

## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday:

4:00 p.m.

Sunday:

8:30 a.m.; 10:30 a.m.

Monday, Tuesday,  
Thursday & Friday:

8:00 a.m.

Wednesday

NO MASS

**May 16, 2021**

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## RECONCILIATION

Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. or you may call the office to make an appointment.

## BAPTISM

We baptize during all Masses. Parents are required to attend a Pre-Baptism session prior to the Baptism. Please call the office for more information.

## MARRIAGE

Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance.

## MINISTRY OF THE SICK

If you know of anyone who is sick and cannot get to Mass, and they wish to receive the Eucharist, please call the office so arrangements can be made.

## PARISH STAFF

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## BULLETIN DEADLINE

Any article for the bulletin must be in the office by Monday noon.

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

"As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world.  
And I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may  
be consecrated in truth." - Jn 17:18-19

## LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

### Saturday, May 15—Vigil

4:00 PM † Angela Caporossi by Ida Dalfonso

### Sunday, May 16 — 7th Sunday of Easter

8:30 AM † Raymond Cocciolone by Family

10:30 AM † Ronald Valdiserri by Rene Moncini

### Monday, May 17

8:00 AM † Steve & Rose Godla by Family

### Wednesday, May 19

No Mass

### Thursday, May 20

8:00 AM † Anthony Caruso by loving children  
Sandra & Mark Luterman & Family

### Saturday, May 22— Vigil

4:00 PM † Evelyn Kowell by Daughter, Paula

### Sunday, May 23 — Pentecost

8:30 AM † Tom Maisano by Barto & Rose Ferrara

10:30 AM † Mary Long by Marge Talarico

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### OFFICE HOURS

**Monday –Thursday:** 8:30 a.m. –12; 1 p.m.– 3 p.m.

**Friday:** 8:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

### Ministry Schedule — May 22 & 23

Time	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
4:00 p.m.	P. Fantauzzi	L. Henry
8:30 a.m.	G. Pesi	A. Pastella
10:30 a.m.	M. Sacco J. Sacco	K. Byron

### Money Counters

**Monday, May 17—Team #3— K. Byron**

## App Reminder

Our app is a great way to stay connected and keep current. Under ‘More’ please be sure to set your message settings to General to receive church alerts. The app works on smart phones and tablets. Search for Parish App in the Apple Store or Google Play. Text ParishApp 1 to 555888 (Apple) / ParishApp 2 to 555888 (Android)



## Power of Prayer and Love

The Church is winding down with the Season of Easter and we hear the stories about how the early Christians worked to continue the message of Jesus. Over the past few weeks we have heard from John about the



importance of love. That has to be the key ingredient to whatever the church is supposed to grow into. There are so many ways that we need to look at what this “love” is calling us to live. We are reminded in the first reading that every institution, whether political or religious needs to have structures that guarantee continuity and security. Families, schools, churches, and clubs all have them. We see how important it was to the apostles to have twelve members. This was an important issue because Jesus had promised that the 12 tribes of Israel would be restored and that they would rule in God’s kingdom. Continuity between the old and the new is guaranteed.

In choosing the successor for Judas, the apostles relied on the power of prayer before they made such an important decision. Throughout the New Testament we find that the importance of prayer was always recognized when any important decision was to be made. As they cast lots they trusted on the power of God’s love to guide them in their decisions and choice. The only thing we know about their requirements for this successor was that he had to be “one of those who was in our company all the while we had the Lord Jesus with us.” It is interesting to note that very little was known about any of the apostles. The New Testament rarely mentions them. When we think of them we tend to think of them as a group rather than individuals. After their choice the idea was that life would go on, and the work of the church could continue.

In the Gospel we find Jesus praying for the success and well-being of the future church. He makes reference to fears, joy, unity, happiness and holiness. This is a heartfelt reminder to us all that we do not set off to continue the ministry of Jesus on our own and without assistance; we receive the Holy Spirit and thus are assured of receiving the blessings for which Jesus prays. We take up Jesus’ ministry and are his risen presence in the world. The world for Jesus made reference to anything that was hostile to God. It was surely promised that the disciples would meet hostility in the world therefore Jesus prayed that they be “kept from the evil one” and share in his joy. In scripture, joy is that special grace that assures that, no matter what happens, a sense of God’s presence will never go away. These were the final words from a man who showed the disciples how to love and how to believe that faith in him will conquer all their troubles and fears.

With all of this comfort and support, why then do we still find it so difficult to love as we are called to? Why is love so hard to show or even talk about? First of all love must go out from each of us, it must come from within and this takes energy. When we love, we risk things like rejection and pain. Past experiences with love often keep us from loving as we should. In spite of these apprehensions, this is what we are all called upon to do: love one another! We simply cannot love alone. Love is always relationship. When the handsome Greek youth Narcissus stared at, and fell in love with his own image in a reflecting pool of water, he died! Jesus showed us that love is a conviction, a voice, and an action. Know that as Jesus prayed for the disciples, he prays also for us. This prayer feeds us to go out and love as we have been called to love, to live as our Baptism strengthens us to live.



**With Deepest Sympathy** — Condolences are extended to the family of **WILLIAM BARTMAN, JR AND PHILIP LOPRESTI**. May God grant them eternal rest, and comfort to their families. We commend their souls to rest in the peace of Christ.

## Stewardship

### Catholic Communication Campaign

Our Diocese will take up the annual collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) this weekend. By generously supporting this collection, you are helping to make our Church more accessible and connected to Catholics in our diocese and throughout the world.

Half of all the proceeds from this collection stay here in the Diocese of Greensburg to support our local communications efforts, which have helped the faithful stay connected during the worldwide health crisis. Donations support evangelization efforts including popular and innovative news outlets like the *The Catholic Accent* newspaper and quarterly magazine, The Accent Online digital news site, and The Accent On-Air quarterly television show, as well as the diocesan website and social media platforms, which have helped the Diocese and its parishes reach up to 100,000 people in a week.

The remaining half of the proceeds from the collection support communications projects around the world including the island of Samar in the Philippines, home to nearly two million people, about 90% of whom are Catholic. Many live in remote villages outside the reach of television and internet. Instead, radio is a critical source of information.

#### Weekly Collection May 9

Votive Candles:	202
Utility & Energy:	212
Accent:	3
Ascension:	216
Children & Adult	
Collection:	6,925
Online Collection:	840
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$8,398</b>
Communications:	37
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$8,435</b>

### Moving back into a normal life....

With our country opening more and more, we are finally able to move back into a normal life. It is difficult to resume living the way we did before the pandemic. As we slowly move forward, there are events planned in the parish. On the **22<sup>nd</sup> of May we will be sponsoring a Car Show** which we are getting ready for. Then our **parish festival** will be the first weekend of August. In planning for the festival, we have much work to get done and we need people to help.

**Every Monday morning** there is an opportunity for you to **help make Pierogi's**. We will be doing this each Monday until we get enough for the festival. (Are there every really enough!)

On **Tuesday the 25<sup>th</sup>** of this month we will start making **Halupki**. We will need a lot of help with this, so if you are available come any time after 8.

As more opportunities for you to help come around, we will let you know, and please know how grateful we are to all of you for so **generously sharing your time and your talents!**

### CRS Spotlight



COVID-19 cases in Nepal have been rising since April, jumping from 152 new cases per day at the beginning of the month to 4,831 new cases per day by April 29 - an uptick of more than 3,000%. Worryingly, the RT-PCR test positivity rate has increased from 4% to 32% over the same time period. In some regions, as many as 90% of tests are returning positive. Meanwhile, hospital ICU units are reaching capacity. Visit [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org) to find out how you can help!

## Catholic Charities

### Catholic Charities offers virtual counseling

Catholic Charities provides virtual counseling to help address depression, anxiety and more. Call Catholic Charities at 724-837-1840 or email [counseling@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:counseling@dioceseofgreensburg.org).

## Faith

### Pentecost Celebration!

Next week we celebrate Pentecost Sunday, the gift of the Holy



Spirit among us. As we look at what a treasure this is to our church we all open our hearts to share in the fullness of what that Spirit is about. It is right after Pentecost that Peter, inspired by the Holy Spirit, began preaching to non-believers — the beginning of the church. Since the

color for the Holy Spirit is red, **we are asking all of you to wear something red next week!**

### EMHC for the Sick and Homebound

Beginning June 1, we will be permitted to resume distribution of communion to the sick and homebound. If you are an extraordinary minister to the sick and homebound and wish to resume your duties, please call the office.

Even though some COVID-19 restrictions have eased, there are still additional guidelines that must be followed. **Masks** must be worn when entering the home, **hand-washing** before and after distribution of communion is a must; **sanitizing** your hands is an acceptable substitution of hand-washing.

Although many of the homebound appreciate your visit and would like to engage in further conversation, for now, you are only to pray and distribute communion. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact the office.



## Car Show

### Cars, Motorcycles and Trucks!

We will be holding a car show on Saturday, **May 22** from 10 a.m.— 4 p.m. Dash plates to the first 100 vehicles. Participates



pick Top 3 Trophy Winner. Personalized photos of your vehicle and a commemorative gift. \$10 per vehicle. Raffles—Dj—Food — Door Prizes —Basket Auction. **Call 724-314-3117 for more information.**

## Daily Readings

### Readings for the week of May 1



**Sunday: Seventh Sunday of Easter:** Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c26

Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 [19a]/1 Jn 4:11-16/ Jn 17:11b-19

**Monday:** Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab [33a]/Jn 16:29-33

**Tuesday:** Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 [33a]/Jn 17:1-11a

**Wednesday:** Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68: 29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab [33a]/Jn 17:11b-19

**Thursday:** Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Jn 17:20-26

**Friday:** Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab [19a]/Jn 21:15-19

**Saturday: Morning:** Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 [7b]/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 [cf. 30]/ Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

**Day:** 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

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