

09 May 2021
**6th Sunday
of Easter**



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THE CELEBRATION OF MASS

Saturday Evening: 4:00 PM
Sunday: 8:00, 10:30 AM
Mon.-Tues. – Wed.- 8:00AM Thurs. - NO MASS
Friday: 9:15AM (SCHOOL MASS)
HOLY DAY MASSES 6:30AM, 9:00AM, 7:00PM

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday: 3:00 to 3:45 PM
Sunday: 10:00 to 10:25 AM
Other times by appointment

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated on the 4th Sunday of the month. A pre-baptismal workshop is required for parents, who are expected to be active members for at least three months. Please call Deacon Mike to make all arrangements. (610-262-2227)

HOLY MATRIMONY

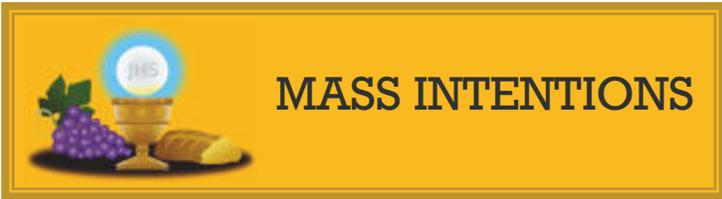
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MONDAY MAY 10

8:00 AM Joseph Kearns - wife Itala & family

TUESDAY MAY 11

8:00 AM Rose Transue Papesh & Irene Pagatto -
Family

WEDNESDAY MAY 12

8:00 AM Todd Althouse - Family

THURSDAY May 13 (The Ascension of the Lord)

6:30AM Walter Frisch - Hilda Frisch
9:00AM Lan T Tang & Dat V Nguyen
7:00PM John Yanders - Bill Meltsch & family

FRIDAY MAY 14

8:00AM Carol Marakovits - Carole Zarayko

SATURDAY MAY 15

4:00PM Leo Fritchey - Family

SUNDAY MAY 16

8:00AM Alfred F. Leaman Jr. - Vinnie & Linda
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10:30AM Irene Pagatto - son Dale & family

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**A Happy Mother's Day to all our Mothers
and Grandmothers!**

A reminder that this Thursday, May 13th is Ascension Thursday. The Mass schedule is in the bulletin. Also, since this is the Year of the Real Presence of Our Lord in our diocese, I continue to urge you to make some time in your schedule to visit the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament during times of adoration. Presently we have Eucharistic Adoration on Monday, Wednesday, Friday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. and Tuesday morning from 7:30 AM to 8:00 AM. Our world, our nation and our Church needs prayer. Jesus says to us, as He did to Peter, James and John the night before He died, "Can you not watch one hour with me?" (Matthew 26:40; Mark 14:37.) Even if you are fearful of crowds, you can easily social distance in the Church during times of adoration. Time spent with Our Lord is never wasted time. God bless you all. Father Lamb.

**THERE WILL BE NO EUCHARISTIC
ADORATION ON FRIDAY, MAY 21ST.
SORRY FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE.**

Many thanks to Gloria Michael and her family for purchasing a Roman Missal in honor of her deceased daughter, Sandra Lee Seier. The Roman Missal is the main prayer book we use at Mass. Thank you for your kindness and may Sandra rest in peace.



St. Jeanne de Lestonnac

In France, in the XVI century and in Bordeaux, the port at the mouth of the Garonne which became an important centre for Humanism, we approach Jeanne de Lestonnac's life.

Entering her home, we meet Richard de Lestonnac, her father - a counsellor in the Parliament of Bordeaux - and Jeanne Eyquem de Montaigne, her mother. Perhaps Montaigne's name is familiar. You will have heard, maybe, about Michael de Montaigne, the philosopher who wrote the "Essays" and created a new literary genre. He was Jeanne's uncle; they were great friends and his influence can be seen in her work. Jeanne, the eldest of the Lestonnac - Eyquem de Montaigne family, was born in 1556. During this century a sharp political and religious conflict was raging. The advance of the Protestant Reformation, led by Calvin's followers, clashed with Catholic tradition, and the effects were felt everywhere. While still a child, Jeanne experienced the consequences of the religious differences between her parents. Her father - a fervent Catholic - wished to share his faith with her and had her baptized. Her mother "was convinced that the greatest benefit she could bestow on her daughter was to educate her in the religion of Calvin."

The girl's faith was put to the test and eventually gained from the struggle. Jeanne opted for her father's faith. Her first spiritual experience was as if an interior voice confirmed her choice and left an impression on her for the rest of her life. "Be careful, daughter. Don't let the fire that I have enkindled in your heart, to serve me so fervently, ever die out."

Her desire to serve the Lord made her search for models of great women, such as St. Scholastica, St. Clare, St. Catherine of Siena, St. Teresa of Avila... but, considering the situation of religious life in France, it was difficult for her to pursue her ideal. When her father proposed that she marry, she took it as a clear sign of God's will.

FACTS:

Feast day: May 15

Patron: of abuse victims, people rejected by religious orders, widows

Birth: 1556

Death: 1640

SUNDAY READINGS

May 09, 2021

Acts 10:25–26, 34–35, 44–48

They could hear them speaking in tongues and glorifying God.

1 John 4:7–10

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.

John 15:9–17

[Jesus said,] "Love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."

WEEKDAY READINGS

May 10-15

Monday, : Acts 16:11–15 / Jn 15:26—16:4a

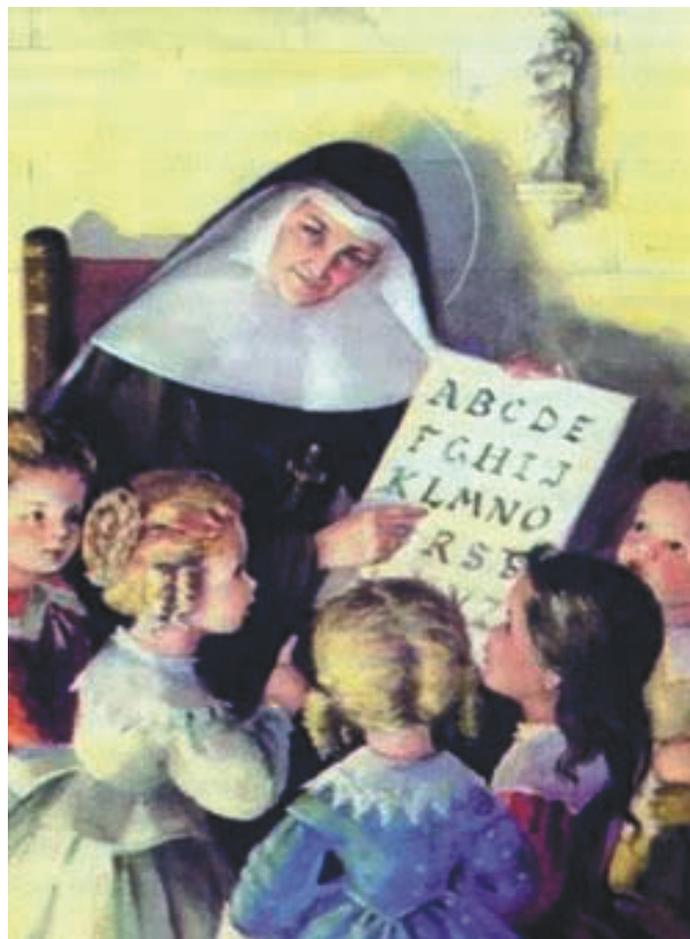
Tuesday, : Acts 16:22–34 / Jn 16:5–11

Wednesday, : Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/ Jn 16:12–15

Thursday, Acts 18:1–8 / Jn 16:16–20

Friday, St. Matthias: Acts 1:15–17, 20–26 / Jn 15:9–17

Saturday, : Acts 18:23–28 / Jn 16:23b–28



A tribute to all the mothers in heaven

*The moment that you died
my heart was torn in two,
one side filled with heartache,
the other died with you.*



*I often lie awake at night,
when the world is fast asleep, and
take a walk down memory lane,
with tears upon my cheeks.*

*Remembering you is easy,
I do it everyday,
but missing you is heartache
that never goes away.*

*I hold you tightly within my heart
and there you will remain.*

*Until the joyous day arrives,
That we will meet again*

~ Unknown ~



God's Generous Love

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

The painting by Aldo Carpi, *The Madonna of the Poor*, shows the Virgin Mary bringing Baby Jesus to visit the poor. She doesn't make distinctions. Mary understood that Jesus didn't come just for the rich and powerful but for everyone.

Peter learns this lesson when speaking to Cornelius and his household. Until this time, the apostles were preaching to the Jewish people, but when Peter speaks to these Romans, the Holy Spirit comes upon them just as he had upon the Jews. They repent and believe. This for Peter was essential, because it showed that Jesus wanted to send his Spirit and teachings to everyone, not just the chosen race. God doesn't show favoritism.

The same goes for us. It's natural to want to love our own: our family and those sharing our social status, political party, club, school, or parish. But our love has to spread to all peoples, especially those in the most moral, material, and spiritual need. God is love, and those who love show they come from God.

Another element of love is that it is free, wanting nothing in return. Recently, while sitting at an outdoor café, a woman walked up and gave me a small, wrapped gift. "I like to give gifts to complete strangers, just to make their day," she said. What a beautiful gesture.

We should also note that Cornelius accepted God's love, was baptized, and began following the Way. He and his family didn't take that free love of God for granted. They responded to it in joyful obedience. God's generous love asks for an equally generous response. +

It's natural to want to love our own, but our love has to spread to all people, especially those in most need.

- Do I help those who disagree with me or my beliefs?
- Do I understand that God's love requires a generous response?

PRAYER

Risen Lord, you command us to love one another. Help me to show your love to all people.

—From *Hopeful Meditations for Every Day of Easter through Pentecost*, Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney

The Pope's Monthly Intention for May.

The World of Finance
Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its danger.

A Word from Pope Francis

Reconciliation itself is a benefit that the wisdom of the Church has always safeguarded with all her moral and legal might, with the sacramental seal.... It is indispensable for the sanctity of the sacrament and for the freedom of conscience of the penitent...that the sacramental conversation will remain within the secrecy of the confessional.

—Address to Apostolic Penitentiary, March 29, 2019

Thank you to all the choir members for your concern and prayers during my recent illness. ~Joe Schwartz~



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According to a study done by Feeding America, Impact of the Coronavirus on Local Food Insecurity 2020-2021, 17 % of children in Pennsylvania face food insecurity meaning they are without a reliable access to a sufficient quantity of affordable, nutritious food. That is almost 1 in every 5 children, our neighbors within our own community who don't have enough to eat or a poor quality of food. Besides community projects carried out by larger organizations to help alleviate food insecurities, our parishioners can help also by contributing various food items.

Our cenacle will hold a food collection for the Northampton Area Food Bank at all masses during the weekend of May 22-23. Any and all food items, canned, boxed, etc. may be handed

to cenacle members who will be standing at the church's inner doors. Our parishioners are phenomenal in keeping our homeless brothers' feet warm in the winter and animals provided with food and treats with items collected in autumn. Can we do the same for our hungry friends within our own neighborhood by bringing a donation this particular weekend as part of the cenacle's corporal works of mercy? Coming together as a parish, as brothers and sisters, hopefully a few less families will go to bed hungry at night.



How Are We Called?

By Kathleen M. Basi

Since the moment Pope Francis first appeared on the balcony at St. Peter's, he has been engaging the world. He energizes us and at the same time challenges us to actively participate in our faith. Most of us would rather practice our faith within the safety of a little box, where the Christian call is as clear-cut as praying the rosary, lighting a candle, and attending Sunday Mass. Pope Francis asks us to move beyond the walls of the Church and be a true witness to Christ in the world.

Like many faithful people, I always thought most issues had simple answers. However, after having a child with a disability, I realized that when the Christian call intersects with the real world, things become more complex— life isn't that simple.

Consider the pro-life cause, perhaps the most clear-cut issue imaginable. It's not enough to believe that children with disabilities have a right to be born. Their needs impose a heavy financial burden on their families: therapies, surgeries, orthotics, and so on. We have a moral obligation to support life at all stages, even when it requires societal intervention that runs counter to ideals about self-sufficiency.

Pope Francis has called us to confront complex questions and seek thorough answers. Using this thorough process, how can we address some of the questions we face?

- How am I *called* to respond to bitter conflicts within my extended family?
- How am I *called* to interact with the person who delights in goading me?
- How am I *called* to love the family member who is gay or lesbian?
- How am I *called* to help the homeless person at the corner?
- How am I *called* to interact with the person in a wheelchair whose speech is hard to understand?
- How am I *called* to alleviate the desperation that leads a woman to choose abortion?
- How am I *called* to honor human dignity, not only of crime victims, but of those who perpetrate the crime?

As followers of Christ, we will always find ourselves being called upon to respond to situations that may not be as clear-cut as they appear on the surface. Although the path may be demanding, we have the support of the Church and Christ as an example of how to do the hard work. Pope Francis has called us to labor together.

Faith grows only when it is stretched. A call of faith is not a static request; to follow Christ means to get up, pick up your cross, and act. True discipleship— though difficult—is worthwhile, because it draws us closer to the heart of Christ, the source of our calling. +

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"The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."

Mark 12:29-31

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