

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER • MAY 26, 2019



THE CHURCH OF SAINT MARY

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Parish Mission Statement

The Church of St. Mary, followers of Christ, are inspired by our Catholic faith to build on our traditions through the Eucharist, prayer and education. As the family of God, and with one another, we desire to live our faith in the world.



6th SUNDAY OF EASTER

"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." - Jn 14:27

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6th Sunday of Easter

I often lead group prayer with similar words: "Give us the wisdom to know Your will for our lives and the courage to follow it as we seek to make our community a clearer reflection of the Kingdom of God." The words acknowledge that we need to be about God's will, not our own, and in that journey, we will bear greater witness to the transforming power of Jesus Christ.

We talk about how we are called to live a stewardship way of life and that we have been given many good gifts, but it is never truly about us. We are never the main thing. In the same manner, it is never really about our parish. Our combined stewardship may lead to many fruits, like an increased offertory or more vibrancy in parish life. However, it is always about the Kingdom of God and the King, Jesus Christ.

Through our stewardship, we allow our parish community to shine like a city on a hill for others to see and then be drawn toward Jesus Christ. It is about leading people to heaven. Our actions of stewardship do not point toward us but instead to the one who calls us to this life. Our constant prayer needs to be that we always seek to discern God's will and follow it instead of our own. By doing that, we can transform our own lives, our parish communities, and then the world around us.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 25

4:00 pm (SJ) * † Don Delaney
By Knights of Columbus

6:00 pm (SM) * For the People of SM & SJ

Sunday, May 26

8:30 am (SM) * † Don Delaney
By Marilyn Gollmer

10:15 am (SJ) * † Deacon Dave Wilbricht
By Maureen Irwin Mark

Monday—No Mass

Tuesday, May 28

5:00 pm (SJ) * † Patricia Christensen & Family
By Father Dennis

Wednesday, May 29

8:30 am (SM) * † Lars Pedersen
By Joan Pedersen

Thursday, May 30

8:30 am (SJ) * † Deacon Dave Wilbricht
By Knights of Columbus

Friday, May 31

8:30 am (SM) * † Deceased members of
Duffy & Bruns Family By Mike & Linda Duffy

Saturday, June 1

4:00 pm (SJ) * For the People of SJ & SM
6:00 pm (SM) * † Jim & Sue Berlage
By Joe Berlage & Family

Sunday, June 2

8:30 am (SM) * † Josef & Magdalena Fabach
By Joseph Fabach
10:15 am (SJ) * † Roland Petesch
By Mary Wild

* Pastor scheduled to celebrate



Respect Life Corner Word of Life

“Mary, patroness of America, renew in us a love for the beauty and sanctity of the human person from conception to natural death; and as your Son gave His life for us, help us to live our lives serving others. Mother of the Church, Mother of our Savior, open our hearts to the Gospel of life, protect our nation, and make us witnesses to the truth.”



Altar & Rosary Society

The Altar & Rosary Society meets on the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30pm in the church hall at the Church of St. Mary in Elizabeth, but not in December, January or February.

Knights of Columbus

Fr. Ron Conro Knights of Columbus meet the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm in the church hall at the Church of St. Mary.



“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” (John 14:27).

Dear Friends in Christ,

In one sense, the whole mission of Jesus was to bring peace: peace with God, peace with each other, and peace within ourselves. By believing in and trusting Jesus and in the Father who sent him, we know that we can have God’s forgiveness and friendship if we repent of our sins and follow Jesus and his teachings. We thereby are at peace and in right relationship with God. By knowing God’s love, and responding to that love by loving God and observing his commandments, especially the commandment to love others, we will have a great peace and will spread that peace to those around us.

While Christians are not exempt from the normal sorrows and disappointments of life, and at times will have additional adversity in being persecuted for following Jesus, we need not be troubled or afraid, since we know that God is with us to bring good out of those difficulties, for us and for others. One immediate benefit of facing difficulties with faith is greater compassion for others in their needs, and willingness to help them as God wills.

This Monday our country marks Memorial Day. Officially we remember all those who have died while in the armed forces of the nation. Unofficially we remember veterans who have died after having served in the nation’s armed forces. It is also a fitting time to remember those who have served us in other ways, such as our deceased ancestors. Let us remember and pray for all of these, without whose service we would not enjoy the many freedoms we enjoy in our beloved country. Let us also pray for our country, that we will maintain true freedom to know, love, and serve God and all that is right and true and holy, now and for as long as God wills.

We are considering the addition of some type of assisted listening systems to assist parishioners and visitors to our Masses. There are several types of systems on the market, which vary in features and costs. The best system seems to be a “hearing loop” system that works with most hearing aids and cochlear implants with a “tele-coil” or “t-coil” (as well as iPhones and small, specialized devices with earphones). If such a system might be of benefit to you or others at our churches, please let me know. We certainly want people to feel part of our Masses, and not stay away because they cannot understand what is spoken there.

We are nearing the end of the Easter season. Next weekend we will celebrate the Ascension of the Lord. The following weekend we will celebrate Pentecost, which closes out the Easter season with the celebration of the coming of the Holy Spirit, God’s love in person, who continues to animate the Church and us with God’s love, peace, and joy! Re-joyce! Alleluia!

Our diocesan appeal has started well. If you have not already done so, please make a pledge, even if you can only afford a modest amount. God is not outdone in generosity!

In Christ,
Fr. Dennis

Vocation Corner by Rev. Kyle Manno

As we approach the summer people are planning to go on vacations, learn new things, hang out with friends, and many other things. One thing that we cannot go on vacation from is our faith life with Christ. So as you enter this summer stay close to Christ in prayer, attend mass, go to confession and consider going on a retreat.

And you are in luck! Because prayer, mass, and confession are all available right at your parish... You are in even greater luck because the vocation office will be hosting summer Encounter retreats for men and women from middle school through college age. These retreats are hosted by religious sisters for the girls and by the Rockford seminarians for the guys. The retreats are meant to have an encounter with Christ and to leave on fire to spread His mission out into the world. So check out more information and register online at www.rockforddiocese.org/encounter. God bless and I look forward to seeing you on the retreat!

Stewardship Report May 18 & 19, 2019

Weekly Offering
Diocesan Appeal
We have reached 57% of Diocesan Appeal Goal

\$1509.00
\$600.00



Our Parish Community

Friends and neighbors come and enjoy a Community Lunch along with fun and conversation and fellowship. It will be held this month on Tuesday, May 28th from 11am to 1pm at the Elizabeth Community Bldg. ALL are welcome to join us for the FREE meal. This month the meal is hosted by Elizabeth United Methodist Church.



Please help pregnant single mothers and make it easier for them to choose life! Leave new or slightly used items for babies and young children in this cradle in the vestibule of the church. Cash donations will be accepted too. Place money or a check in an envelope marked Knights of Columbus in the Sunday collection.

Grand View Estates and the Elizabeth Nursing Home will again be hosting an informational program that may be of interest to the elderly, families and caregivers. The one coming up is **10 Warnings Signs of Alzheimer's**. The date for this program is June 11th at 2:00pm. This is an educational program to help people recognize common signs of the disease and know what to watch for in themselves and others. Topics will include exploring typical age-related changes, describing the common signs for Alzheimer's and dementia, offering tips for how to approach someone about memory concerns, and identifying helpful Alzheimer's Association resources. This program is presented by Megan Pedersen of the Alzheimer's Association. All are free and open to the public.

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Mass Schedule *

Weekday

Monday: No Mass
Tuesday: 5:00pm (SJ)
Wednesday: 8:30am (SM)
Thursday: 8:30am (SJ)
Friday: 8:30am (SM)

Weekend:

Saturday: 4:00pm (SJ) 6:00pm (SM)
Sunday: 8:30am (SM) 10:15am (SJ)

First Thursday-8:30am-Mass, Holy Hour and Healing Service (SJ)

First Friday-8:30am-Mass, Holy Hour & Healing Service (SM)

* Subject to change during holy days.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 9-10 am (SM), 3:15-3:45 pm (SJ) or call SM's office for appointment.

Sacrament of Marriage

Engaged couples must call Fr. Morrissy to begin their preparation at least six months before their wedding date.

Sacrament of Baptism

Call Fr. Morrissy to begin preparation.

Sick or Hospitalized

Please notify Fr. Morrissy of family members who are ill or in the hospital.

Pregnant?

There are alternatives to abortion!
 If pregnant and in need of assistance, call 1-800-848-love. For local assistance, call the Freeport Pregnancy Center at 815-232-5433.

(SJ)-St. John • (SM)-St. Mary

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, June 1 at 6:00 pm (SM)

Commentator.....Kim Thorsen
 Lector.....Kim Thorsen
 EM.....Toni, Marilyn B & Larry B
 Altar Servers.....Trent
 Greeter.....Toni Mika

Sunday, June 2 at 8:30 am (SM)

Commentator.....Marilyn G
 Lector.....Kathy Oczak
 EM.....Dena, Steve & Wendy
 Altar Servers.....Ty & Leah
 Greeter.....Marilyn Gollmer

Elizabeth Nursing Home-

EM.....Nancy Walker

****All Parishioners and residents of the Elizabeth and Hanover areas are welcome to access the many Catholic videos and other materials available at www.formed.org. Simply go to the web site, click "Enter Code," sign in using access code 94TGXM, put in the requested information to create a personal account, and from then on just "login" with your e-mail name and a password you created.**

Readings for the Week

May 26, 2019

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 [cf. 4a]/Jn 15:26--16:4a
 Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [7c]/Jn 16:5-11
 Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22--18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15
 Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Jn 16:16-20
 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: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [6]/Lk 1:39-56
 Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10 [8a]/Jn 16:23b-28

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