

May 22, 2022

**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



OUR LOCATION

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LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday, May 23

8:00 AM † Danny Mosco by Dom & Shirley Vaccaro & Family

Tuesday, May 24

No Mass

Wednesday, May 25

No Mass

Thursday, May 26—Ascension Thursday

9:00 AM † Pietro Vaccaro by Loving Family

Friday, May 27

No Mass

Saturday, May 28 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Mary Ann Germinario by Terri Black

Sunday, May 29 — 7th Sunday of Easter

8:30 AM Roy Stinogle by Ken Zimmaro & Holy Name Society

10:30 AM † Edward Stark by wife, LaVerne & Family

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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 28 & 29

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	G. Pesì	J. Dudas	M. Guiliford V. Watkins
8:30 a.m.	J. Petritis	J. Todd	T. Todd
10:30 a.m.	M. Sacco	K. Imbrescia	T. Smith

Money Counters

Monday, May 23—Team #2—W. Anders

Ministry Schedule — May 26 Ascension Thursday

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
9:00 a.m.	R. Kozar	J. Dudas	Volunteer

My Peace I give you...

Imagine if you can a life where you had nothing but peace. I am not talking about the absence of war or violence; I am referring to the peace that we can find only in our hearts. Today we are reminded how we can make this happen in our lives.



Although we listen to the struggles and pains of the early church throughout this season of Easter, we are quickly reminded that our church today is not so different. For the Jewish people living during the growth of the early church it was difficult to give up the rules and customs that governed every aspect of their worship. They believed these ritual actions made them holy in the sight of God.

Many of our Catholics today can remember how our church prior to the Second Vatican Council was riddled with rules and regulations. For example we had rules about not eating meat on Fridays, how we were to dress for Mass, and for those of us who can remember, the Mass had to be in Latin. It was a long journey filled with anxiety and pain for people to adjust to some of the reforms that the Council promulgated. Just as in the New Testament era, there are many controversies in the church that sometimes divide believers – controversies over sexuality, reverence and ritual customs.

In our first reading today we are confronted with a big controversy over Jewish law and Christian converts. The dispute dealt with the extent to which Gentile converts were expected to keep the Jewish law. The crisis was deep and both sides of the playing field had their opinions. However, after much debate and prayer through the power of the Holy Spirit an agreement was met. I am sure that both sides of the argument had to give a little; eventually it became acceptable to all. Such a system of discussion and dialogue to resolve disputes in the earthly church can surely serve as a model for our own day.

Our second reading continues to speak of the New Jerusalem. Throughout the scriptures Jerusalem and the Temple were signs of God's presence and symbols of unity. Today we are given a completely different concept of Jerusalem and the Temple. Now Jerusalem has no temple, for God symbolized the temple with the Lamb. Also, by extension the people are also the temple in whom God dwells. We are all temples of the Holy Spirit, and we are reminded that physical structures are not necessary for worship. The writer of Revelation reminds us that we believe God is everywhere and permeates every aspect of creation. We are temples of the Holy Spirit and God dwells in us wherever we are.

Our Gospel for this week reminds us that the union between God and humanity is made possible by Jesus' farewell gift, the Holy Spirit in whom all things are made new. This new creation resulted in an entirely new self-understanding by the first Christian communities. Because we Christians today are so inundated with words and pay little attention to most of them, it is possible that any newness of the Resurrection escapes us or else the newness has become so commonplace that it has lost its power.

Even "love" and "God's word" are so overloaded with variant meanings that they have largely lost their power to stir us. Each year our Easter celebration challenges us to assess our treasure trove: God's dwelling among us, the relationship of hearing God's word and loving as Jesus did. So, the peace of which Jesus speaks comes from seeing the presence of God everywhere so that we need not fear in life.

Weekly Collection May 15

Votive Candles:	221
Utility & Energy:	65
Accent:	3
Ascension:	20
Children & Adult	
Collection:	4,811
Online Collection:	1,120
Total Collection:	\$6,240
Comm. /Media:	156
Total Collection:	\$6,396

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. Never made them before?

No problem, we're happy to teach you.

Monday, June 6
Monday, June 13
Monday, June 20



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.

Parish Picnic

Picnic in the Park



Nothing says summer like a Sunday picnic! Our Annual Parish picnic will be on **Sunday, June 12** at Cedar Creek Park, Pavilion #1. Plan to attend and enjoy the day and the 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.

Festival News

Fireworks at the Festival!

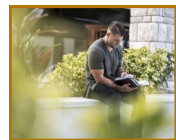
This year we are going to have fireworks in place of the Lantern release. Last year there were too many mishaps with the lanterns not flying and they were landing in trees. So, we are going to replace them with a show of fireworks.

In making preparations for this, we will have a "firecracker" in the back of the church for donations to make this happen. If you would like to donate, just drop your donation into the firecracker. I thank you in advance for your generosity!



Daily Readings

Readings for the Week of May 22, 2022



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

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/ Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/ Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53

Friday: Acts 18:9-18/ Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/ Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28

Next Sunday: Acts 7:55-60/ Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9 [1a, 9a]/Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/Jn 17:20-26

Faith

Ascension Thursday



This week we celebrate the **Ascension of Our Lord**. We will have anticipated Mass on Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. at St. Sebastian's and at **9:00 a.m. at Epiphany on Thursday**. Ascension Day is one of the earliest Christian festivals dating back to the year 68 CE. During this time, Jesus Christ met several times with his disciples during the 40 days after his resurrection to instruct them on how to carry out his teachings. It is believed that on the 40th day he took them to the Mount of Olives, where they watched as he ascended to heaven. Ascension Day occurs ten days before Pentecost and always falls on a Thursday.

Ushers Needed

We would like to resume passing the collection basket in the middle of June. To do so, we will need ushers. Thank you to the few people who have come forward but we do need more. Women are invited to participate in this ministry.



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.

Pentecost

Pentecost is the birthday of the church. We will be decorating for this feast day on **Thursday, June 2 at 5:30 p.m.** and taking those decorations down on Sunday, June 5 after 10:30 Mass. If you are able to contribute it would be sincerely 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

Join us for movie night. 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.** In the movie, Benjamin Gates and his team have to steal the Declaration of Independence, and decode the secret messages hidden within the most prestigious document. The movie is suitable for tweens to adult. Be sure to invite your family and friends.



There will be a Festival Meeting in the church hall on Monday, June 23 at 6:30 p.m.

Catholic Charities offers counseling

Catholic Charities provides virtual and in person counseling. Call Catholic Charities at 724-837-1840 or email counseling@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

