

St. Mary of Mercy, St. Martin of Tours & St. Stephen Parishes

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May 18-24, 2020 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

(4th Sunday N-Z)

REMINDER: DUE TO COVID-19 (CORONA VIRUS), WE STILL MUCH PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING DURING MASS.

Rosary & Benediction of the Bl. Sacrament...Sunday: 3:15 p.m. (Carmelite Monastery)

Sacrament of Reconciliation see schedule below for weekday confessions, or by appointment

Sacrament of Baptism - Call Father to set up a date, preferably before the birth of the child.

Sacrament of Holy Matrimony - Call to set up an appointment *at least* 6 months ahead of the proposed date for the Celebration of the Sacrament. A date will not be set until the first meeting with Father.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

May 18	Mon.	7:30 am	Carmelite Monastery	Bishop Donald DeGrood (Closed to the Public)
May 19	Tues.	7:30 am	Carmelite Monastery	Carmelite Special Intention (Closed to the Public)
May 20	Wed.	7:30 am	Carmelite Monastery	Carmelite Special Intention (Closed to the Public)
May 21	Thurs.	7:30 am	Carmelite Monastery	Carmelite Special Intention (Closed to the Public)
May 22	Fri.	7:30 am	Carmelite Monastery	Carmelite Special Intention (Closed to the Public)
May 23	Sat.	7:30 am	Carmelite Monastery	Carmelite Special Intention (Closed to the Public)
		4:00 – 4:45 pm	St Martins – Emery	Confessions
		5:00 pm	St Martins – Emery	People of the Parishes
May 24	Sunday	7:30 am	Carmelite Monastery	Carmelite Special Intention (Closed to the Public)
		9:00 – 9:45 am	St Marys – Alexandria	Confessions
		10:00 am	St Marys – Alexandria	+Ron Aulner
		3:15 pm	Carmelite Monastery	Rosary and Benediction



From the Desk of Monsignor Mangan: +J.M.J.+ "Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to Your Name give glory." (Psalm 115:1) How grateful we are that our loving God has not forgotten us. We thank Him for allowing us to gather once again for Mass. We continue to pray for those suffering and those deceased from COVID-19. The glorious Easter Season and the Month of Mary continue to hearten us. Everlasting Life in Paradise is for those who desire it. Do we desire it?

We are blessed to have through Sunday, June 7th (The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity) to make our "Easter Duty" by going to Confession. Please note the opportunities to go to Confession, and please take advantage of them. If no time works for you, then please call Monsignor Mangan (605 521-0175) who will be happy to make arrangements for you.

May God reward those who assisted with the work in the Rectory of Saint Martin Church, Emery, especially: Sandy Bartscher, Martin Schulte, Bob Berg, Jack & Teresa Catron, Delores Leithieser, Mary Wilcox, Christi Schnabel, Kip Larson, Darin Kayser, Cortney Kayser, Claire Kayser, Korbyn Kayser, Jerry Olinger, Travis Kampshoff, Nick Ernster, Lisa Schleich and Mary Ernster.

Thanks to Jack and Lois Vondra for the gift of the beautiful *thurible* ("censer") for Saint Stephen Church. It came from the old Saint Stephen Church. Jack and Lois gave it to Monsignor Mangan on Jack's 95th Birthday.

If you have access to the Internet, then you are welcome to see a little blog on which Monsignor Mangan posts (www.Jmjmorningstar.blogspot.com). A few articles have been published recently about Saint John Paul II, whose 100th Birthday is this Monday, May 18th.

As we begin going back to mass, please have patience with everyone. **Also attending mass is still not an obligation during this time.** The guidelines say to social distance and that we can only allow 1/3 of our capacity and anyone over that may or will be turned away from worship during mass times. There will be hand sanitizer around, please use it. Wear a mask if you feel safer.

	St. Martin, Emery	St. Mary of Mercy, Alexandria
	Saturday, May 23, 5:00 pm	Sunday, May 24, 10:00 am
Lector	Christi Schnabel	Peggy Weber
EMHC		
Alter Servers		
Gifts		
Ushers	Ryan Budahl Andy Weber	Bernie Schroeder Matt Schroeder
Musician	Bonnie Arend	Sandy Kayser
Rosary Leader	Volunteer	

CFSA Update:

St Mary of Mercy-Alexandria has reached \$15,225.00 of \$18,000.00 which is 52% with 73/140 households responding.

St Martin-Emery has reached \$11,380.00 of \$15,000.00 which is 53% with 48/90 households responding.

St Stephen-Bridgewater has reached \$7,515.00 of \$12,400.00 which is 48% with 24/50 households responding.

Our goal is 100% participation, please fill out your card and submit even if it is prayers or maybe donation of your talent.

Please remember that anything under our goal will come out of the budget to make up for the shortfall. Even with no masses, we all know that bills still keep coming.

St Mary of Mercy Bell Tower Capital Campaign Update: A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL THAT HAVE RESPONDED TO DATE, IT'S GREATLY APPRECIATED!! To date there has been 39/140 household respond with Pledges of \$65,450.00 (43.6%) and \$32,250.00 (21.5%) already given. Again Thank you to all!!!! GOD BLESS!!!!

St Stephen's: Thank you to Mark Vondra for installing the new amplifier in our carillons. It is wonderful to hear the bells ringing again as well as the beautiful hymns played. Mark saved St. Stephen's a ton of money by doing this for us. Also for those that didn't get a bulletin during the transition a thank you again to Bernie Weber and Carl Nordwald for installing the new vanity and mirror in the men's bathroom. Leon, Mike and Kenny Weber also need a thank you for the snow removal this winter. They do this out of the goodness of their heart!

St Mary's: The flowers that are planted on the Shrine and Church grounds are in memory of the following loved ones: Larry and Betty Arend, John and Ruth Askew, Gene and Pat Speelman, George and Margaret Smith, Bud Schoenfelder, Jim and Millie Wenande, Wayne "Bud" Easton, Chip Lee, Denise Schroeder, Pat Schroeder, Robert and Joan Kippes, Arnold and Marie Haiar, Elmer and Ivo Hansen, Kain Weber, Ray and AnnaMarie Zens.

All Parishes: An 8'x12' like new storage shed will be auctioned off at St Mary's Cemetery May 19th at 6pm. The building has a wood floor and is on skids to be moved.

Knights of Columbus and Catholic Social Services would like you to know that there is help out there. CSS is accepting applications for assistance (up to \$250) with basic necessities during this time, as well as telehealth. The Knights also want you to know that they are there for assistance as well.

Knights of Columbus: Next meeting will be 7pm, May 20th at St Mary's Parish Center.

Knights of Columbus Gun raffle tickets. This is for the drawing for the 50 cal Black Powder rifle to be drawn at the next Knights of Columbus event. Proceeds to go to the Steubenville Youth Retreat. So far there are 4 kids signed up!!!

St Stephen's Church will continue with saying the Rosary on Tuesday mornings. Please note the time change from 8:30 to 9:00.

St Martin's: All Sacred Heart please remember to continue selling the raffle tickets. If you are in need of more, contact Mary Ernster, Lisa Schleich or Jan Kayser. Thank you.