St. Mary's Church

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MAY 23, 2021
PENTECOST SUNDAY

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Monday–Friday .....8:00 am–4:00 pm
Bulletin Deadline ....Mon. at 10:00 am
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St. Marys Catholic Cemetery
604 Joseph Road
Phone/Fax 781-7275
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MASS SCHEDULE

LORD'S DAY: .....Saturday.....5:00 pm
Sunday ..... 6:30, 8:30 &10:30 am
Radio Mass .10:30 am (WKBI AM 1400)
WEEKDAYS (Mon.–Sat.):..... 8:30 am
Holy Days..... 6:30 pm Vigil
8:30 am and 5:30 pm day of

DAILY ADORATION

Monday-Sunday 8am-8pm
Except during Mass times

DEVOTIONS

Prayer Hour(Tues.)..2:00 pm–3:00 pm
Rosary.....4:05 pm

CONFESSION

Saturdays: 3:30-4:30PM, wear a mask please. And Thursday before 1st Friday from 4:00-5:00PM.

NEW Revisions to the Pandemic Protocol are listed on page 5. The complete Decree from May 14th is available on our Facebook page.

THE SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM
Baptism may continue to be celebrated. New water must be blessed for every individual baptism. Parents and God-parents must attend a Baptismal Preparation Class prior to the baptism.

RECONCILIATION
Father will hear individual confessions in the main body of the church honoring social distancing. Thursday before 1st Friday 4:00-5:00PM and every Saturday 3:30-4:30PM.

MATRIMONY
Marriages may continue to be celebrated, with some restrictions. With total number of those present including clergy, not to exceed 1/2 maximum capacity.

SICK AND HOME BOUND
Anointing of the Sick should continue as usual, based upon need. Non-emergency visits such as First Friday calls should be suspended.

FUNERALS
Funeral Masses continue to be celebrated with masks worn and social distancing with pews marked off.

Memories of the Benedictine Sisters

My brother, Dick—2 years older than me—had been an altar boy for about a year when I decided that I would like to become one also. Sometime around Mothers' Day in 1939, while in second grade at the Sacred Heart School, I got enough nerve to go over to the girls' side of the school and knock on Sister Joan's door. (Sr. Joan, O.S.B., was the 2nd grade girls' teacher and also the sacristan at the chapel at the convent.) After being let in and ushered to her desk by the little 2nd grade girl, Sr. Joan asked me what I wanted. I told her that I was there to learn my Latin. I recall she sort of grinned at that, and then said that I had better first learn my English a bit more. At any rate some time early in the next summer vacation, I became an altar boy, (I did learn "my Latin" and could still serve a Latin Mass today.) During the next 7 years either Dick or I—or both of us—would be on the altar serving at Mass at least one out of every 2 days –plus any other events at the Sister' Chapel. We lived only several hundred yards away on the corner of Lewis and Maurus Streets. If for any reason Dick couldn't serve, I would and vise versa. I served faithfully for the next 7 years until an injury cut my time short. Then my younger brother, Paul, took over. It was a family tradition.
As I recall, Maurice Mullaney, Jack Dailey and maybe Eddie Gleixner were also altar boys in those early days.

*Thanks so much to Alcuin Dornisch. This is merely one of his stories. More coming in future bulletins.

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SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

BAPTISMAL PREP CLASSES

Thurs, May 20	St. Mary's	7-8PM	781-1019
Tues, June 8	St. Leo, Ridgway	7-8PM	772-3135

PRE-CANA SESSIONS (Erie locations on request)
Contact your pastor for information.

Upcoming 2nd collections

(There will be a separate 2nd Collection basket at the church entrance before each Mass.)

May 30—St. Vincent DePaul
-donations are used in the parish for our parishioners in need.

"31" DAY VOCATION CALENDAR

5 –24 Peg Gabler
5 –25 Mary Jo Zimmett
5 –26 Linda Safran/Judy Tate
5 –27 Mary Lou Schutz
5 –28 Dee Pontzer
5 –29 Jerry & Patty Prechtl
5 –30 Dick Wolfe

SANCTUARY CANDLES

Candles will be burned this week for the following intention:

Mary Lou & † Alfred Schutz
&
L/D Robert "Beagle" Bauer, Sr. Family

To schedule an intention or week, please call the Parish Office; the offering is $10 per intention per week.

PRAYER CHAIN

For needed prayers, please call Charlene @ 335-5098; or Mary Lou @ 781-6953. **Or** drop your intention in the prayer box at the side entrance of the church to be prayed during the office staff Tuesday prayer hour from 2-3pm.

HOMEBOUND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED— We will be starting to take Communion to our Homebound Parishioners again soon. We need 1 person willing to take the Eucharist every other week to 2 or 3 Homebound Parishioners who are unable to attend weekly Mass. Bonnie will train you.

MASS INTENTIONS

DATE	MASS	REQUESTED FOR
Saturday *May 22*	**5:00 PM**	**PENTECOST SUNDAY** † *Willis & William Gleixner*
	(6:30 AM)*	CONVENTUAL MASS *Private Intention*
Sunday *May 23*	**8:30 AM**	*L/D Robert & Dolores Burden Family*
	10:30 AM	† *John O. & Marie Petrucci, & Grace Albanese*
Monday *May 24*	**8:30 AM**	**BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH** † *John & Priscilla Regard Sterbank*
Tuesday *May 25*	**8:30 AM**	**BEBE THE VENERABLE, PRIEST** † *Harry & Audrey Detwiler*
Wednesday *May 26*	**8:30 AM**	**GREGORY VII, POPE; MARY MAGDALENE DE'PAZZI, VIRGIN; & PHILIP NERI, PRIEST** † *Irene & Lawrence Brown*
Thursday *May 27*	**8:30 AM**	**AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, BISHOP & MISSIONARY** † *John Keyes*
Friday *May 28*	**8:30 AM**	**8TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME** † *Patrick Geitner*
Saturday *May 29*	**8:30 AM**	**PAUL VI, POPE** *L/D Norbert & Geraldine Bille Family*
Saturday *May 29*	**5:00 PM**	**MOST HOLY TRINITY** *All Deceased American Veterans*
	(6:30 AM)*	CONVENTUAL MASS *Private Intention*
Sunday *May 30*	**8:30 AM**	*L/D William J. & Clara Millsop Family*
	10:30 AM	† *Deceased Central Christian Class of 1955*

MINISTERS NEEDED

5PM & 10:30AM Sacristan— once a month, ring Consecration bells and a few other small tasks.
8:30AM Mass-goers willing to learn how to Live-Stream the Mass on Facebook. It's just a few clicks, we'll train you.

THE LORD BE WITH YOU!

Dear people of St. Mary's,

On PENTECOST, the risen JESUS promises His disciples another Advocate [the Spirit sent from the Father], and He breathes that Spirit upon them. JESUS does this, to breathe life into His church, just as GOD breathed life into the lifeless clay when He formed Adam & Eve out of the earth and gave them life with His breath. ALSO, JESUS says in the Gospel of St. John 16, that the *"Spirit of truth that proceeds from the Father, He will testify to me. . .and He will guide you to all truth."* In this very "truth" JESUS continues to guide **each of us**, as a part of His church, just as surely as He put this *"Spirit of truth"* into the individuals who formed the early church, **and as a result** gave birth to His church. That church was the church which JESUS had already established upon His apostles. This is the Catholic [universal] Church in which we profess membership—the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church.

St. Paul, in our second reading today provides inspired teachings from GOD on how to live faithfully in Christ's Church—how we are to live in the Spirit. Put simply, JESUS' followers are to live in the love of Christ. In other words, we are to live in a love modeled on the love of JESUS, himself. JESUS also teaches through St. Paul that the purpose of life is to *"serve one another through love"* [Galatians 5:13]. Thus, love involves service. Second, St. Paul clarifies that one serves by loving one's neighbor as oneself [5:14]. Third, St. Paul helps us understand whether or not we and other followers of JESUS are truly serving others through love. He compares how we can "live in the flesh" [focused on ourselves] which entails *"hatreds, rivalry, jealousy, outbursts of fury, acts of selfishness, dissensions, factions, occasions of envy, drinking bouts, orgies, and the like:* [5:20-21] OR we can live "in the Spirit," which produces, *"love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control"* [5:22-23].

Let us pray: **"GOD, help us to recognize what is going on in our lives, and always to live in the Spirit, which produces fruits that give witness to Your Son JESUS Christ our Lord!"**

Fr. Peter Augustine, OSB

If you have a happy or memorable story about the nuns or the St. Mary's Church, we would love to share it in our Parishioner Spotlight. Send in your story to the Parish Office at 325 Church St, or email us at smchurch1@windstream.net. We're excited to share your memories with the rest of the congregation.

DIOCESE WILL RECOGNIZE WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

The 2021 Diocesan Anniversary Celebration liturgies for **couples celebrating 25, 40, 50, 60 or more years of marriage** will be held at two locations in the diocese: **Aug. 1 at Immaculate Conception Parish in Clarion, and Aug. 8 at St. Jude Parish in Erie.** For more information and to register, go to www.eriercd.org/familylifeoffice/anniv.html. Electronic registrations are highly encouraged, but a hard copy registration form is available at the church entrance. Further questions may be directed to the parish office, 781-1019.

For everyone's safety, the Former Convent Property is CLOSED to ALL foot and vehicle traffic. If you would like to watch, you MUST stay outside the perimeter fencing. It is an official construction site!

REVISED PANDEMIC PROTOCOLS PER BISHOP PERSICO ON FRI., MAY 14th:

* The use of all pews is permitted.
- Individuals are no longer required to wear a mask in church as long as they are fully vaccinated.
- Dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday and Holy Day Masses remains in place.
- The use of confessionals is once again permitted.
- No, distribution of the Precious Blood.
- No, placing of holy water in fonts.
- Entrance and closing processions are permitted, but not the offertory procession.
- Priests may greet parishioners before or after Mass, provided it is done outside and they do not shake hands.
- Regular scheduled use of servers, lectors, musicians, and choirs is permitted. (This will take several weeks to get fully back and scheduled.)
- Verbal exchange of the sign of peace without physical contact remains.
- If parishioners are not feeling well, stay at home.
- Nothing is to be left in the pew; missals and similar items.
- Hand sanitizer is to be available at the church entrance.
- Collection baskets are not to be used in the pews.
- The Bishop strongly recommends Communion in the hands, but the right to receive on the tongue remains in place.
- It is recommended that those approaching for Communion should sanitize their hands before receiving.

* The full Decree from the Bishop is on our Facebook page.

St. Joseph Monastery

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Joseph Monastery Commemorative Bricks

Pre-Orders being taken: $10 each

Bricks must be picked up at the St. Mary's Parish Center at a date TBD.
All bricks will be wrapped and include a commemorative card with historical information about the Benedictine Sisters.

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Return this order form to St. Mary's Church Office, 325 Church Street, St. Marys, PA 15857

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"Rooted" Youth Ministry Program

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP
The Middle School Youth Group will meet on the 1st and last Wednesday of the month. **Wednesday, May 26** at the iCafe/CYMA building from 5:30 -7:30PM. Come over and see what a youth group is all about.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING
Andy& Cathy Dornisch 512-0818

RCIA
If you want to become a Catholic or you are a Catholic who wants to know more about your Faith, call Sandy Reider, 781-1216. Usual sessions are on Sundays at 1:30PM in the Cafeteria.

St. Boniface Block Party 2021
355 Main Street
Join us for a weekend of events inside and outside!
INSIDE in Social Hall:
June 4 & 5 Time: 11:00 am-7:00 pm
OUTSIDE in Parking Lot:
June 5 Time: After 4:15 Mass

INSIDE in Social Hall:
June 6 Time: 8:00 am—Noon

****Our Benedictine Gift Shop will have a booth. Come and see us there.**

Corpus Christi Procession will be Sunday, June 6th. Details will be in next weeks bulletin.

Cup Cake sale!!!!

Rooted Youth Ministry is going on a MISSION TRIP

This July 18th North Haledon, New Jersey will be welcoming us for a week.

Our first fundraiser is a cupcake sale!! We are using recipes from one of the participants going on the MISSION TRIP!!!!! The recipes you see are her very own!!! Audrey Dornisch has adapted and refined these recipes to be celebration worthy!!! It doesn't matter if it's a birthday party, graduation , or wedding reception Audrey has humbly baked for them all!!!!!

Please take part in the service these young souls will be by helping provide their way!!! We thank you and may God Bless You!!!!

(The background picture is an actual photo of Audrey's craftsmanship!)

The cupcakes will be made fresh and delivered on June 5th

First & Last Name:_____ Address:_____

Phone Number:_____

1/2 Dozen (6)-$9.00 Full Dozen (12)-$18.00

Quantity of specific flavor				Total #
Espresso Mocha	Strawberry Chocolate	Blueberry Vanilla	Coconut Vanilla	

You can mix and match both the 1/2 and full dozen!!!

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