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SUNDAY, MAY 29, 2022

## 7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER



"I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one." - Jn 17:22-23a

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### *Served by the Mercedarian Friars USA*

*Pastor: Fr. Matthew H. Phelan, O. de M.*

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Unity and diversity can exist together. Our western minds have a grave difficulty seeing unity without conformity. We tend to believe that unless everyone believes the same thing, assents to the same body of truths, styles, and opinions, unity is not possible. Jesus, in today's Gospel, expresses a tenderness and an intimacy that the disciples actually can witness. This same tenderness and love are also reflected in his desire for unity and oneness. Jesus passionately wants all to be one. It is very clear that the success of Jesus' mission and the advance of the Gospel rises or falls with whether this unity is achieved. And it is a unity that is achieved around a person and not particulars. Our church is extremely divided. These divisions all center on various theologies, philosophies, structures, and styles. We allow these particular concerns and interpretations, valid as many can be, to drive wedges between us and put us at odds with each other. They enrage us and cause us to lash out at other members of the Body of Christ. Differences are bound to exist in any group. We are unique and diverse people. Staunchly clinging to particular agendas and ideologies while waving the "we're right, you're wrong" banner as we forge ahead in battle does little to advance the real mission of Christ. We are perceived as weak, fractioned, self-focused and serving, and lacking empathy and love. How can the work of salvation be accomplished like this? We sacrifice our credibility. For what? "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." These words describe exactly who the glorified Christ really is. Jesus wants us to see this glory! Believe this! This is the unifying principle that draws the Body of Christ together as one, not our particular preferences of worship! We give too much power to our preferences, and all too easily forget that the real mission of Christ is much more than that! If we can work at truly loving each other as members of Christ's Body despite the differences that can so quickly divide us, then maybe we'll a bit more convincing to those who do not believe. The Risen Christ comes to us through the Eucharist. It doesn't matter where or how. Gather wherever you can and receive. We cannot substitute Jesus' passion with our own. We are one.



**CONFESSIONS**

Saturday and Sunday from 2:30pm – 4:00pm

Tuesday and Thursday from 6:00pm – 7:00pm

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Immediately following the 8:30am Mass

*(Until no more penitents)*



The parish office will be closed on Monday, May 30th in observance of Memorial Day

**Readings for the Week of May 29, 2022**

- Sunday: *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 *Seventh Sunday of Easter:* Acts 7:55-60/Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9 [1a, 9a]/Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/Jn 17:20-26
- Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33
- Tuesday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 1:39-56
- Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19
- Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26
- Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19
- Saturday: *Morning:* Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25
- Next Sunday: *Vigil:* Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39  
*Extended Vigil:* Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/ Ez 37:1- 14/Jl 3:1-5/ Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30/Rom 8:22- 27/Jn 7:37-39  
*Day:* Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26



**Sunday, May 29**

- 8:00am Pro Populo
- 9:30am Thomas Fries
- 11:30am +Giovanna and Domenico DiPilla
- 8:00pm +All Souls in Purgatory

**Monday, May 30**

- 8:30am +Deceased Soldiers

**Tuesday, May 31 *The Visitation of the BVM***

- 8:30am +Buccino/Talarico/Mollinedo Family

**Wednesday, June 1 *St. Justin***

- 8:30am +Victor and Lucy Nazzario

**Thursday, June 2 *SS. Marcellinus and Peter***

- 8:30am For Vocations

**Friday, June 3 *St. Charles Lwanga***

- 8:30am +Vito Baldini

**Saturday, June 4**

- 8:30am +Deceased Mercedarians
- 4:00pm +Thomas J. and Eileen A. Glynn
- 7:00pm +Jeffrey McMahan

**Sunday, June 5**

- 8:00am +Tonieh Boi Suba Kenneh
- 9:30am Virginia Jimmo
- 11:30am +Patricia Esmonde
- 8:00pm Pro Populo



## *Extended Pentecost Vigil Mass with Vespers*

*Saturday, June 4, 2022 at 7:00 pm*

*Mass Texts of the Third Latin  
Typical Edition, 2002 (Novus Ordo)  
Mass Readings in the Vernacular*

### **SOLEMN REQUIEM MASS FOR MEMORIAL DAY**

The Durandus Institute for Sacred Liturgy & Music is offering a Solemn Requiem Mass for all who gave their lives in service of the Nation in the Armed Forces and Law Enforcement on Monday, May, 30, 2022 at 10:00am at St. John the Baptist Church, 502 Ford St, Bridgeport, PA 19405. All are welcome!

### **CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE**

SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, October 22, 2022 at National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown, PA. For info, visit: [www.catholicwomensconference.org](http://www.catholicwomensconference.org)

### **EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**

*RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS*

#### **God's Game of Telephone**

You've probably played the game of "pass it on" before, maybe years ago on the playground. It's a simple concept: one person whispers something in another person's ear, and it gets repeated person by person throughout the group, until finally the last one to hear the message has to say it out loud. Whatever ends up being said at the end of the game is usually a far cry from the original statement, and everyone has a good laugh. As individuals, we don't receive news in the same way. Our personalities, our histories, our weaknesses, and our strengths determine how we interact with information we encounter in the world, both good and bad. One person will interpret a compliment positively; someone else will take offense. One person reacts to news of a job promotion with joy, another is disappointed that now they will have less time with their family. The same news can mean completely different things to different people. But what God gives us is the truth in love, and the truth in love is the same in every place and in every time, for every person of every race. When Christ prayed to the Father that "the love with which you loved me may be in them," he was asking that the magnificent gift that had been imparted to him would also be imparted to us. Our job is to play a game of pass it on with this gift of love. How do we keep it from becoming warped? Through remaining committed to the word of God, to the sacraments, and to one another. In this game, we don't change the message. The message changes us. And we have to give it away to keep it.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

### **ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM**

Please remember the souls of the faithfully departed.

#### **REMEMBER OUR SICK**

*Dorothy Hardy, Kurt Mohammed, Patricia Nicholson, Colin Ramberan, Avery Lofton, Eugene Colombaro, Monica Ramberan, Yosan Gabriel, Jenell Sifontis, Cathy Norman, Sabrina Freeman, Leslie Wade, Esmond Family, Scott Stierbeim, Sr. Mary Charles, A.S.S.P., Mecca Taylor, Melissa Becker, Christian Lafty, Lisa Becker, Debbie Everett, Nigel Simon, Donald Graham, Jean Hargraves, Marci Wade, Mary Frances Doran, Maureen Doran Hendrix, Melissa Potts, Cayla Wade, Theresa Gilliam, Suzanne Dupre, Indramattie Somwaru, John Bricker, Alina Simon, Carmelina Desiderio, Graham Family, Samantha Johnson, Charles Epps, Ramona Wade, David and Gay Cooper, Jack Weber, Miguel Pulido, Matthew Pulido, Alex Julius Wade, Bernadette Sanchez, Kaela Marie Davis, Catherine Joseph*

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*In memory of all those who gave their lives defending our Nation*

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### **STEWARDSHIP A WAY OF LIFE**

#### **GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING**

#### **Our Lady of Lourdes - A Tithing Community**

*Total Collection: \$ 6,862.00*

*Offertory: \$ 5,922.00*

*Electronic Giving: \$ 940.00*

*Collection for the Mercedarian Missions: \$ 2,598.00*

*Thank You for your continued support and generosity.*

St. Joan of Arc (1412 – 1431) has had her story told throughout history through many books, movies and plays. She was born in the village of Domrémy, near the province of Lorraine, to a French peasant family. At a young age, she began to experience visions and voices, which were later identified to be of St. Michael, St. Catherine of Alexandria, and St. Margaret of Antioch. At the age of 13, all three saints told her that she was to drive the English from French territory, and that she must bring the Dauphin to Reims for his coronation. Trusting in God, she did as she was told. During the Hundred Years War, St. Joan of Arc led French troops against the English and recaptured the cities of Orléans and Troyes. Captured near Compiègne the following year, she was sold to the English and placed on trial for heresy and witchcraft, eventually being found guilty and burned at the stake in Rouen. St. Joan of Arc was canonized by Pope Benedict XV on May 16, 1920, and is the Patron Saint of Military Members.







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