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Sixth Sunday of Easter

**Welcome, Henry James
Hinner, child of God!**

Blessed Memorial Day!

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 25th

Sixth Sunday of Easter

**Observance of
Memorial Day**

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

**Baptism of Henry James Hinner
during the 9:30 AM Mass
Please join us in prayer!**

THURS. – May 29th

Solemnity

Ascension of Our Lord

10:00 AM – HOLY MASS

SUNDAY – June 1st

Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

SUNDAY – June 8th

**Solemnity
Pentecost**

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

SUNDAY – June 15th

Solemnity

Holy Trinity

“Father’s Day”

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.

**VIEW THE WEEKLY
BULLETIN ONLINE!**

<https://www.ststephenpncc.org/bulletins-and-newsletters/>

INTENTIONS:

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 Debra Caldwell, Sharon Fitzwater, Isabella Mularczyk, Edward Czechowski, Patrice Czechowski, Donna Schalata, Tom Schalata, Bill and Bernice Biroscak, Geri Piotrowski, Janet Katinowsky, Julia Urban, Sandy Pfennig, Janice Elaine Casperson, Barbara Waszk, Jackie Weinhold, Jane and John Aldershoff, Father Senior Ed Ratajack, Eileen McCoury, Janet Kelly, Laura Alfano, Scott Gaydos, Donald Barth, Kenneth Cerminara, John Freeman, Sr., Eleanor Kaczmarczyk, Mary Ann Bezek, Michael Lucas, Damon Grossman, Gwen Grossman, Lukas Grossman, Aaron Grossman, Tom Beck, Jeannine Dresh, Violet Hart, Nancy Ziolkowski, David and Judy Wunderlich, Tammy Bolich, Berne Bloom, Marilyn Seiders, Peggy Smith and family, Todd Shaffer, Father Carmen Bolock, Frederick Smith, Judy Mawson, Amber Irving, Paul Edling, Cheryl Weinhold, Dwayne Schwarz, Joe Bezek, Bud Hoffman, John Halecky III, Leina Jean Meier, Brenda Hoffa, Teri Hettinger, Dan Chujko, John DeHart, Bob Price, Joseph Dowd and Judi Mawson. For the repose of the souls of Joe Gimont and William Kutenits. **Our Father....**

If there are any changes to this list, please let Fr. Sr. Donald know!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, May 29th; The Book Club will meet for dinner at 6:00 PM at Mom Chaffe's Restaurant located at 148 Tulpehocken Avenue in West Reading. Dinner expenses will be the responsibility of the attendee. The next book chosen to be read was "The Prayer Box" by Lisa Wingate. This will be read over the summer with discussions picking up at the next meeting to be scheduled in September.

Sunday, June 8th; Picnic Planning Meeting after the 9:30 AM Mass. All are encouraged to attend to help plan for the Annual Picnic.

Sunday, June 22nd; 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 let Fr. Sr. Donald know!

PIEROGI MAKING

The Picnic Committee has established tentative dates for pierogi-making. They continue as follows: May 30-31 (Cheese); June 20-21 (Potato) – Sauerkraut- to be determined. Sign Up Sheet for Pierogi Making is on the table in the vestibule. Please take a moment and see if you are available to help. Thank you and God bless. And thanks to all who have helped.

24th NATIONAL MISSION & EVANGELISM WORKSHOP

The 24th National Mission and Evangelism Workshop will be held on Friday, May 30th through Sunday, June 1, 2025 at Saint Francis of Assisi Parish in Denver, Colorado. Please see the Pamphlets on the table in the vestibule for more information. Please pray for a blessed and successful workshop.

POLISH AMERICAN HERITAGE ASSOC. GOLF TOURNAMNET

The Polish American Heritage Assoc. will be holding their 16th annual Polish Open Golf Tournament on Saturday, June 21, 2025, at the Manor Golf Club, 153 Bran Rd., Sinking Spring. For questions, call Marilyn at 610-779-5523. Deadline for reservations is June 11, 2025. Please see the flyers on the table in the vestibule for more information.

