

# MAY 9, 2021

## THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

ACTS. 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48. The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured on the Gentiles also.  
 PSALM 98. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.  
 1 JOHN. 4: 7-10. God is love.  
 JOHN. 15: 9-17. No one has greater love than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.



**GOD'S WORD TODAY: To be 'friends' of God.** Christ transforms creation's relationship with its Creator. God is not distant, aloof, removed architect of the universe; God is not the cruel taskmaster; God is not the unfeeling judge who seeks destruction of the wicked. God is creative, reconciling, energizing love. And Jesus is the perfect expression of that love. All that God has done in the first creation of Genesis and the re-creation of Easter has been done out of limitless, unfathomable love. Such love invites us not to fear God but to accept his offering of "friendship"; not to self-loathing for our unworthiness but to grateful joy of what God has done for us.

## *Mass Intentions*

**FOR THE WEEK**

**INTENTIONS FOR OUR WEEKLY LITURGIES:**

**MONDAY 5/10**

8:00 A.M.

**Mother's Day Novena Intentions**

*Ss. Damien de Veuster; John De Avila*

**TUESDAY 5/11**

8:00 A.M.

**Mother's Day Novena Intentions**

*Easter Weekday*

**WEDNESDAY 5/12**

6:00 P.M.

**People of the Parish**

*Ss. Nereus & Achilleus; Pancras*

**THURSDAY 5/13-THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

8:00 A.M.

**Chloe Datto (Richard & Jeannie Yusavitz)**

**FRIDAY 5/14**

8:00 A.M.

**Julia, Adam, Paul Kopa & Clara Kopa-Voight (Lori Kopa)**

*St. Matthias*

**SATURDAY 5/16**

4:00 P.M.

**Leona Zeshonski (Annette & John O'Bell)**

**SUNDAY 5/17-THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

8:00 A.M.

**Bernard & Josephine Lapera, Catherine Dick (Angel, Mark & Matt Dick)**

10:30 A.M.

**Edward Docalovich (Mary Nicosia)**

12:00 P.M.-SPANISH MASS

**People of the Parish**

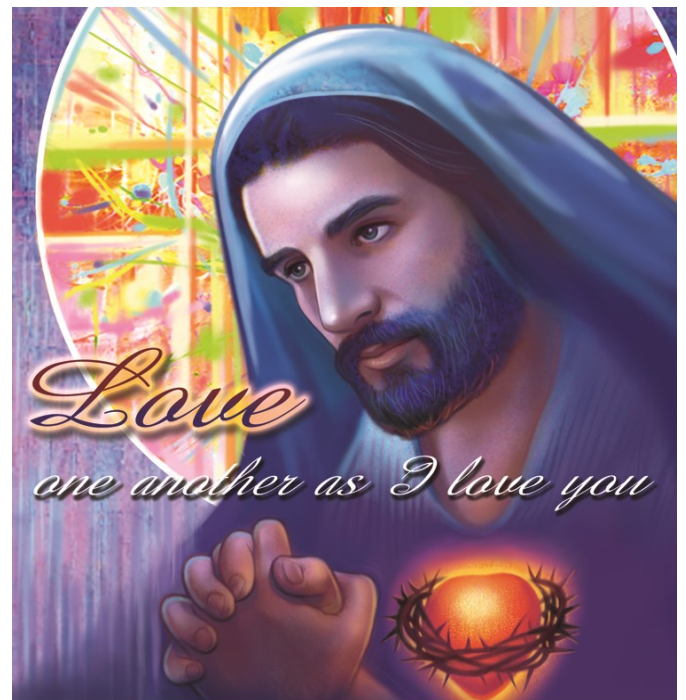
**WORD OF LIFE:** "O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties." *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "A prayer for Pregnant Mothers"*

**THE RECTORY OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FRIDAY, MAY 14<sup>TH</sup>**

**MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA INTENTIONS:**



During the Month of May, we will celebrate your intentions for our living and deceased Mother's. The envelope is found in your mailed packets.



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**OUR WEEKLY COLLECTION MAY 9, 2021**

OFFERTORY	\$3,098.00
ON-LINE GIVING	\$344.00
DUES/SALARY	\$563.00
EASTER	\$130.00
CARE & ED FOR PRIESTS	\$200.00
<b>INCOME=\$4,135.00</b>	
<b>AVERAGE WEEKLY EXPENSES=\$4,803.34</b>	



**COUNTERS FOR MONDAY MAY 10<sup>TH</sup>**

**Sharon Cardamone**  
**Joan Lowe**

**STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING:** The Stewardship Committee will meet on Wednesday, May 12 at 7:00 P.M. in the Parish Center. All are welcome to attend.



**THE PRESENCE OF THE HOLY**

**SPIRIT:** We have a unique episode in the Acts of the Apostles today. A whole roomful of people are baptized with the Holy Spirit before they are baptized with water! The verb used—“The Holy Spirit ‘fell’

on them” (Acts 10:44)—is characteristic of the way the Spirit works throughout the book of Acts: powerful and surprising. Though this “baptism” is not the normative way the New Testament describes baptism, it is still a good reminder today that the Holy Spirit is not controlled by whether or not we pour water, but rather that our sacramental signs reveal the presence of the Spirit at work among us. And we have a double reinforcement of how this work is accomplished from a Letter and a Gospel bearing John’s name. It is love, self-sacrificing and self-giving love, that manifests the Spirit of Jesus in our midst. It is love that is the greatest of commandments. The Spirit is manifested equally through those who live in that love.



**THE ASCENSION OF THE**

**LORD:** This week, we will celebrate one of the tenets of our creed: That the Lord ascended into heaven. From Mark’s Gospel we hear the final words Jesus spoke to his disciples shortly before he ascended into heaven. Those were words of commissioning, no less real for us today than they were to the disciples then. We are called to “proclaim the gospel to every creature.” For the vast majority of

us, this means that we proclaim the gospel by the witness of our everyday lives. Treating others with dignity and respect, providing for those less fortunate than ourselves, being good stewards of the many gifts showered on us, coming together as God’s family in worship and praise—these are all signs that the gospel has taken root in our lives. **Ascension Thursday is a Holy Day. Masses will be celebrated Wednesday evening 6:00 P.M. and Thursday morning 8:00 A.M.**

**MOTHER’S DAY**

**PRAYER:**

All loving God, we give you thanks for mothers Young and old. We pray for all Mothers of every kind. Those who have loved us and helped shape us with motherly care and compassion. We remember mothers, grandmothers, and godmothers who are no longer with us, but whose love is in our memory forever. Amen.



**LASALLE ACADEMY ENROLLMENT:**

Come be a part of .... The wonderful World of LSA!! LaSalle Academy in Jessup is now accepting registration applications for the 2021-2022 school year for students in Preschool 3 through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade. We invite you to visit us online at [www.lsaelementary.org](http://www.lsaelementary.org), like us on Facebook or call us at 570-489-2010 to explore and discuss all that LaSalle has to offer in a Faith-Filled, Safe and Academically Excellent family- oriented environment. Tuition Assistance Opportunities are available.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION BOOKS:** Any student who has a C.C.D. Book in their possession, kindly return it to the church on the tables in the back of the church.

**IRA DISTRIBUTIONS:** Please consult with your tax advisor on setting up Tax-Free distributions to Sacred Hearts parish. We all benefit!

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!** The Catholic Women’s Conference, Refresh Your Faith, will be held on June 19, 2021 at Marywood University campus. The event will take place in an outdoor tent on the campus. The theme of “With Merciful Love” will be addressed by keynote speakers, Father Chris Alar and Sister Virginia Joy. Taylor Tripodi will provide spiritual music. \$40 for live outdoor tent seating; \$20 for Virtual Live Streaming. For more information and to register, visit [www.cwnepa.com](http://www.cwnepa.com)

**SPIRITUAL ADOPTION:**

You’re in the homestretch with your spiritually adopted baby. He is completely formed, and has been since 8 weeks. All he is doing now is gaining weight and making his mother uncomfortable with his size. Bet she’s not worried now. In a short time, her baby will be born. She has planned to bring her baby home or to place her baby for adoption. Either way, she knows she can receive the assistance she needs from the Catholic Church and from the crisis pregnancy centers. Your baby’s mother appreciates the prayers you have said for her and her baby throughout the pregnancy. It hasn’t been easy, but your prayers have given her grace to seek the help she needs.



**CLEAN UP MONTH:**

From April 18-May 22<sup>nd</sup> Jermyn citizens are asked to take time from their busy schedules to clean their particular section of street, curb, & sidewalks of the winter’s dirt, rocks, and



recyclables during this month. The goal is to have clean streets and curbs for the summer months, and especially for the upcoming Memorial weekend and Summer activities. Please bag refuse and place at the curb no more than 24 hours prior of your regular schedule trash pick-up day & recyclable containers for pick-up. Call the Borough Office (570) 876-0610 for brush pick-up after May 1<sup>st</sup>. Help keep Jermyn Clean & Beautiful!

**SONNY SAYS:** A little girl took much too long returning from the store where she had been sent on an errand by her mother and she was asked, “What on earth took you so long?” “I was watching the devil’s funeral,” she replied. “What do you mean—the devil’s funeral?” her astonished mother asked. “Well, I was watching the cars of the funeral go by and counting them, and a man next to me said the poor devil was only sick about a week.”

