

Pastor's Note

May 9, Sixth Sunday of Easter

Happy Mother's Day!

Mother's Day is always a special day to honor all the women in our lives who hold a motherly role: Mothers, Grandmothers, Godmothers, Mother-in-Law's and Aunt's. It is a special day to say thank you for all they have done for us. I thank God every day for my mom, Marge, who after all these years still does so much for her three children, seven grandchildren, and one granddaughter. Thanks Mom, for giving me life, teaching me the faith, and encouraging and supporting me throughout my fifty years of life. Life...what a beautiful choice!

This weekend we celebrate the Sixth Sunday of Easter. All the readings focus on love. In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we read how Peter encounters Cornelius, the first pagan to receive baptism. This shows that God's salvation is offered to all. In the second reading from John, we are reminded to love another because love is love of God. God has shown his love for us by sending his Son into the world. In the Gospel of John, Jesus says "as the Father has loved me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. Love another." To love is to know God. Where love is, God is. Because we are made in God's image each of us has an infinite capacity for love.

We live not just for ourselves, but for others, our parents, spouse, children, friends, and neighbors. We are all God's children, so we are all sisters and brothers, all worthy of our love.

Looking Ahead

Ascension of our Lord (Holy Day) is

May 13.

Masses will be held:

9 am - St. Bede

9 am - St. James

Noon - Mother of Good Counsel

7 pm - St. Bede

The **Sacrament of Confirmation** for our Eighth Graders will be held on:

Friday - May 14 - 7 pm at St. Bede

Saturday - May 15 at 4 pm at St. James

Sunday - May 16 at 2 pm at St. Bede

****Please note message from Bishop David Zubik:** "given the current state of precautions in light of COVID-19, please note that I am extending permission for pastors to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation up to Thursday, July 1, 2021. I have done so that there will not be any unnecessary delays to the celebration of this important sacrament."
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Corpus Christi Prayer Service on

Saturday, June 5 at 2 pm

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic we were unable to have an official farewell closing ceremony last year of Corpus Christi Church. Now as we can gather safely outside, please join us to offer praise and worship and remember the wonderful memories. Please join us at the former Corpus Christi Church, 1550 Lincoln Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15208 (Lincoln-Lemington) for prayer and music and remember the memories of the former worship site.

2021 Mass Intentions

The 2021 Mass Intention book is open. Forms are available in the vestibule at all three of our campuses and return it to the parish office with the \$10.00 stipend. Sanctuary Candles are also available. Please contact Terri Price at the Parish Office to schedule.

Parish Share 2021

This past week every registered parishioner should have received their Parish Share Letter. Our **2021 Campaign Goal is \$178,677**. Anything we collect over our goal stays in the parish. No funds collected via the program go towards lawsuits or legal affairs, rather they support the day- to- day operations at the Pastoral Center and Seminary in Green Tree, the Hospital Chaplaincy programs in our area hospitals and nursing homes, training our religious educators and evangelization, and the Campus Ministry programs at our local colleges and universities. Parish Share also helps the individual parishes with assistance from the Diocesan Insurance and Benefits Office for our parish and school employees, Property and Planning Office to assist with buildings and grounds issues and the Parish Services Office assists Pastors and Business Managers with the day-to-day operations of the parish. We all benefit from Parish Share!

Parish Improvements

Baker's Waterproofing conducted its yearly maintenance check in the Holy Rosary Rectory Basement.

John Sommers Contracting has installed a new side door and storm door at the St. James Rectory.

Toth Carpeting and Flooring of Munhall has completed the new flooring and carpeting in the Holy Rosary Rectory and Food Bank.

Something to Think About...

"Every Day is Mother's Day!"

Marge Burke

With God All Things Are Possible!

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