

# May 9, 2021 ~ 6th Sunday of Easter



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Tuesday & Thursday Mass 8:30 am

*Mission Statement*  
We, the Roman Catholic community of St. Francis of Assisi and St. Joseph's are called to live the Gospel message of Jesus through Hospitality, Worship, Faith Formation, and Service to others.



**PRAYER FOR MOTHERS**  
Heavenly Father, from the beginning you have chosen to entrust the human person to mothers in a special way. We thank and praise you for the gift of mothers; for their tenderness, care, and compassion, for their intuition and encouragement, for commitment and sacrifice. Bless all mothers this day. Keep, strengthen, and refresh them in your loving care. May they be blessed by our open-hearted love and gratitude. Amen.

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**St. Joseph Mass Intentions****Sat (8) 4 pm**

Healing of Roseann Lopez +Jablonski  
 Debbie Satas + Joan Raven  
 Healing of Billie DeLarie  
 + Roberta Doblewski

**Sun (9) 10:30 am**

Milton & Margaret Hugo + Hugo family  
 Deceased Munnelly/Rosenzweig women  
 + Munnelly/Rosenzweig families  
 Aileen Fitzpatrick + Lois Munnelly

**Monday (10) 8:30 am**

Living Pisanti & Gagliardi families  
 + Mary Pisanti  
 Marcelina Cosico + Mel Cosico

**Friday (14) 8:30 am**

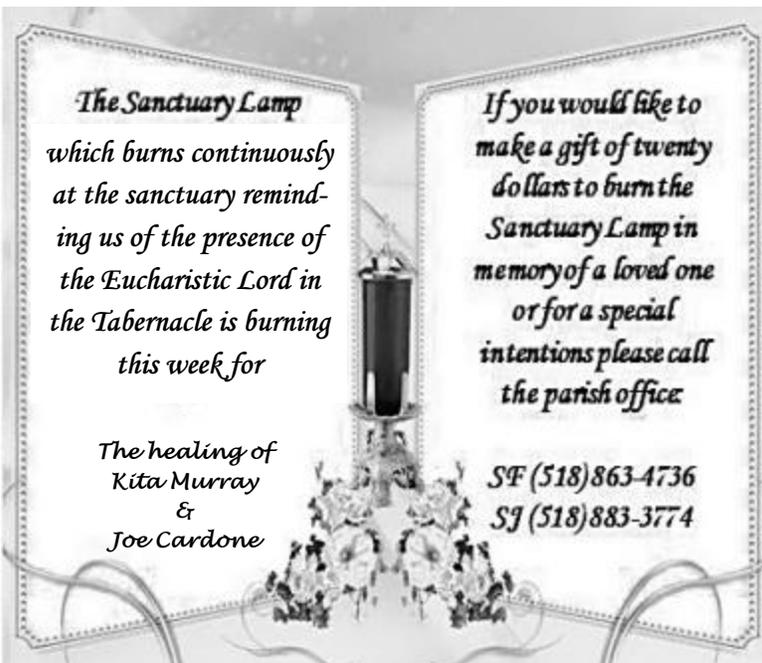
Healing of Joe Cardone + Pat Cardone

**Sat (15) 4:00 pm**

Victor DellaCorta + Pifko family  
 Helen Pawling + Anne Sargalis

**Sun (16) 10:30 am**

Patrick (Paddy) Keane + Tate family  
 Elaine Frazier + Penny Szumowski  
 Michael Feehy + Tate Family

**St. Francis Mass Intentions****Sun (9) 8 am**

Al Crudin, Jr + family  
 MaryAlice Bertino + Adrienne Frank  
 Kimberly Koval + Rick Koval

**Tuesday (11) 8:30 am**

Healing of Eduardo Balmes

**Thursday 13) 8:30 am**

Living Intention of Annette Pugliese  
 + Mary Pisanti

**Sun (16) 8 am**

Justin Borrelli + Terry Frank  
 Andrew Galligan + Betty Richardson  
 Estelle MacGregor + family

**INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY** ~ In today's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples to remain in his love just as he remains in his Father's love. Love is a bond between them that lasts forever. For many of us, the first lasting bond we formed was with our mothers. We honor them today, and all who have acted as mothers in our lives, recognizing that they likely taught us what love was. May that bond teach us now how to remain in Christ's love.

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE** ~ Today's gospel challenges us to "love one another as I have loved you". Jesus is our model & he asks us to "lay down our life" (our time, attention, opinions & needs) for each other. This is the sacrament of the family, when God is made visible in our sacrificial love for one another.

**GOSPEL MEDITATION** ~ "Remain in my love," and, "I call you friends," are powerful words that are found in John's Gospel. Most of us probably have them committed to memory or have at least heard them proclaimed dozens of times. They are words that can easily become trite and quickly glossed over without fully pondering and digesting their profound beauty. When we take the time to immerse ourselves in them, they can radically change our lives and our relationships. They can open up new doors of adventure and hold countless possibilities for meaning. The essence of love and friendship are things that can easily be taken for granted. They have always been there and are a significant part of our lives. Many would say that they could not live without love and friendship, and they put a great deal of care into preserving, deepening and sustaining them. Love and friendship share a mutual relationship with each other that deserves more reflection.

Where does love come from? We can consider relationships that have not succeeded and conclude that they were somehow due to our "failures in love." In doing so, we assume that human beings are the ones responsible for love, its success and also its failure. While our weakness, emotional composition and sinfulness can easily impact our ability to love, its origin is not human. God is love. God is love's author and origin. When we love, it is God who loves in and through us. It is because of this divine closeness that Jesus is able to call us friends! It is not because of anything we have done but simply because of who we are. Realizing and contemplating this awesome reality becomes a game changer across the board. It gives us reason to clear the table of anything that can adversely affect the way we love so that we can open the door for its author to shine forth.

Coming upon this truth is what leads folks like St. Francis of Assisi to leave that which is comfortable and worldly and live a radical life. They relate with the love of God that radiates in and through all living things and appreciate their sacredness. It was having an intimate experience of God's love and friendship that propelled St. Francis and others to embrace simplicity, act nonviolently, pursue humility, love enemies, care for the earth and open up avenues for true justice. Understanding this profound truth will also help us find peaceful solutions to world's problems, restore relationships with our sisters and brothers, bring the grace of loving stewardship to creation and heal many wounds. Once we begin to see how wonderfully holy all of life really is, we discover joy. We lose our need for fear, develop a fierce fortitude, act prudently and seek justice. There is great power in love because it comes from God. It will never fail. It also enjoys the company of two other friends who are eager to become our friends as well: faith and hope. These are just as important to have and to share. ©LPi

**LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK** ~ God is love. These three simple words deserve a great deal of attention. They have the power to transform our relationship with God from something that is static and distant to one that is personal and real. We all know the power of love and how important it is to completing all of the human and divine circuits of our lives. But we do not often consider the awesome fact that it is given to us as a gift and is not simply part and parcel of the human package. God is the author of love and love itself. When we truly love another human being, it is really God being God in and through us. The love to which we are called and the love of which the Gospel speaks is a selfless love that seeks the wellbeing of not only our significant others but of all of our brothers and sisters. This love, which is of God, is a love that will endure all things and bring immeasurable joy when experienced. It is the most sincere form of friendship. ©LPi

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK MAY 9, 2021** ~ Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17; 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, 2-3ab, 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 Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20; Friday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8]/Jn 15:9-17; Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-10, 10 [8a]/Jn 16:23b-28; Next Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20 Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 [19a]/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19

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 5/16 D Jankowski

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BIRTHRIGHT SJ will be offering fresh carnations for a \$1 donation after all masses/services on May 8 & 9 in celebration of Mother's Day. In SF, the Knights of Columbus purchase the carnations to give to our mothers. Proceeds from this sale will benefit women who need support through a crisis pregnancy. Your support of this fundraiser is truly appreciated.

**Diocesan Young Adult Holy Hour and Social Gathering**

Date: Monday, May 17  
 Time: 7 PM to 8:15 PM  
 Location:  
 Holy Trinity Church in Johnstown

For the purpose of these events, we categorize "young adult" as approx. 21 to 39 years old, but we are flexible and do not turn anyone away.

**REQUEST A MASS INTENTION:** Those wishing to honor a loved one during the celebration of Mass may do so by calling the office. Mass cards are available for the living & deceased and provide opportunities for prayerful remembrance of special occasions.

The Diocesan Appeal makes it possible for us as Disciples of Jesus Christ to serve The People of God on a scale a single parish could not possibly do on its own. By coming together through our caring and faith, each one of us becomes the heart, the hands and the eyes of our Most Blessed Lord, reaching out to those in need of love, compassion and spiritual nourishment.



St. Joseph's Parish invites you to a special "HOMECOMING" Event

Pray the Holy Rosary For end to Covid-19 pandemic

May 20, Thursday At 6 PM

Snacks and fellowship will follow after the Liturgy

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Memorial of Our Lady of Fatima

**Vigil Mass**  
 St. Joseph's Church  
 May 12  
 Wednesday  
 6:00 PM

**Feast day Mass**  
 May 13  
 Thursday  
 St. Francis of Assisi Church  
 8:30 AM

**FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**  
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	Attend	4/25/21	March egiving		Candles	Poor Box
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SF 8 am	47	\$1575	\$1,172.25		\$22	\$21
SJ 10:30	71	\$784	\$658.90		\$14	n/a



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