



May 6, 2018 • Sixth Sunday of Easter

In today's Gospel from John, Jesus speaks of his disciples as his friends. God's invitation to loving friendship is present in all of our readings. God offers a relationship of mutual knowledge and trust. As with our ordinary human friendships, a space is created where we can relax, rest, and be playful with each other. We can feel safe enough to reveal our inner selves to each other, and to heal divisions between us. Friendship with God is not burdensome or dutiful,

as with slaves and masters, because it leads to a shared joy. Nor is the friendship shallow or sentimental, because it involves a mutual laying down of one's self. Friendship with God eventually means extending this shared love to others, and becoming a part of the wider circle of God's friends. God longs to be friends with us, and extends an invitation.

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF
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Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 5, 2018
5:00 pm †Jerry Robbins req. by John & Gladys Meyer

Sunday, May 6, 2018
9:00 am †Sandy Bahr req. by Teresa Gesell / Parish Family of St. Patrick

Monday, May 7, 2018
9:00 am Paul & †Suzanne Pruchnicki req. by Paul Pruchnicki

Tuesday, May 8, 2018—NO MASS
6:00 pm ADORATION until 9pm

Wednesday, May 9, 2018—NO MASS

Thursday, May 10, 2018
9:00 am Special Intention that The Holy Ghost will come into all our lives

Friday, May 11, 2018—NO MASS
9:00 am ADORATION until 11 am

Saturday, May 12, 2018
5:00 pm †Jerry Robbins req. by Bill & Georgia Phelan

Sunday, May 13, 2018
9:00 am †Maureen Needham req. by The Family / All the Mothers of St. Patrick

Altar Servers:

Saturday, May 12- 5:00 pm
Nick & Ella Phelps
Sunday, May 13- 9:00 am
Matthew & Joshua Barta

Lector

Saturday, May 12 - 5:00 pm
Linda Cakora
Sunday, May 13 - 9:00 am
Lisa Price

Extraordinary Minister:

Saturday, May 12- 5:00 pm
Carmen Kinsella
Sunday, May 13- 9:00 am
Paul Engler

Usher:

Saturday, May 12 - 5:00 pm
Howard Bieschke, Bruce Boyle
Sunday, May 13- 9:00 am
Eddie Horath, Dennis Skolasinski

Music: Cathy Engler

Collection Counters : Horath, Price

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

For the new fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, the weekly Sunday collection goal is \$2,463.93

Sunday, April 29 \$2,139.00

Thank you for your support of our Parish

***Please Participate!
Your Gift Makes a Difference!***

Parish Goal:	\$ 10,600.00
Amount Pledged:	\$ 9,740.00
Amount Paid:	\$ 6,770.00
2017 Rebate	\$ 0



Diocese of Joliet

Thank you for your generous response.

HELP NEEDED:

Coordinator of religious education needed— after many years , Roberta Stauffenberg will be retiring at the end of this school year... we are looking for someone or if you know anyone who would be interested in coordinating our religious education program. Please contact Father Sebastian.

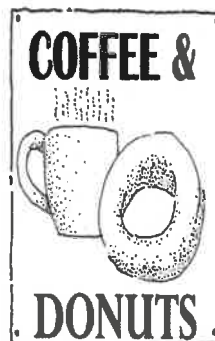
Our second collection this weekend is for our Maintenance Fund, to help with the general upkeep of St. Patrick Parish. Your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your generosity.

ASCENSION THURSDAY IS MOVED TO SUNDAY, MAY 13
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

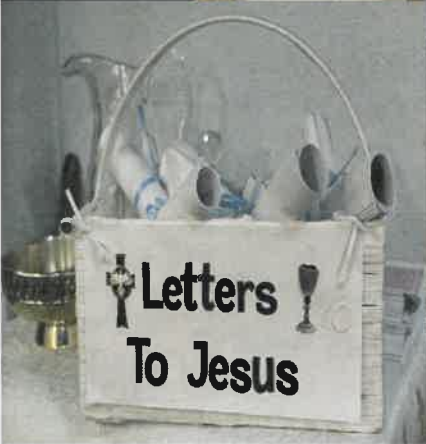


The CCW is hosting Donut Day along with the "Ghost Card Party" with Split - the - Pot Raffle this Sunday, May 6, 2018 after the 9:00 am Mass.

Everyone is invited to the Parish Hall for refreshments and fellowship!



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APRIL 15, 2018



Oops... We noticed the pictures from the 1st Communion were missing....
The more the printer printed the less pictures shown up . Sorry if you
received a bulletin without pictures.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In ancient Rome, the beautiful month of May was dedicated to the goddess Flora, the patroness of flowers and new life. May 1 was considered the beginning of abundant growth, and a day for public festivals aimed at expelling winter. Even after Christianity took hold, the customs of the pagan feast lingered behind. Long ago, there was a thirty-day devotion to Mary, sometimes called "Lady Month," which began on August 15. By the eighteenth century, the custom of assigning devotions to months of the year was developing. June, for example, was the month of the Sacred Heart, and October was for the Holy Rosary. Beginning with the Jesuit Order in Rome and spreading throughout the world, May has been celebrated as the month of Mary, the Blessed Mother, for more than two hundred years. That was a welcome remedy to some enduring pagan practices, such as maypole dancing and the crowning of the May Queen. Some historians say that in ancient times the May Queen was actually a human sacrifice. Devoting May to Mary is undoubtedly a better thing to do.

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8th GRADE GRADUATES

Matthew Barta

Taylor Mooi

Natalie Gabriel

Lucas Raymond

Darek Knauer

Patrick Robbins

Bridget Knowles





PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Marge Flint; Grace Niemiec; Cathy Engler, Loretta Long, Barb Flatt, Nancee Long, Shay Phelan, Jeanne Kuzmicz, Bonnie Hack; Ron Bzdil; Adrian Wilkerson, Michelle Schneider; Joyce Heffern, Lisa Bernhard, Jim McGrath, Father Roger; Elaine Nowak; Sister Anne Ellen Quirk; Torie Jasinski; Judith Wright

Anyone wishing to be on the prayer list should contact the office.

Intention of the Holy Father MONTH OF MAY

- That the lay faithful may fulfil their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK April 22, 2018



Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 -- 16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11

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

Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]; Mk 16:15-20 (for Ascension); otherwise Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23

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

Sunday: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20; 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 17:11b-19; or, for Ascension, Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]; Mk 16:15-20



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

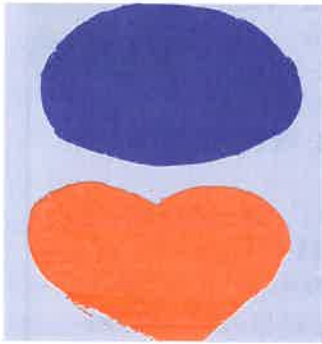
Sunday: Sixth Sunday of Easter

Thursday: The Ascension of the Lord (unless transferred to Sunday) or St. Damien de Veuster

Saturday: Ss. Nereus and Achilleus; St. Pancras

It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit.

-- John 15:16



MULTIPLE CONVERSIONS

The story described in our first reading is a major turning point, both in the book of Acts and in the early Christian community. In Acts 10 and 11, we hear a story of multiple conversions: of Cornelius, of Peter, and of the church. Cornelius embraced the path of Jesus and received the gift of the Holy Spirit. Peter, through his earlier visions and the pouring out of the Spirit on Gentiles, began to understand how God was breaking through his pre-conceived ideas. The story concludes in the next scene with the meeting of the leaders in Jerusalem. As Peter described to them what happened to him and to Cornelius, the leaders were amazed at what God was doing. God was breaking down barriers and inviting everyone to God's table. The church realized that it had to rethink how it understands God and itself as church.

OUT AHEAD OF US

In the book of Acts, we learn that God is the primary active agent in the world. God is indeed active within the church. But here we learn that the Holy Spirit also is out ahead of us, working in the lives and communities of people who are different from us. God is busy within and among people who don't know God, or who understand God differently, or who struggle to understand God.

Like Peter and the early church, many of us somehow learned, often in childhood, whom to trust and who should be avoided. God, however, seems to be fond of crossing boundaries. The Spirit is stirring in our neighborhoods, workplaces, and public spaces. Many of us will need to learn to pay attention to this. The Spirit invites us to find God there and to join in God's work. Our parishes are invited to embrace our local communities. As we listen and learn from our neighbors and share God's love with them, we will deepen our understanding of being the church today.

Today's Readings: Acts 10:25–26, 34–35, 44–48; Ps 98:1, 2–3, 3–4; 1 Jn 4:7–10; Jn 15:9–17

5/6/2018