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## Mass Intentions for This Week

### Saturday, May 22

4:30 p.m. Bill & Rita Clark --  
Mickey Barilar Family

### Sunday, May 23

8:00 a.m. Mason Cunningham --  
Joseph & Cecelia Presloid  
10:00 a.m. Richard Gigliotti -- Pete & Elaine Pape

### Monday, May 24

8:00 a.m. Parishioners

### Tuesday, May 25

8:00 a.m. John Agnello -- Sam & Sandra Bevak

### Wednesday, May 26

8:00 a.m. Bertha Cushing -- Joel & Megan Wagner

### Thursday, May 27

8:00 a.m. Fr. Jack Bauer -- Pat Stewart

### Friday, May 28

8:00 a.m. Anthony T. Adamczyk -- Rose Greco

### Saturday, May 29

4:30 p.m. David, Bennie & Sean McConnaughey --  
Family

### Sunday, May 30

8:00 a.m. Jacquelyn Mehalik -- Carol Stewart  
10:00 a.m. Jane Cunningham -- Cunningham Family



## The Week Ahead

### Monday, May 24 -

6:30 pm -- K. of C. Officers Meeting -  
Reschini Hall

### Tuesday, May 25 -

6:00 pm -- Recitation of the Rosary - Church

### Wednesday, May 26 -

10:00 am - Bible Study - Meeting Room

### Thursday, May 27 -

6:00 pm - Bible Study - Meeting Room

The Church encourages frequent, even daily, Holy Communion, but if at any time we cannot go to Mass, in or out of this season of the coronavirus, we can still unite ourselves to the Eucharist by making a spiritual Communion. When we make an Act of Spiritual Communion, we express our faith in Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist and ask him to unite himself with us.

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



Dear Parishioners:

*Jesus said, "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason, I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."*



## PENTECOST SUNDAY

A French writer described the human spirit as “the unassailable, unchangeable, indestructible core, the keen point of the soul which alone can approach the Absolute and unite itself with the Divinity” (Jacqueline Kelen, *La Faim de l'Âme*). This idea of spirit as a hard-inner core is widespread, even among people from whom you expect something quite different. Henry David Thoreau (1817-1862), in his famous book *Walden*, gave this account of why he went to live in a hut in the woods: "I went to the woods because I wished to live deliberately, to front only the essential facts of life ... I wanted to live deep and suck out all the marrow of life, to live so sturdily and Spartan-like as to put to rout all that was not life, to cut a broad swath and shave close, to drive life into a corner, and reduce it to its lowest terms." Such *aggressive* verbs! - *to front, to suck out, to put to rout, to cut, to drive, to reduce...* All this tough talk about a hard-inner core is somehow unconvincing. People who are sure of their strength don't write like that.

The word ‘spirit’ means *breath*. This does not suggest a hard-aggressive core but a soft give and take. Saint Peter, who was probably much tougher than Thoreau, could use gentle language to describe that ‘inner core’: “the inner self with the lasting beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit” (1 Peter 3:4). It matters a great deal how we describe our inner being; it matters not only for our self-understanding but also for our understanding of God. We are the primary image of God, and if we have a hard-mechanical sense of ourselves, our image of God will be similarly hard and separate. It may well match the image of God in, say, Sheehan’s *Apologetics* long ago, but it has nothing to do with the Father of Jesus Christ. St Paul, who was even tougher than Peter, could write, “Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God” (Ephesians 4:30). The Spirit of God is gentle, which does not mean weak. Real strength is always gentle. One moment’s experience of God's Spirit is enough to do away with all talk of an indestructible inner core attempting to “approach the Absolute and unite itself with the Divinity” – as if we could do such a thing by our own heroic efforts.

God Bless!

Msgr. J. Riccardo

LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS



Lectors or Eucharistic Ministers wishing to be placed on the schedule for weekend Masses are asked to call the office, 814-938-6540, ext. 210.

We are currently scheduling on a week-by-week basis and will be happy to add your name to the list of those currently active in these ministries.

At this time, we are scheduling one Lector and two Eucharistic Ministers for each weekend Mass.

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

We are participating in the annual “Baby Bottle Campaign” to support the *We Care Pregnancy Center*.



If you wish to participate, pick up a baby bottle as you leave Mass and use it over the next several weeks to save your spare coins at the end of each day. You don’t have to fill your bottle - all donations are appreciated.

Return your bottles to church on Father’s Day, June 20th. Cathy Smith is the contact person.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Today, on Pentecost, we remember Christ has given us the Holy Spirit to assist us in raising our family and he expects us to use this personal gift. Let’s set aside the distractions in our lives and let the Holy Spirit “guide us to the truth.”

SUMMER MAINTENANCE HELP



Home for the summer? Need a part time job?

We have a position(s) open in our maintenance department for the summer.

If you are interested, please contact our Business Manager, Tony Bofinger, at 814-938-6540, ext 214.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Dorothy Jean Corolan, mother of Timothy Love of our parish; and Joseph Guzzo, Jr., grandson of Beverly Zanolio of our parish, both of whom died this past week.

Please keep them and their families in your prayers. May their souls rest in peace.



OUR CEMETERIES

We are preparing both Calvary and Adrian-Anita Cemeteries for the summer season. Any artificial flowers remaining on the graves will be removed as they are dangerous for mowing and not permitted during the mowing season.

CEMETERY MEMORIAL GARDENS

The gardens around the Mausoleum have become a beautiful addition to Calvary Cemetery. If you are considering a way to memorialize a loved one, may we suggest that you consider a donation of \$25.00 to be used for flowers in the gardens this year. The memorial is for one season and is available to anyone.

If you are interested in contributing to the memorial gardens this year, you can send your donations, along with the name of the person you wish to memorialize, to the rectory office. You can also use the “Cemetery Improvement” envelope which is in your packet. Just place your \$25 donation in the envelope and write the name of the person you wish to memorialize on the back.

A plaque listing the memorials will be placed in the window of the Mausoleum for the summer.



MUSIC AND PRAYERS AT MASS

We are providing sheets with the hymns and prayers for your use at Mass.

Please pick one up from the table when you come in and then either take it home with you or throw it away after Mass. Please do not return it to the table. They cannot be reused. Each person will then have access to an unused hymn sheet when they come in to church.

For the benefit of those who are unable to, or who are concerned about returning to Mass at this time, we will continue to live stream the 10am Mass each Sunday. Look for the graphic on our parish website, [sscdchurch.com](http://sscdchurch.com), and click the link on Sundays at 10am to join.

If you have any questions, just call the office.



### INTERNATIONAL NEEDS COLLECTION

Your donations in last weekend's annual International Needs Collection amounted to \$969.00.

Thank you for your generosity to our brothers and sisters in need throughout the world.

### SCRIP PROGRAM

Join the Scrip Program and earn rebates on all your regular purchases and gift giving!

Scrip Cash and Carry is available in the School Office. Please use the walk up window next to the principal's office to purchase your Scrip, Monday - Friday, 8:00am - 2:20pm.

You can also use the Scrip "PrestoPay" feature that provides electronic delivery options (i.e. electronic credit to spend online or refill a merchant's card that you already have in your possession). Questions about PrestoPay can be directed to the Scrip program coordinator.

Thank you for supporting SSCD School through your participation in the Scrip Program.

### PRAYER CHAIN

To add a name to the Prayer Chain, call Pat Rougeux, 814-938-4464 or Anna Smochek, 814-427-2456.

If you are unable to reach either of them, you may call the office weekdays 9am - 4pm.

### USHERS NEEDED

We are in need of additional ushers for the **4:30pm and 10:00am** Masses. Anyone wishing to be an usher at Mass can contact the office at 814-938-6540 or [sscdofc@comcast.net](mailto:sscdofc@comcast.net) to let us know your availability and Mass time preference. Thank you.

### E-MAIL ADDRESSES

If we don't have your email address, or if your address has recently changed, please contact us at [sscdofc@comcast.net](mailto:sscdofc@comcast.net) so we can add you to our address book.



We will never share your e-mail address. Help us to stay in touch with you!

### SAINT VINCENT DePAUL VOLUNTEERS Saturday, May 29 -

Bill & Katie Roberts

### SANCTUARY CLEANERS THIS WEEK

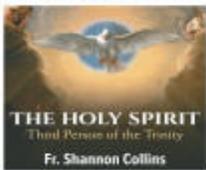
Bob Henretta, Katie Roberts and Rita Yenzi.

### SAINT VINCENT DePAUL WEEKLY FOOD DONATION

Food Donation next Sunday, **May 23 - Corn Flakes**. Thank you for your support!

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PICK OF THE WEEK



**THE HOLY SPIRIT: THIRD PERSON OF THE TRINITY BY FR. SHANNON COLLINS**  
In this captivating presentation, Fr. Shannon Collins discusses the essential character of the Holy Spirit and his role in salvation history. Drawing upon Scripture and Tradition, Fr. Collins explains the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit and how he works in the lives of believers and how this "sweet guest of our soul" seeks to bring us closer to divine life.

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**OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS**

Thank you for your continued support throughout this past year.

One way for you to easily support our parish is through on-line giving. There is a link for you to access this on our parish website, [sscdchurch.com](http://sscdchurch.com).

If you prefer to mail your offertory envelopes to the office, drop them in the mail slot in the breezeway, or put in the collection basket at church, please continue to do so. Thank you!

**2021 FESTIVAL CASH RAFFLE**

If you have already purchased tickets, thank you!!

If you haven't had an opportunity to purchase your ticket yet, they are available in the rectory office. We hope to sell every one of the 2,000 tickets that were printed for this exciting drawing. The price of each ticket is \$20.00 and the prizes are:

**1st prize - \$10,000**

**2nd prize - \$5,000**

**3rd prize - \$1,000**

To purchase a ticket or tickets, you can stop in the office during office hours or simply fill out the form printed below, and return it along with \$20.00 per ticket. You can submit your ticket order by mail, put it in the mail slot in the breezeway of the rectory, or place it in the Sunday collection. Your ticket will be filled out and the stub mailed back to you. When coming in to the office, please remember that masks must be worn at this time.

*If there are still tickets available* when Festival time arrives, you will be able to purchase tickets there as well.

As always, 100% of the proceeds will go directly to the support of our school.

**DIOCESAN WEDDING  
ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS**

Couples celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, or 60<sup>th</sup> or more wedding anniversaries in 2021 are invited to attend one of the annual Diocesan Anniversary Celebration Liturgies this summer.

The dates are Sunday, August 1, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at Immaculate Conception in Clarion and Sunday, August 8, at 2:00 p.m. at St. Jude in Erie. Both liturgies will begin at 2:00 p.m.

To register for either event or to receive a scroll by mail, please visit <https://www.eriecd.org/familylifeoffice/anniv.html> or contact your parish office at 814-938-6540 or the Family Life Office at (814) 824-1261.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

A meeting of the officers of the Knights of Columbus will be held this Monday, May 24th, at 6:30pm in Reschini Hall in Walston.

There will be a council meeting on Monday June 7th at 7pm.

**RECITATION OF THE ROSARY**

A Rosary in honor of our Lady of Fatima is prayed every Tuesday evening at 6pm in church.

Please join us. Everyone is welcome.



**2021 Cash Drawing Ticket Request**

**Drawing Date: August 8, 2021**

**Mail-in ticket orders must be received by August 2**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of tickets requested: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ (\$20 per ticket)

*(If you are requesting more than one ticket, be sure to let us know the names that should be on each ticket)*



UPDATE TO THE PANDEMIC PROTOCOLS

**Bishop Persico has issued the following revisions to the protocols for the celebration of public Masses in the Diocese of Erie effective on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, May 29, 2021:**

- The use of all pews is permitted. Social distancing continues to be encouraged.
  - Dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday and holy day Masses remains in place.
  - Livestreaming of Masses should continue wherever feasible.
1. The following actions remain suspended:
    - Distribution of the Precious Blood
    - Placing of holy water in fonts
  2. Entrance and closing processions are permitted, but not the offertory procession.
  3. Priests may greet parishioners provided it is done outside and they do not shake hands.
  4. The use of servers, lectors, musicians and choirs is permitted.
  5. The verbal exchange of the sign of peace, without physical contact, is permitted.
  6. Parishioners who are not feeling well are to stay home.
  7. It is not the pastor's responsibility to police who is attending.
  8. Nothing is to be in the pews. Hymnals and other similar items are still not to be used.
  9. Hand sanitizer is to be available at the church entrances for parishioners.
  10. Only those who are fully vaccinated should assist with the distribution of Communion.



\* Because we will be removing the chairs from the pews, thus eliminating some of the distancing, we will continue to wear masks at SSCD at least until mid Summer.

**OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 23, 2021**

Sunday: Pentecost Sunday  
 Monday: Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church  
 Tuesday: St. Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church;  
 St. Gregory VII, Pope; St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, Virgin  
 Wednesday: St. Philip Neri, Priest  
 Thursday: St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop  
 Saturday: St. Paul VI, Pope; BVM  
 Next Sunday: The Most Holy Trinity



**WEEKLY OFFERTORY ANALYSIS**  
 May 16, 2021

Church Offertory	
Envelopes sent	711
Adult Envelopes Returned	176
Adult	\$7,146.00
Holy Day	\$1,664.00
Children	\$2.00
Loose	\$253.00
Monthly	\$1,771.00
Total	<b>\$10,836.00</b>
Weekly Goal	\$8,000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$2,836.00
Accumulated(+/-) Goal	<b>\$9,569.33</b> <i>Under goal</i>

**Catholic Services Appeal 2021**

2021 Diocesan Assessment \$76,000.00	
Total Parish Goal \$126,000.00	
Pledged Amt:	\$90,255.00
Paid on Pledge:	\$78,065.52
Unpaid Pledges:	\$12,189.48
Unpledged Donations:	\$6,499.07
Collected to Date:	\$84,564.59

Readings for the Week of May 23, 2021

Sunday: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15  
 Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34  
 Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23 [23b]/Mk 10:28-31  
 Wednesday: Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [Sir 36:1b]/Mk 10:32-45  
 Thursday: Sir 42:15-25/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [6a]/Mk 10:46-52  
 Friday: Sir 44:1, 9-13/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mk 11:11-26  
 Saturday: Sir 51:12cd-20/Ps 19:8, 9, 19, 11 [9ab]/Mk 11:27-33  
 Next Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 [12b]/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20

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