

6th Sunday of Easter – May 9, 2021

"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." -1 John 15:11-12



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

Mon: Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26-16:4a

Tue: Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11

Wed: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/Jn 16:12-15

Thu: Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23/Mk 16:15-20

Fri: Acts 18:9-18/Jn 16:20-23

Sat: Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday –	May 8	4:00 PM	For All Mothers
Sunday –	May 9	9:00 AM	For All Mothers
Monday –	May 10	12:00 PM	Intention of Donors
Tuesday –	May 11	12:00 PM	Intention of Donors
Wed. – May 12 (Vigil Mass)	7:00 PM		Intention of Donors
Thurs. – May 13 (Ascension)	5:00 PM		Dr. Charles Driscoll
Friday –	May 14	12:00 PM	Intention of Donors
Saturday –	May 15	4:00 PM	All Holy Name of Mary Parishioners
Sunday –	May 16	9:00 AM	John Polons (Lucille Polons)

1st Reading: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

This is the message of God's great love given to all humankind, both Jew and Gentile. Peter, the simple Jewish fisherman, the man who wanted desperately to show the Lord how much he loved Him, the man who crumbled under the threat of death, stands before Cornelius the Roman Centurion and tells of God's love. All are children of God, brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ. Today, from the seat of Peter the message is identical: *"In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him."*

2nd Reading: 1 John 4:7-10

God loves us and we are asked only to love in return. Those who choose not to love are caught in the world's most tangled web because they can't know God. The 'good news' is that even those who have never loved are nevertheless loved by God. We, the Church, are the reflection of this love and if we take it seriously and open ourselves up to God's eternal plan, we can be that love even for those who are too lost to recognize it.

Gospel Reading: John 15:9-17

Jesus had but two commandments: *love God and love one another*. All sins great and small are found answered in these two; and all sins can be forgiven through the love that is Jesus Christ. This is the truth found within the gospel and the freedom that follows is as pure and filled with hope as childlike faith can find. If we live by loving rather than mistrusting others, life becomes simple and Jesus truly becomes more present to the world. And does this message come as from a King to a subject? Does it come from the powerful to the powerless? Does it come from the wise to the foolish? No, it comes from one friend to his friends, and that friend reaches out and names us in the beginning to be his friends. Who could possibly ask more?



MEMBERS OF THE HOLY NAME OF MARY PRAYER CHAIN are available to pray for you or your loved ones in need of prayer. Please call Maureen Van Nostrand at: 570-278-4590.

LET US PRAY THIS MONTH:

We remember in prayer those who are ill & pained in body, heart & mind. We pray especially for Betsy Arnold, Richard Arnold, Frank Bayer, Anne Belles, Jerry Blodgett, Ralph Blodgett, Brad Bozzo, Al Breiner, Tanya Calafut, Katie Calvin, JoAnne Catlin, Becky Cole, David Conklin Jr., Odessa Cornell, Wilma Daniels, Jeanne Falk, Larry Ferris, Mary Ferris, Harvey Fletcher, Geraldine Flynn, Maria Garvey, Brandy Golden, Brenda Hector, Wayne Hibbard, Byron Hilgner, Susan Jennings, Timothy Jones, Rosemary Kelly, Deb Kessler, Bill Kozerski, Ken Landes, Nancy Landes, Sue Landes, Josh Landis, Dolores Makowski, Barry Markow, Charlene McMahon, Walter Miller, Alexis Mock, Luis Muloski, Jamie Myers, Mike Rayias, Kimberly Richey, Luke Richey, Bob Roccia, Ann Paolucci, Debbie Rossi, Rob Rossi, Jack Rozanski, Lennas Russell, Dorothy Sergent, Caesar Siedlecki, Edith Siedlecki, Kathleen Sitkowski, Delores Slatter, Jerry Stahl, Fran Tometchko, Florence Trowbridge, Ruth Vandermark, Jesse Wells, Rosemarie Whalen.



LET US PRAY FOR THOSE WHO PROUDLY SERVE IN THE MILITARY:



Floyd Beamer, Thomas Butler, Daniel Daly, Christopher Jordan, James Kane, Mark Nowalk, Michael Pelicci, Nate Seymour, Julie Snyder, Aaron Taylor, Nancy Travis, and Travis Walter.

PARISH FINANCES 5/2/2021

(FY18/19 Budget)	\$	(4867.00)
Sunday Collection	\$	3,280.00

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Please remember that during these difficult times, Holy Name of Mary is relying on your continued support to meet our financial obligations. Thank you!!

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ALTAR SERVERS NOT NEEDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

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PARISH EVENTS

May 12th – Ascension of the Lord;
Vigil Mass at 7:00PM
May 13th – Ascension of the Lord;
Mass at 5:00PM



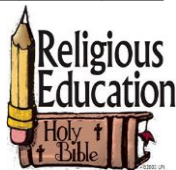
Please consider donating flowers for our altar for 2021!

This is a wonderful way to honor Our Lord, the Holy Spirit, and Our Blessed Mother. It is also a special way to honor beloved family members who have predeceased us, or to recognize a significant family event such as an anniversary or birthday.

This does not have to be an expensive endeavor! Consider purchasing inexpensive bouquets from the grocery store. We will be happy to arrange them for you! You can even simply place an envelope with your intention and a monetary donation in the collection basket labeled “Flower Donation”.

All intentions will be announced in the bulletin. Please help us continue to keep Holy Name of Mary looking beautiful! Please call the rectory (570) 278-1504. Thank you!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



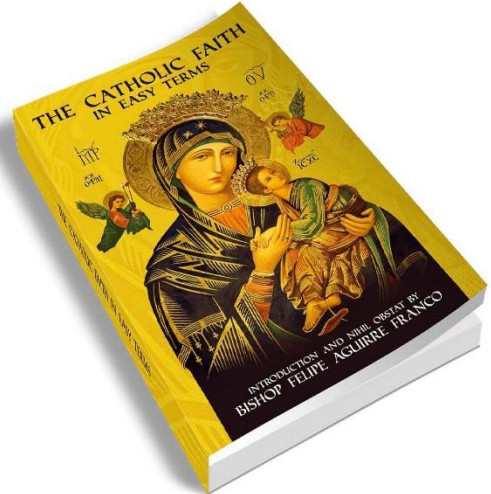
We ask the members of Holy Name of Mary parish to keep the following children and their families in your prayers as they prepare to receive the sacraments:

First Holy Communion students:
Silas Mooney, Albert Paolucci, and Brent Smith

Confirmation candidates:
Tanner Holtmaster, Makenzie Krupinski, Geovani Lopez, and Lee John Sullivan

NEW BOOK: Consider adding the following title to your library, *The Catholic Faith in Easy Terms*.

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DIOCESE OF SCRANTON WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS



His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, and the Office for Parish Life wish to invite couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2021 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 6 at the Cathedral of St. Peter. The Mass will begin at 2:30, and attendance will require advance reservation.

To register for the celebration click [here](https://www.dioceseofscranton.org/parish-life/community/marriage/enrichment/wedding-anniversary-mass-june-6-2021/) or follow this link: <https://www.dioceseofscranton.org/parish-life/community/marriage/enrichment/wedding-anniversary-mass-june-6-2021/>. For questions or concerns, or if there are issues registering online, please reach out to Jen Housel, Director for Community and Family Development, (jhousel@dioceseofscranton.org, 570-207-2213 x 1104).

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Thoughtful Moments

Do as I do

Are you the kind of Catholic you want your children to be? Setting a good example must include not only what you say, but what you do. For example, model respect and love for the Mass by attending every weekend. Frequent the Sacrament of Reconciliation and rely on Scripture to help you hear the voice of God. Your children will want to do the same.

The company we keep

When we see someone doing good, we are inspired to do good, too. The opposite is also true. Children whose consciences are still being formed can be easily led into sin by the bad examples of their friends. Be watchful about the company children keep and encourage friendships with those who do good.

"Turn thou to me, and be gracious to me; for I am lonely and afflicted. Relieve the troubles of my heart, and bring me out of my distresses" (Psalm 25:16-17).



Make your home a safe place

Many of us feel helpless and anxious as the global pandemic drags on. Imagine how children feel, especially when they aren't able to fully understand current events or adequately express their anxiety and fears. Even young children can absorb tension and stress from conversations they overhear.

Exercise patience. Remember that children grappling with underlying stress may act out in new and different ways. Daily challenges that wouldn't normally rattle youngsters can be the trigger for bouts of anger or bad behavior. Try to remember the context in which children are operating and be



extra patient in reacting.

Answer questions. When they have questions, give them age-appropriate answers. Answer using simple statements and reassure them that God is watching out for each of His children.

Limit news. It's not possible to hide

what is going on in the world, but children don't need a steady diet of news they may not be able to understand. No need to expose youngsters to reports that may only fuel their fears. Be sure to check their understanding of news they do hear or see.

Make family time a priority. To counter stress from the world, it helps to surround children with an atmosphere of love and comfort. Spend more time playing games, reading together, talking, and cuddling. Make your home their safe place.

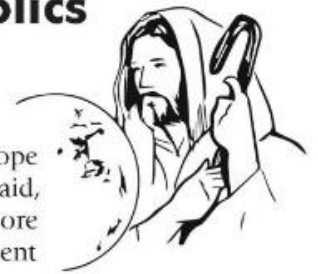
Why Do Catholics Do That ?

"The earth is the Lord's and all it holds" (Psalm 24:1). The natural world is one way in which God reveals Himself to us. Therefore, we not only honor God for the gift of life but to honor His gift of creation.

When we treat the natural world with respect, we preserve resources for future

Why do Catholics respect creation?

generations. Pope Benedict XVI said, "It becomes more and more evident that there is an inseparable link between peace with creation and peace among men."



Parent like the Mother of God

God chose Mary to be the Mother of his Son, and gave her the preparation she needed to do the job. Jesus thought so highly of the mother she became, that his dying thoughts were of her. During this month for mothers, we can take parenting tips from the Mother of God:

"May it be done to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38). When faced with events beyond her understanding or control, Mary leaned on God. We, too, encounter situations we can't understand or control. That's when we can



imitate Mary's trust in God. She didn't ask or argue. She just trusted. His plan worked out better than she could have dreamed. The same will be true for us.

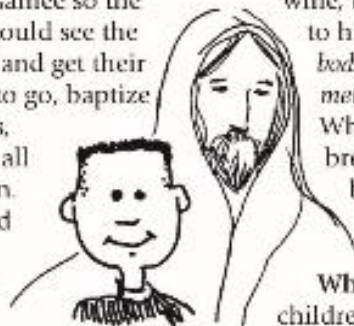
"Do whatever he tells you" (John 2:5). Mary knew when her son was ready for his first public miracle so she gently nudged him when he hesitated. We, too, can show confidence in our children's competence and encourage them to reveal their strengths when they hesitate to believe in themselves.

Scripture LESSON

Matthew 28:16-20, "I will be with you always."

Jesus appeared to the Apostles on the mountain-top in Galilee so the crowd with them could see the Resurrected Christ and get their final instructions: to go, baptize and make disciples, and to teach them all he had taught them. Jesus also promised his disciples, and us, that he will be with us always.

Because Jesus is God, he is present everywhere. However, we encounter him in a special way in the Sacraments, especially in Holy Communion. At



the Last Supper, Jesus took bread and wine, blessed them and gave them to his disciples, saying *"This is my body...this is my blood ... Do this in memory of me"* (Luke 22:19-20). When the priest prays over the bread and wine at Mass, they become Jesus' Body and Blood. This is how Jesus keeps his promise to be with us always.

What can a parent do? Remind children that Jesus loves them and is with them everywhere, especially in the Sacraments. Tell them that in every Catholic church where the Eucharist is kept, Jesus is really present, waiting to spend time with them.

Feasts & Celebrations

May 1 - St. Joseph the Worker (1st century). Entrusted with the care of the Blessed Mother and Jesus, Joseph was a carpenter dedicated to his family and obedient to God.

May 23 - Pentecost (1st century). Today, we celebrate the birthday of the Church, when the Holy Spirit was given to the Apostles, following the Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus.

May 27 - St. Augustine of Canterbury (604). Despite mistakes and failures, Augustine persevered as a missionary in rough and dangerous times in England. Wisely, he purified

and retained local customs into Christian rites. His efforts would eventually bear fruit in the conversion of England after his death.

May 30 - St. Joan of Arc (1412). The patron saint of France, St. Joan was inspired by God in a vision to lead the French to victory during the Hundred Year's War against England. Her troops successfully freed Orléans from the English. She was captured, sold to the English, and falsely accused of sorcery. She was canonized in 1920.



Parent TALK

My eleven-year-old-daughter, Kara, has two best friends at school whom she has known since first grade. They were all on the same soccer team.

This year there was a new girl in their class. Harlow transferred from another school and didn't know anyone. I suggested that Kara invite her over when she and her friends got together on Saturday.

"But Mom, all she does is read history books," Kara complained. "I'll bet she doesn't even know how to play soccer!" I urged Kara to give her a chance. I asked her to think about how Harlow must feel having left all her other friends behind. Reluctantly, she agreed.

To her surprise, Harlow could play soccer but needed help improving her passing. The girls helped her and played the whole afternoon, alternating between soccer, videogames, and board games. They had a great time! When Harlow left, she promised to invite her new friends to her house next time.



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