



May 22, 2022

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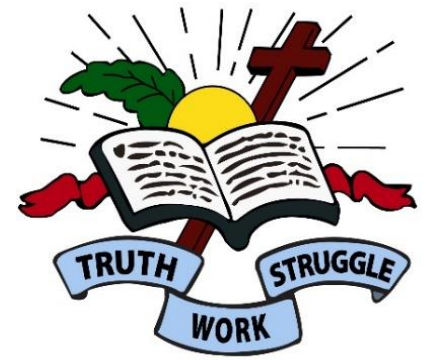
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Sixth Sunday of Easter

A Sabbath Thought

Easter is a time to focus on essentials. What matters is God's presence. The risen Christ has brought us the Father's warmth through his Spirit of love.

About Today's Bible Readings

ACTS 15:1-2, 22-29

In an atmosphere of dissension and controversy, Paul reaches out to people who need care. He gives them his presence and urges them to focus on what is essential.

Responsorial Psalm: 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8

R. O God, let all the nations praise you!

REVELATION 21:10-14, 22-23

This is what it will be like at the end, says John the seer: a city whose light will be God. What we dream *now* will be reality *then*.

JOHN 14:23-29

Be true to my word, says Jesus, and God will dwell in you through the Spirit.

ENTRANCE RITE Romans 15:13, Ephesians 2:17

V. May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Alleluia.

R. He came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. Alleluia.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

ALLELUIA Philippians 4:7

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. The peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: JOHN 14:23-29

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; yet the word you hear is not mine but that of the Father who sent me. “I have told you this while I am with you. The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me tell you, ‘I am going away and I will come back to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father; for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it happens, so that when it happens you may believe.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord!

Worship Services

TODAY – May 22nd

Sixth Sunday of Easter

9:00 AM – Holy Mass

One Mass Only this Morning

Mass at 1:00 PM at the Cemetery

Please note the time change.

SUNDAY – May 29th

Solemnity

The Ascension of the Lord

Memorial Day Weekend

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

SUNDAY – June 5th

Solemnity - Pentecost

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

SUNDAY – June 12th

Solemnity – Holy Trinity

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

May Devotions

During the month of May we will be honoring the Blessed Mother Mary by praying the Litany to her after each Mass. It is right and proper to show such reverence to the mother of our Lord and Savior.

Sign Up Sheets

I want to thank all of those who helped make pierogi last Friday and Saturday. Much more work is needed. Sign Up Sheets for Pierogi making are on the table in the vestibule. Please take a moment and see if you are available to help. The pierogi sheets are for multiple days and there are three of them, one under the other so please sign up for as many days as you can. These are for the picnic so please help. Thank you and God bless.

INTENTIONS:

My Brothers and Sisters:

Our prayers are needed: For the increase in men called to the priesthood and diaconate of the Polish National Catholic Church; For the health and growth of our Parish; For all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish, our families and friends, especially Isabella Mularczyk, Edward Czechowski, Patrice Czechowski, Donna Schalata, Tom Schalata, David Wunderlich, Bernice Biroscak, Geri Piotrowski, Janet Katinowsky, Julia Urban, Sandy Pfennig, Courtney Pierce, Joseph Grossman Sr., Joseph Grossman Jr., Kyle Grossman, Damon Grossman, Donald Deihm, Janice Elaine Casperson, Frank Fisher, Elizabeth McAlanis, Skye Sadowski, Barbara Waszk, Jerry Butto, Terry Leatherman, Christine Mulutzie, Jackie Weinhold, Andy Kosak and Riley Rejniak.

Our Father....

If there are any other individuals who should be on this list, please email or tell Father Senior Donald so he can add them!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today, May 22nd; Mass of rededication of the Cemetery Altar at 1:00 PM. Please see the newsletter for more details. Only one Mass this morning at 9:00 AM.

Sunday, June 5th; The regular monthly meeting of the ANS will be held at 11:00 AM in the Library

Monday, June 6th; The Mission Commission will meet in the Library at 7:00 PM

Sunday, June 19th; Father's Day

Monday, June 20th; The Picnic/Fundraising Committee will meet in the Library at 7:00PM. All are invited to attend.

Sunday, June 26th; Regular monthly meeting of the Parish Committee in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 AM

If there are any other events not listed here, please email or tell Father Senior Donald so he can add them!

THE KNIGHTS CLOSET

The Reading School District has informed us that the Knights Closet Project which provides items of basic necessity to students is still in need. The parish has generously participated in this worthwhile cause in past years and I hope that we will find it in our hearts to continue to do so. Please leave your contributions on the table near the windows in the Fellowship Hall and we will get them to those in need. A list of needed items can be found in the literature rack in the vestibule above the weekly bulletins. Please take one as you leave. Thank you and God bless.

