



May 21, 2023



Today's readings

7th 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



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OUR LOCATION

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LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday, May 22

No Mass

Tuesday, May 23

No Mass

Wednesday, May 24

No Mass

Thursday, May 25

No Mass

Friday, May 26

No Mass

Saturday, May 27 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Pietro Vaccaro by Loving Family

Sunday, May 28 — Pentecost

8:30 AM † Charles Urbanowicz by Joanne Pideich & Family and Brian & Kelly DiPiazza & Family

10:30 AM † James Nahas by David & Lillian Crudo

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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 27 & 28

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	D. Harkins	K. Byron	B. Rizzuto
8:30 a.m.	S. Stein	J. Elias	V. Watson
10:30 a.m.	A. Blatnik	J. Brown	C. Blatnik

Money Counters

Monday, May 22—Team #6 — M. Smith

Our Call to Unity...

How do we show God's glory? This is a fundamental question that should answer whether we are going to be faithful disciples. Our Gospel for this week tells us exactly how we are to show God's glory. We do this through our love, unity, and forgiveness; this is the only way that the glory of God can be brought to our world. Jesus offers a final prayer for unity among his friends, the same unity that existed between him and his Father. It was important to Jesus that his followers would stay united with each other. Jesus prays that the whole church could be united with the same oneness of God, the Father and Jesus the Son. One of the greatest tragedies of our Christian Church has been the disunity that exists even today among believers. Throughout history we see some of the bloodiest disputes among believers in the Lord. So, what does this say about the command we are being given today? How are we as individuals supposed to make this dream of Jesus' a reality in our world?



The best way that we can show our love for the glory of God is by imitating Jesus. Ultimately, this is what discipleship means: imitate Jesus. This is how we are to live as disciples. This is the call of the new life of resurrection. Through our love, unity and forgiveness we imitate the love that Jesus prays for in John's gospel. Unity in life can bring much goodness, disunity among Christians is a scandal and every one of us has a responsibility to do whatever we can to make Christ's last prayer a reality. Through our efforts of promoting social justice and in securing the common good we can help bring about unity. Through our loving forgiveness we can guarantee unity within our own hearts, for love and unity among believers is the first form of our witness to the world. Our love for each other is God's love in us spilling over.

As Jesus was concerned with the immediate mission of his dearest friends, Jesus remains concerned with the mission of our church today. In the midst of changes and struggles we must never lose sight of the fact that Jesus does pray for the unity and glory of the church. As members of this sacred gift, we all hold deep within our hearts the responsibility to do all that we can to make this prayer of Jesus come to fruition. It is only through our works of mercy and peace that the real Glory of God is manifest to all of God's people here on earth.

As we await the celebration of the great feast of Pentecost and the coming of the Spirit, we all need to be mindful of this call.

Every one of us has been given the strength of that Spirit to allow us to become instruments of God's peace and justice. This week ponder over the ways that you in your own way can help to make the Glory of God known to the people around you. By using the gifts that God has given us, we can all strive to build a stronger Kingdom here on earth.

Weekly Collection May 14

Votive Candles:	368
Utility & Energy:	290
Accent:	0
Ascension:	153
Children & Adult Collection:	\$6,671
Online Collection:	\$1,330
Total Collection:	\$8,812
Communications:	75
Total Collection:	\$8,887

Groups

CDA MONESSEN COURT #776

The Court will meet on **Tuesday, May 23**, in the Church Hall. The Rosary will be prayed before the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Members are welcome to bring a guest as we participate in the Crowning of Mary and honor all women. Call Regent Debbie Genemore for additional information at 724-708-8335.

Father Mike will be away the week of May 21, so there will be no weekday Masses next week at Epiphany or St. Sebastian. Weekday Masses are held at St. Anne, Rostraver, on Monday & Thursday at 8 a.m.; Tuesday & Wednesday at Holy Family, West Newton at 8 a.m., and at St. John, Perryopolis, Monday-Thursday at 9 a.m. If you have a Mass scheduled next week, know that Father Mike will take Masses with him. The office will be open. If you need a priest, please call the office.

Stewardship

Brown Bag Sunday

Remember that on the weekend of **June 10 – 11** we are going to have another “Brown Bag” collection. This time we are asking you to bring in skeins of yarn. We have a group of parishioners who are busy knitting and crocheting blankets, shawls and other items for our shut-in’s, baptisms and nursing homes. They also distribute them to the hospitals for people going through chemotherapy. This is a wonderful way that we can touch the people of our community with love.

We are asking that you bring in skeins of yarn (please be sure it is washable) over the weekend of June 10 11, and we will take it from there. **If you have any questions about this, please give me a call. I** am grateful for your generosity!

DLA

Well, the good news is that we have reached our diocesan goal, and surpassed it by about \$1,000! Thus far we have heard from 31% of our parish and have collected \$44,921. We are still about \$9,000 away from our parish goal. Since we have reached our goal for the diocese, **every penny that is given from this point on will stay 100% in the parish.** Even though we are hoping to backlight on of the windows from the church on Knox, there are many other projects that need our attention. **I am asking that the remaining 70% of our parishioners make some effort with this year’s DLA.**

Please know that I am grateful to all of our parishioners for the many ways that you do support your church.

Photo Directories

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If you had your photo taken for the directory, you may pick your book up in the office. If you did not have a photo taken and are interested in a directory, please call the office and place your name on the availability list.

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: _____

Faith

Feast of Pentecost

Next week we celebrate the great feast of Pentecost! The Easter season lasts for fifty days, ending with Pentecost (the Greek word meaning “fiftieth”). Ranking second only to Easter, the feast of Pentecost must be understood in the context of the Jewish feast by the same name. This prolonged festival celebrated the theme of harvest and thanksgiving. It evolved before the time of Christ into a memorial of the covenant.

The weekdays **between the Ascension and Pentecost are a preparation period for the outpouring of the Spirit.** This great feast closes out the Easter season. It celebrates the overwhelming experience of God pouring out the Spirit upon the first community of those who believed Jesus was the Lord and Christ. Pentecost is called, therefore, the birth of the church or the birth of the church’s mission.

REMEMBER TO WEAR RED NEXT WEEK!



Decorating for Pentecost

We will be decorating for Pentecost on Thursday, May 25 at 6:00 p.m. If you are able to help, we could use your assistance. We will also need help in taking things down after 10:30 Mass on Sunday.

Graduates Mass



The Graduates Mass and breakfast will be on **Sunday, May 28** at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Letters of invitation were sent out to our high school graduates. If you are a high school graduate and a member of Epiphany of Our Lord, and did not receive a letter, please call the office by **Wednesday, May 24** and let us know if you will be attending. As a reminder, graduates are to wear their cap and gown.

Eucharistic Congress

Last week, clergy and lay people from around the diocese gathered in Greensburg for the local level of the Eucharistic Congress. The National Eucharistic Congress will be held in Indianapolis in 2024, the first in nearly 50 years. Rekindling devotion to the Eucharist, the true presence of Christ, is not only for the clergy, but for each of us to acknowledge and share with those around us. To learn more about the Eucharistic Revival visit the website eucharisticrevival.org

Catholic Accent to air on WPXI

Intentional Disciples, those who love and care for others with a purpose, are featured on the current edition of “The Catholic Accent” television program airing on **WPXI, Channel 11, on Sunday, May 21, at 11:30 a.m., and additional times on MeTV.** Join Bishop Larry J. Kulick as he discusses the call of **intentional discipleship** locally and its role in the National Eucharistic Revival.

More than 1,000 people in one day visited Christ Our Shepherd Center in Greensburg to participate in a one-of-a-kind immersive experience. “The Catholic Accent” highlights other unique events in store for our faith community.

And, “The Catholic Accent” helps you plan your summer by featuring the upcoming festivals scheduled at parishes across the Diocese, including a special international food festival. “The Catholic Accent” is always on at **TheAccentOnline.org.**