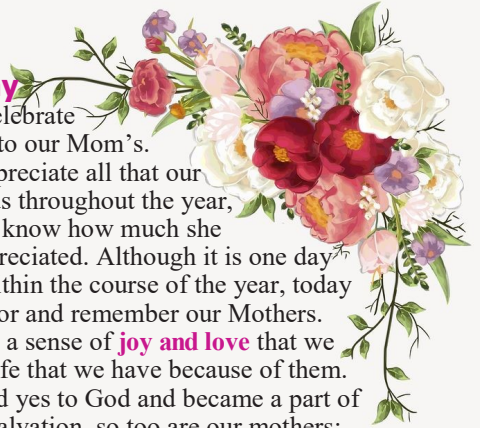
Last week, one of the communicant's name was incorrectly listed. It should be:

Rocco Anthony Naccarato

Incorrectly listed, but correct in our prayers.

Mother's Day

This week we celebrate a day dedicated to our Mom's. Although we appreciate all that our mothers do for us throughout the year, today we let her know how much she is loved and appreciated. Although it is one day found nestled within the course of the year, today we pause to honor and remember our Mothers. It is always with a sense of **joy and love** that we remember the life that we have because of them. Just as Mary said yes to God and became a part of God's plan for salvation, so too are our mothers: co-workers with God in bringing life and love to our world. I would like to extend to all of our Mothers a very Blessed and joy filled day, and for all of our mothers who are no longer with us we offer our prayers of gratitude and love. **A Joyful and Blessed day to all you Mothers.**



Monthly Rosary

The Knights of Columbus will hold their monthly rosary on Wednesday, **May 17** at 7 p.m. They will meet in the Knights' Council Hall on Grand Blvd., Monessen. All parishioners are invited. Light refreshments will follow.



T-Shirt Time

We've become known for our unified t-shirts at the festival! This year we're **heading back to the '50s!** We're now taking orders for t-shirts. The deadline is Tuesday, May 30. The shirts are **\$20.00** each. The largest size in this t-shirt is 3XL. Order size based on previous t-shirts. Orders can be placed in the collection basket or mailed to the office.



T-Shirt Order Form

To order a t-shirt, include your name, best contact number, size and \$20.00 per shirt ordered.

Name: _____

Best Contact: _____

Size & Quantity: ___ S ___ M ___ L ___ XL

___ 2XL ___ 3XL

Amount Enclosed: _____