

May 7, 2023



Today's readings

5th 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



OUR LOCATION

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LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, May 6— Vigil

4:00 PM † Lena, Art Marino and Norma Pasquinelli by Joe and Sue Surdyn

Sunday, May 7 — 5th Sunday of Easter

8:30 AM † Gloria Martinez & Felix Martinez by the Bennet Family

10:30 AM † Nancy Penich by Arlene Karg

Monday, May 8

8:00 AM † Richard Fantauzzi by Nida Sungala

Tuesday, May 9

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Wednesday, May 10

No Mass

Thursday, May 11

8:00 AM † Joseph Vizza by Joe & Mary Ann Gallo

Friday, May 12

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

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

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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 13 & 14

	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. Imbrescia	M. Guiliford

Money Counters

Monday, May 8—Team #4— J. Petritis

“...there are many dwelling places.”

One of the great mysteries of life has to do with what lies ahead of us after this life is ended. We ponder what heaven might be like, where it is and how will we be when we get there.



Ever since religions embraced the idea of eternal life people have wondered about what God might look like. Today we are given a glimpse of what Jesus refers to when he speaks of eternal life and the presence of God. Jesus speaks of dwelling places in this Sunday’s gospel. However, the dwelling places that Jesus speaks of are not row houses nor sprawling, multi-million dollar mansions.

Jesus speaks of his “Father’s house,” dwelling places,” and “preparing a place.” At first we, like the disciples might think of this as a physical location, a destination such as we could find if we knew “the way.” Jesus leads us to a deeper understanding when he reveals where he and the Father dwell: within one another. One surprise of the gospel is that Jesus’ dwelling place is not a space but a relationship: “I am in the Father and the Father is in me.” The way to this dwelling place is Jesus who leads us into the heart of God. The gospel is challenging us to enter into a profound relationship with Jesus, which ultimately means we share a profound relationship with the Father as well.

In the second reading St. Peter, like St. John, speaks of our intimate relationship with God in Christ, but he uses different images. God dwells not in a house of stone, but in a spiritual house made of living stones. We are that spiritual house, those living stones, because we are chosen and precious in the sight of God.

Another surprise of the gospel is that there are, indeed, “many dwelling places” as many as there are faithful disciples who are the spiritual house, the living stones, the presence of the risen Jesus for each other. The astounding message of the risen Jesus is that we ourselves are the living, risen Jesus. Jesus charges us to do the works that he does. The first “work” is to open us to God’s indwelling – everything else depends on this.

In the gospel we find once again that the disciples do not have a clue as to what Jesus is speaking about. Try to imagine that after three years of faithful listening to Jesus, of witnessing his deeds of compassion and innumerable healings he had been performing, of receiving Jesus’ instructions and warnings about their own future mission, and as Jesus is about to “pass from this world to the Father,” the Twelve still get almost everything wrong and seem to be completely at a loss when Jesus speaks about the events that are about to unfold. These are the people whom we look to as the leaders of our faith! The gospel of Jesus was as much of a challenge to those disciples as it is to us today.

As our Liturgies move toward Pentecost, we find ourselves more and more challenged to encounter the risen Jesus. We do that in our everyday lives by doing the works of Jesus and by recognizing the risen Jesus in the other. The practical challenge here is that our baptism plunges us not only into a relationship with the “Triune God” but also into a profound relationship with each other. Therefore, our belief in the resurrection and the good news of salvation is played out concretely in the way we treat others in justice, mercy, forgiveness, and love. Relationships always make demands on us. Moreover, we cannot have a relationship with Jesus and the Father without relationships with each other. That is both the challenge and the good news!

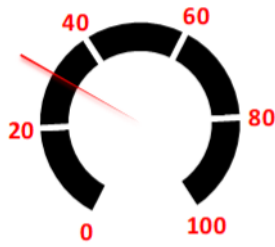
Congratulations to Fr. Mike on his 43rd Ordination Anniversary on May 3. May God reward you and bless you for your caring and dedicated service.

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

Stewardship

DLA

There are 4 weeks left in this year's DLA campaign, and **we still are short of our parish goal** of \$53,854. With 31% of our parish participating, we have just made our Diocesan goal with \$44,736 in gifts and pledges. Any contribution made now stays in our parish. I was hoping to reach our parish goal so that we can bring a window from the church on Knox and refurbish it for our church. **If you have not yet responded, won't you consider making a gift** to the campaign this year?



Participation Chart

Weekly Collection April 30

Votive Candles:	220
Utility & Energy:	75
Accent:	43
Ascension:	5
Children & Adult Collection:	\$5,603
Online Collection:	\$1,396
Total Collection:	\$7,342
Communications:	5
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Online Giving

As everyone is getting busy making summer plans, you might want to consider online giving to make sure your contribution is counted. You can do it one time, or however long you wish. It can be stopped at any time. Online giving can be found on the website as well as on the app.

Festival Meeting



We held a festival planning meeting this past week where we discussed the activities for this year's event. The theme for this year is the 1950's / Do-Wop! The festival dates are Friday, August 4 and Saturday, August 5, so mark your calendars. To make this a successful event, we are reaching out to the parish family for a few things that we will need.

One thing we are looking to do differently this year is to hold a car show on Saturday. To pull this off successfully, we need three golf carts. **If anyone has a golf cart that we can use**, please let me know or call the office. Because of the car show, Saturday early afternoon parking will be in designated spaces. To make sure we fit the maximum number of vehicles, we are asking for **volunteers to help direct the parking**. And lastly (for now!) if you are able to make a **monetary donation toward the Basket Raffle items**, it would be very much appreciated. Simply put it in an envelope marked Basket Raffle and drop it in the collection basket, or send it to the office. There will be more details as time goes on, but I wanted to alert you to what are newer needs will be this year. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Ravioli Sale

Frozen Ravioli Drive-by Sale

St. Anne Church, Rostraver, is holding a frozen ravioli sale on **Saturday, May 13 from 9 a.m. until 12:00 Noon**. Ravioli, (meat or cheese) are \$12 /dozen, sauce is \$7/quart and meatballs are \$7/ half dozen. The event is sponsored by the St. Anne Holy Name Society and Christian Mothers. All proceeds benefit the Rostraver Food Bank, College Scholarships, Women's Shelter, Catholic Charities and St. Sebastian Regional School.

Faith

May Crowning

For centuries, the Catholic Church has set aside the month of May to honor Mary, the Mother of God. Many people set up May Altars in their homes to honor of the Blessed Mother. During the month of May, it has also been a tradition to crown a statue of Mary.

The Epiphany Ladies will hold a May Crowning on Tuesday, **May 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the church**. First Communicants and their families are invited to attend, as is the **parish community**.

The Epiphany Ladies will hold their regular monthly meeting following the May crowning.



Groups

Holy Name Sunday is May 14. There will be corporate communion at the 8:30 a.m. Mass. The regular monthly meeting will follow in the church hall.

Purse Bash

Last week we had our first "Purse Bash" and it was a tremendous success! We paired up with the ladies from St. Sebastian's and together they pulled off an enjoyable event. All who came certainly had a wonderful time! I am grateful to everyone who helped make this event such a success.

Out of Office

The office will be **closed on Tuesday, May 9 and Thursday May 11** for staff to attend the Eucharistic Congress. If you have any questions, please call the office number and leave a message with the answering service.

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: _____