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HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

HE is HERE! | May 9, 2021 | 6th Sunday of Easter

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER + MAY 9, 2021

PROCESSIONAL—“Alleluia, Sing to Jesus”

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His scepter, his the throne; Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone; Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood; Jesus out of ev'ry nation hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! King eternal, thee the Lord of lords we own. Alleluia! Born of Mary, Earth thy footstool, heav'n thy throne: thou within the veil hast entered, robed in flesh, our great High Priest; thou on earth both priest and victim in the Eucharistic feast.

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GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

FIRST READING—Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

When Peter entered, Cornelius met him and, falling at his feet, paid him homage. Peter, however, raised him up, saying, “Get up. I myself am also a human being.”

Then Peter proceeded to speak and said, “In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him.”

While Peter was still speaking these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the word. The circumcised believers who had accompanied Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit should have been poured out on the Gentiles also, for they could hear them speaking in tongues and glorifying God. Then Peter responded, “Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit even as we have?” He ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

RESPONSORIAL—Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4

Response: The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done wondrous deeds; His right hand has won victory for him, his holy arm. (R.)

The Lord has made his salvation known: in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice. He has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness toward the house of Israel. (R.)

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation by our God. Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands; break into song; sing praise. (R.)

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SECOND READING—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. Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love. In this way the love of God was revealed to us: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life through him. In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins.

GOSPEL—John 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love.

"I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy might be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another."

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

RECESSIONAL—"At the Lamb's High Feast"

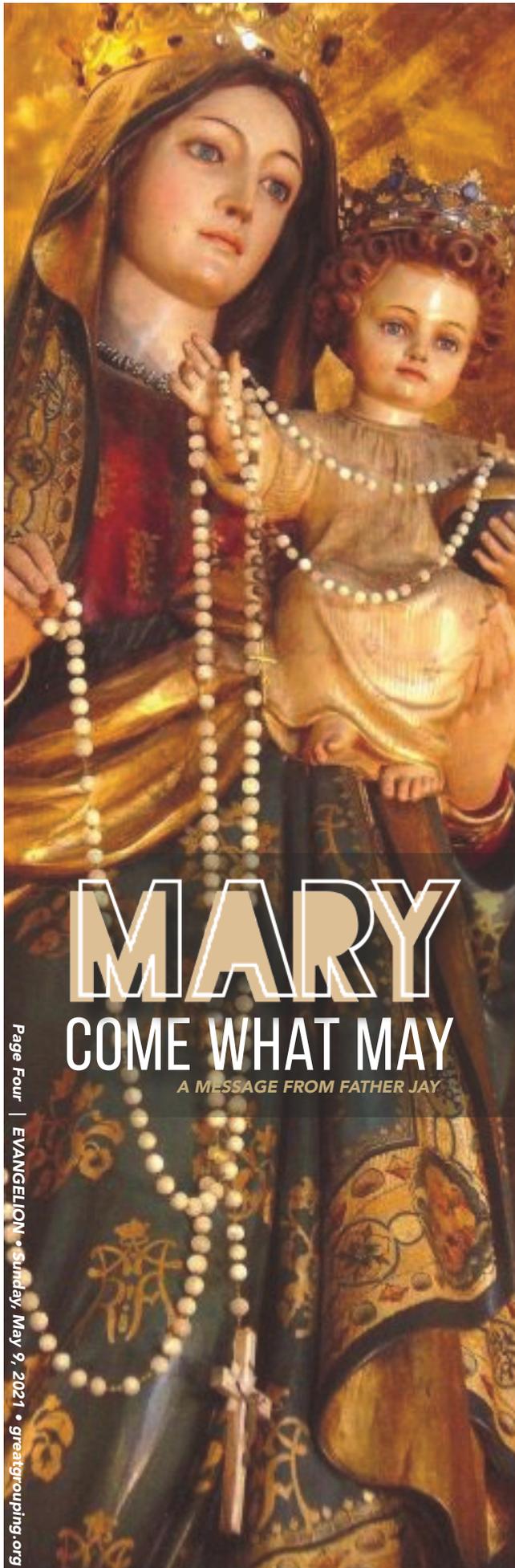
At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our victorious King, He has washed us in the tide flowing from his open side; Praise we him, whose love divine Gives his sacred Blood for wine, Gives his Body for the feast, Christ the victim, Christ the priest.

Where the Paschal blood is poured, death's dark angel sheathes his sword; Israel's hosts triumphant go through the wave that drowns the foe. Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Paschal victim, Paschal bread; With sincerity and love Eat we manna from above.

Easter triumph, Easter joy, sin alone can this destroy; From sin's pow'r, do thou set free souls newborn, O Lord, in thee. Hymns of glory, songs of praise, Father, unto thee we raise: Risen Lord, all praise to thee with the Spirit ever be.

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MARY

COME WHAT MAY

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER JAY

My spiritual director recently gave me this insight:

“Just stay focused on Mary’s gaze where she is loving you into new capacities for receiving the Father’s providential care. Surrender your heart and come what may...”

Focusing on Mary like baby Jesus did when in the crib at Bethlehem, or like He did at the wedding at Cana, or from the cross at Calvary. Whether our hearts are crying like a baby, celebrating like a newlywed couple, dying of suffering or somewhere in between, focusing our gaze on Mary brings us to feel the Father’s care and appreciation for us as his beloved children.

This May might be the moment to be mesmerized by Mama Mary as Jesus was!

Hold a Rosary daily this month of May. Tickle the beads. Pray the Hail Mary. Perhaps run the Hail Mary play and go for the whole Rosary.

Bring flowers to Mary. What goes on in Mom’s heart when a child brings her flowers? Flowers could be actual ones or a spiritual bouquet picked from the depths of our hearts where the rose and the thorns of life blossom on the same stem.

This May, our diocese is hosting *To Jesus Through Mary*, a month-long focus on deepening devotion to the Blessed Mother by asking her to draw us closer to her Son. Join me in texting **MARY2021** to **84576** to receive inspiring Marian text messages all month.

Finally, make a Marian pilgrimage to Marian sites nearby or far away like *Mount St. Mary’s* in Emmitsburg; the *Shrine of Our Lady of Good Hope* in Wisconsin; or my favorite, *Our Lady of Guadalupe* in Mexico City! Take a 90 minute drive and prayerfully visit the world’s tallest *Our Lady of Guadalupe* statue at the *Servants of Mary Center for Peace*, 6600 Ireland Road, Windsor, Ohio.

Focus on Mary’s gaze in your heart and come what may... be ready to experience the joy of Jesus and the Father’s care.



ANOINTING OF THE SICK

From time to time, we have inquiries about the Sacrament of the *Anointing of the Sick*. I vividly remember the Sisters of St. Francis (who staffed our grade school) teaching us from the *Baltimore Catechism* that a *sacrament* is an outward sign established by Jesus Christ to confer inward grace. “The special grace of the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick has as its effects: the uniting of the sick person to the passion of Christ, for his own good and that of the whole church.” (CCC 1532)

Recently, I was hospitalized with life-threatening blood clots, and found myself on the other side, as the patient in need of this beautiful and healing sacrament. In my ministry, I am the one who gets the emergency calls to dispatch one of our priests to perform the anointing, but suddenly I was the one in need. As my mind was racing with uncertainty and fear, as I was feeling the pain in my lungs, I walked Father Michael Roche.

After hearing my confession he began anointing me, reciting the ancient and beautiful prayers. I felt a true peace and quietness come over me. I can honestly say that I felt the presence of our Lord beside me in the emergency room—it was true peace and calmness for me. As I was hospitalized during Holy Week, Good Friday took on a whole new meaning. I offered my suffering and pain up at the foot of the cross to our suffering Lord, asking him to heal and restore my health.

Praise God! I am on my way to recovery, happy and humbled to be back in ministry to our parishes. I also want to take this opportunity to thank our clergy team and parishioners for the prayers, get well cards, Mass cards, and for making sure I was well-fed once I was home from the hospital. 

DEACON TONY GIORDANO
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“THROUGH THIS HOLY ANOINTING MAY THE LORD IN HIS LOVE AND MERCY HELP YOU WITH THE GRACE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.”

—Prayer from the Rite of Anointing of the Sick



Celebrating 65 YEARS!



What began as a simple game of *Red Rover* as kids developed into a lifelong love story for Ed & Tillie Neville. Ed and Tillie have four children, ten grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. Recently, Ed & Tillie celebrated their 65th Wedding Anniversary surrounded by family in their home (as Ed is currently under hospice care). When asked what the secret to their lifelong love story is, they both agreed it was God, hard work, love and laughter. That laughter is infectious as you listen to them talk. Even though Ed has recently entered into hospice care, he and Tillie talk of the love of God with sheer joy in their voices and their hearts. They have touched so many people in their lives and have evangelized Jesus' love in how they live and how they interact with everyone. Our Valley Parish is very fortunate to have such a shining example of marriages in our more seasoned couples. As Ed and Tillie prepare for this next journey in life, we pray that we can follow their example of joy, laughter, happiness, and their love of God. God Bless!



JUNE 14-18 at Our Lady of Peace

VBS is a fun-filled week designed to help kids encounter Jesus more deeply. Kids entering 4-year-old preschool through 6th grade can attend VBS (\$10 registration fee), and you can begin volunteering as young as 7th grade. This VBS is in-person only and will be limited to 60 kids.

Contact Chris Patsch with questions
cpatsch@greatgrouping.org



"I love VBS for so many reasons and have enjoyed being a volunteer for the past few summers. I have made many friends over the years. It's very fun, and there is always something different to do: crafts, games, music, and more. My faith has grown so much, and I have especially learned a lot through Scripture. Seeing all the kids with smiles on their faces, dancing and singing, makes me happy. I will always treasure my memories made at VBS!"
—Elizabeth, age 13

"Here are some reasons why you will love VBS: You will feel closer to God because you are with Him and learning about Him for 5 days; you will be dancing, singing, playing outside, eating snacks, making crafts, watching skits, and more; there is Mass and a show at the end of the week and your mom and dad can come to see it; you will be with lots of friends, and you will make new friends during the week; and there is so much to do that you will not get bored!"
—Gabriela, age 11

"VBS is a very fun week! I love the singing and dancing the best, and there is so much fun stuff to do all week. The show at the end of the week is the best because you sing and dance to tell everyone about Jesus and about how much God loves you!"
—Seraphina, age 7





ADORATION

Adoration is available **Monday-Thursday from 8AM-8PM at Our Lady of Peace in Conway.**

SAINT ANTHONY NOVENA

Join us on Tuesdays for the annual Saint Anthony Novena. **Tuesday, May 11 at 6:30 PM at Good Samaritan** Fr. Antoine Kairouz will be our celebrant. Homily recordings are available on our YouTube Channel.

ROSARY

Deacon Tony Giordano will lead the Holy Rosary at the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes located at the St. Anthony Center in West Aliquippa on **Sunday, May 16 at 3:00 PM.** All are welcome to join. For further information please call (724) 622-8445.

CONTEMPORARY MASS

Did you know that we have a Contemporary Mass on Saturdays at 4:00 PM at Our Lady of Peace? Scott Lieb and the Contemporary Worship Band alternate weeks to play their uplifting style of music for Mass. Look for the Contemporary Worship Band listed on the Week Ahead on the back cover.

SECOND COLLECTION

Catholic Relief Services Second Collection will be on **May 16.** This collection benefits Catholic Relief Services, the Church in Latin America, the Church in Central and Eastern Europe and the Church in Africa. Our gifts will support Catholic ministry in impoverished regions of the world and also aid people of all faiths who are suffering from natural disasters, war, migration, illness, dire poverty.

ASCENSION OF THE LORD MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, May 12, 5:30 PM—St. John the Baptist
Thursday, May 13, 8:00 AM—Our Lady of Peace
Thursday, May 13, 6:30 PM—Good Samaritan

The Mass at Good Samaritan will be available on our Good Samaritan 24/7 Livestream.

EXPLORING CATHOLICISM

Join Fr. Jay weekly in Exploring Catholicism! This series airs weekly on Tuesdays at 2PM and is available to view anytime on our YouTube & Facebook pages. **Tuesday, May 11** Fr. Jay will sit down with Fr. Eugene Ritz, they will discuss the Canonization of Fr. Cizek greatgrouping.org/exploring-catholicism

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

The Our Lady of Peace Christian Mother's general meeting will be held at **Stephen's Hall on Tuesday, May 11 at 6:30 PM.** Band 1, Prefect Dorothy Meder and Band 2, Prefect Sue Hendrickson will host. The program will include the May Crowning, along with a small birthday party for Julie Smelko, our Christian Mother who will celebrate her 100th birthday this year. An email will be sent with a Zoom link for those who prefer to attend the general meeting virtually.

The Good Samaritan Christian Mothers will celebrate a special Mass on **Thursday, May 27** with their May Crowning at Good Samaritan. A light reception will follow in Jericho Hall.

TOWN HALL SAVE THE DATE

Fr. Jay will hold Town Hall Meetings to discuss the January 2022 merger at each of the Beaver Valley churches. These meetings will be held after the following Masses: **May 22, 4:00 PM at Our Lady of Peace, May 23, 8:00 AM at St. John the Baptist and May 23, 11:00 AM Mass at Good Samaritan.** The meeting at Good Samaritan will be available via the Good Samaritan 24/7 Live-stream.

CENSUS COMMITTEE HELP NEEDED

We still haven't heard from a handful of parishioners with their census updates and we need your help. Would you be willing to call a handful of people and update their information for us? With the upcoming merger, it is imperative that we have accurate information for all of the parishioners. If you are able to help, please call Jan Culp to join our team, (724) 266-6565.

VISION TO LEARN

We will be offering free eye exams and eyeglasses to children on **Monday, June 7** after school in the Good Samaritan parking lot. If you need help with this or know a child that does, please call Cindy Deschaine at (724) 318-8402 to schedule an appointment. The appointments do fill up fast so please do not wait to schedule.

PIEROGI MAKING FOR FESTIVAL

Volunteers are needed to make pierogi at **St. John the Baptist in Baden on Friday, May 14 and 21, from 8:00 AM-NOON.** We will make pierogi for the annual Great Grouping/Good Samaritan Festival. Come down to join us—even for an hour or two, your help will be greatly appreciated. Wear your mask and social distance for safety.

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

MONDAY, MAY 10 (Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26—16:4a)

8:00 AM Good Samaritan • Nick Shayka (Wife, Elizabeth & Family)

TUESDAY, MAY 11 (Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11)

6:30 PM Good Samaritan • Ted & Gertrude Karolak (Family)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12 (Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Jn 16:12-15)

8:00 AM St. John the Baptist • For the Poor Souls in Purgatory

5:30 PM (Ascension Vigil) St. John the Baptist • Deceased Members of the Kamzelski Family (Dorothy Otrhalik)

THURSDAY, MAY 13 (Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23/Mk 16:15-20)

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

8:00 AM Our Lady of Peace • Mike Cristallino (Janis Waitkus)

6:30 PM Good Samaritan • Jean Eross (Marlene & Geri)

FRIDAY, MAY 14 (Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Jn 15:9-17)

8:00 AM St. John the Baptist • Catherine Seery (Family)

SATURDAY, MAY 15 (Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28)

4:00 PM Our Lady of Peace • Deceased Members of the Altier/Grooms Family (Regis Yannachione)

4:00 PM St. John the Baptist • 60th Wedding Anniversary of Ron & Diane Petcash (Pam & Paula)

SUNDAY, MAY 16 (Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19)

8:00 AM St. John the Baptist (Outdoor) • Enrico & Betty Osso (Gaudino Family)

9:00 AM Good Samaritan • Stanley, Midge & Stush Wozniak (Kathi Wozniak & Family)

11:00 AM Good Samaritan • Sr. Marise Hrabosky (Good Samaritan Archives Committee)

4:00 PM Good Samaritan Spanish Mass • Miguel Angel Valero Cota (Liliana Montanez)

THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER

ALTAR FLOWERS

(GS) In Memory of Rose M. Platz
by Dr. Charles & Mrs. Evelyn Loschiavo & Family

(SJ) In Memory of Ronald Suhayda
by Wife, Libby Suhayda

BREAD & WINE

(SJ) In Memory of Tom & Ellen Napoleon
by Donna Napoleon

(GS) In Memory of Janet Gaona
by Terry & Brenda Gaona

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE

(GS) In Memory of Stush Wozniak
by Wife, Kathi Wozniak & Family

SANCTUARY CANDLE

(SJB) In Memory of the Hertneky Family.
by Helen Ringel

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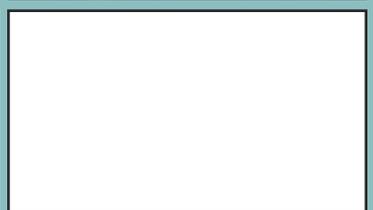

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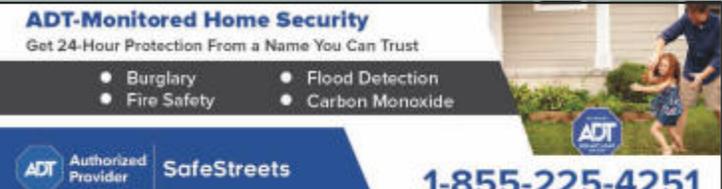
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THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, May 10

Nothing Scheduled

Tuesday, May 11

3:30 PM Outreach Samaritan Kitchen (GS)
5:30 PM Confessions (GS)
5:30 PM St. Vincent DePaul Meeting (GS)
6:00 PM CCM Board Mtg (OLOP/Stephens Hall)
6:30 PM Mass & St. Anthony Novena (GS)

Wednesday, May 12

5:30 PM Ascension of the Lord Vigil Mass (SJB)

Thursday, May 13

Ascension of the Lord
8:00 AM Mass (OLOP)
6:30 PM Mass (GS)
7:00 PM ESL Class (GS)

Friday, May 14

8:00 AM Pierogi Making (SJB)
7:00 PM Marian Prayer Group (GS)

Saturday, May 15

3:00 PM Confessions (OLOP)
3:00 PM Confessions (SJB)

Sunday, May 16

1:00 PM Grief Share (GS)

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Deacon Anthony Giordano, Deacon James Olson, Deacon Tom Boucek

REGULAR MASS & CONFESSION TIMES



8:00 AM Good Samaritan
9:00 AM Saints John & Paul



7:00 AM Saints John & Paul
9:00 AM Saints John & Paul
5:30 PM CONFESSION at Good Samaritan
6:30 PM Good Samaritan



8:00 AM Saint John the Baptist
9:00 AM Saints John & Paul



7:00 AM Saints John & Paul
8:00 AM Our Lady of Peace
9:00 AM Saints John & Paul
6:00 PM CONFESSION at Saints John & Paul



8:00 AM St. John the Baptist
9:00 AM Saints John & Paul
1st Friday 7:00 PM Saints John & Paul



9:00 AM Saints John & Paul
3:00 PM CONFESSION at Our Lady of Peace
3:00 PM CONFESSION at St. John the Baptist
4:00 PM Vigil Mass at Our Lady of Peace
4:00 PM Vigil Mass at St. John the Baptist
4:00 PM CONFESSION at Saints John & Paul
5:00 PM Vigil Mass at Saints John & Paul



7:30 AM Saints John & Paul
8:00 AM St. John the Baptist (Outdoor)
9:00 AM Saints John & Paul
9:00 AM Good Samaritan
11:00 AM Saints John & Paul
11:00 AM Good Samaritan
11:00 AM Our Lady of Peace (Maronite)
4:00 PM Good Samaritan (Spanish)
7:00 PM Saints John & Paul

For Holy Day & Holiday times, please see Week Ahead

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As Catholics, we believe that Christ becomes truly present within the Blessed Sacrament. As promised by Him, His Presence is abiding, not something that vanishes at the conclusion of Mass. During Eucharistic Adoration, we can sit silently in His Presence and open ourselves to His Graces. Adoration available at Our Lady of Peace, Monday-Thursday 8AM-8PM and at Saints John & Paul, Sunday-Friday 8AM-8PM.

