



May 15, 2022

**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

Epiphany of Our Lord Catholic Church

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Office Hours

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LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, May 14 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Ted Zelinsky & Bill Hopkins by Wives,
Jackie Zelinsky & Andrea Hopkins

Sunday, May 15—5th Sunday of Easter

8:30 AM † Decesased members of the Harhai & Walker
Families by Harhai Family

10:30 AM † Doris Kukler by Husband, Alex & Children

Monday, May 16

8:00 AM † Raymond Cocciolone by Family

Tuesday, May 17

No Mass

Wednesday, May 18

No Mass

Thursday, May 19

8:00 AM † Deb Harkins by Dan Harkins

Friday, May 20

No Mass

Saturday, May 21 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Jim Sepesky by Della Gueseman

Sunday, May 22 — 6th Sunday of Easter

8:30 AM † Metro Petrosky by Flo

10:30 AM † Edward A. Francowic by Son, Edward

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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 21 & 22

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	R. kozar	L. Henry	T. Todd
8:30 a.m.	F. Petrosky	A. Pastella	D. DeFelices M. Smith
10:30 a.m.	J. Sacco	E. Yatchyshyn	B. Rizzuto L. Assenat

Money Counters

Monday, May 16—Team #1—B. Geis

How do you love?

We are certainly not getting anything new from our scriptures today. They echo the same message that resounds throughout the teachings of Jesus; namely that we are simply to “have love for one another.” It is somewhat ironic that such a simple message



be repeated over and over again, but this sums up Jesus’ entire ministry. If we were to take apart everything that Jesus did and taught it could be seen through this simple command of loving one another. I think that the question we need to ask ourselves is how something so simple can be so hard...but it is!

We need to be clear in our understanding that Jesus is not expecting us to do this alone; we will have His divine guidance and strength throughout our lives. If we listen to what is being told to us in our readings today, this certainly proves his point. The first reading once again informs us of the issues that the early church was having, along with the personal struggles of the disciples. This was no easy battle and it certainly would have been hard to make this command of Jesus a part of their everyday life. To love as Jesus commands is not easy; it requires a great deal of reserve on our part.

Our reading from Revelation reminds us that there is a great reward awaiting all of those who follow the law of love. We are given a picture of what it will be like at the end of time. The great battle between good and evil, between the powers of this world and Christ are over. Christ now reigns over his kingdom. This vision gives all who believe a vision of hope. The old world of grief, pain, and mourning has ended and God is promising his eternal presence in the midst of the old city of Jerusalem. All of this awaits those who “love.” These passages of reassurance offer a vision of joy and promise, now free from fear of enemies. Everything is new. The old order has passed away. It is the culmination of every hopeful promise made in the Scriptures and unites believers everywhere with God.

All good things will come to those who love as we are being asked. This new command that Jesus gives is all about the paschal transformation that challenges us. We are to make the self-sacrificing love of Jesus a part of who we are and what we profess to be. Our Easter joy is not found in avoiding the costs it makes on our lives, rather we are to embrace life for the sake of the new heaven and earth that it promises. By our own self-sacrificing love, we are the presence of the risen Christ for others.

We are all drawn to give of ourselves in love. The problem is we all seem to define love to fit our needs and wants. We are all well aware of the fact that true love in the way that Jesus commands is hard. It is not just in words that we live this command; we must make it a part of our everyday living.

The question we need to ask ourselves is: How do we love? How do we experience love and what do we do to reflect Christ’s commandment “to love one another”? This is what it means to be a follower of Christ. It is not what we say that is so important rather it is how we live and how we love that makes the real difference.

Daily Readings

Readings for the week of May 15, 2022

Sundays: Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

Online Giving

As we start to make summer vacation plans make sure your contribution is counted; consider giving online. You can do it one time, or however long you wish. It can be stopped at any time. You can sign up for Online Giving on the website as well as on the app.

Stewardship

Pierogi Time

We have started making our festival pierogi! If you can help, even for an hour or so, it would be greatly appreciated. We will begin at 7:00 a.m. for each session, but come when you are able.

Monday, May 23
Monday, June 6
Monday, June 20

Homemade pierogis are a big draw for our festival.

Weekly Collection May 8

Votive Candles:	221
Utility & Energy:	50
Accent:	0
St. Anthony:	8
Children & Adult Collection:	5,290
Online Collection:	1,629
Total Collection:	\$7,198
Comm. /Media:	20
Total Collection:	\$7,218

Parish Picnic

Looking ahead at our Parish Picnic...



June 12 is the date set for our annual parish picnic held at Cedar Creek. This has always been a **relaxing day** just to come out and enjoy each other's company. Anyone who would like to help in any way with the picnic is most welcome. Some of the needs for the picnic deal with **children's games, adult games, transportation and coordinating the food** at the pavilion. If you are able to help, please give us a call at the office.

Picnic Meeting

Because nothing happens without a little planning, we are having a Parish Picnic Meeting on **Tuesday, May 17 at 6:30 p.m.** We will meet in the church hall. If you have any suggestions, or are willing to help in any way, please plan on attending or contacting the office. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

T-Shirt Time

We've become known for our unified t-shirts at the festival! This year we're going with a relaxed beach-y vibe. We're now taking orders for t-shirts. The deadline is **May 15** for us to have them in before the Parish Picnic. Orders will also be taken at that time. The shirts are \$20.00 each. The largest size in this t-shirt is 2x (per the company). 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 ___2x

Amount Enclosed: _____

Faith

Graduation Mass

We will be honoring this year's high school graduates at Mass on **Sunday, the 22nd of May.**

We are asking that all of our graduates meet, wearing caps and gown, for the **10:30 a.m. Mass.** There will be a brunch served immediately following for the graduates and their family. Letters were sent out to the graduates. If you did not receive one, please call the office.



Ushers Needed

We will soon resume passing the collection basket. For that to happen, we will need to have ushers at each of the Masses. If you are an adult, male or female, and have any interest in serving this capacity, please see me or call the office. This is just one of the ministries where your help is appreciated.

Vacation Bible School 2022

Children in grades K—5 are invited to "**Travel with Jesus**" from June 21st—25th from 9:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m. This year VBS will be held at Epiphany of Our Lord.

Vacation Bible School is a great way to have our young children learn more about their faith in a fun way. To register for VBS, please pick up and complete a form and return it to the office. **Forms can be found in back of the church or on the website.**

Teenage and Adult volunteers are also needed. To volunteer in that capacity, please mark the appropriate box on the form, or call the office.



Movie Night

Memorial Day marks the unofficial beginning of summer. This season, we will be holding Movie Nights, outdoors when the weather permits. To kick off the Memorial Day weekend, we will show **National Treasure** on **Friday, May 27** in the Church Hall. Show time is **7:00 p.m.** The movie is suitable for teens to adult. Be sure to invite your family and friends.



There will be no coffee and doughnuts next weekend, May 22.

Ring Pittsburgh Concert

Ring Pittsburgh, a community handbell ensemble, brings a wide world of handbell music to western Pennsylvania. Come and enjoy a **free concert** featuring a wide variety of musical styles. Ring Pittsburgh Concert 2022 will be presented by **St. Vincent Archabbey Basilica**, 300 Fraser Purchase Road, Latrobe, on **Sunday, May 22 at 7:00 p.m.**



Car Show



Our Classic Car Show has been re-scheduled for **Saturday, May 21**, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Rain date is Sunday, May 22, Noon to 4 p.m. Registration is \$10 per vehicle. For additional information, or to register, contact Randy at 724-493-8305.