

# Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 9, 2021

## Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup>

8:30 am - St. John – For those receiving Confirmation today.  
 9:00 am - 9:30 am – Confessions at St. John  
 4:00 pm - St. John – Susan Maurice by Women of St. John's

## Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup> Sixth Sunday of Easter

7:30 am - 7:55 am – Confessions at St. John  
 8:00 am - St. John – Hugette Authier by Michelle & Pierrette Authier  
 9:35 am - St. Elizabeth – For the People  
 11:30am - Queen of Peace - Raymond & Giovanne Belanger by their children  
 Confessions at QP before Mass (time permitting) or following Mass as needed  
 5:00pm - St. Elizabeth – Traditional Latin Mass

## Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup> St. Damien deVeuster

8:30 am - St. Elizabeth – Linda St. Cyr by Amy Marcinko

## Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>

8:30 am - St. John - Richard G. Handy by Isabelle

## Wednesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> Vigil for the Ascension of the Lord

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm – Holy Hour of Adoration with Confessions at St. John  
 5:15 pm - St. John – Mary Ellen Czelatka

## Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup> Ascension of the Lord

8:30 am - St. John – For the People  
 10:15 am – St. John – Good Shepherd School Mass  
 6:00pm – St. John – in pectore

## Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup> St. Matthias, Apostle

8:30 am - St. Elizabeth – Susan Maurice by Amy Marcinko

## Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup> St. Isidore

8:30 am - St. John – in pectore  
 9:00 am - 9:30 am – Confessions at St. John  
 4:00 pm - St. John – Wendyl & Rita Reis by Susan Dugan

## Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup> Ascension of the Lord

7:30 am - 7:55 am – Confessions at St. John  
 8:00 am - St. John – Deacon Raymond Desilets by Linda Toborg  
 9:35 am - St. Elizabeth – in pectore  
 11:30am - Queen of Peace - For the People  
 Confessions at QP before Mass (time permitting) or following Mass as needed

Please pray for parishioners who are ill or in need of your prayers, especially:  
 Pam Austin, Charlene Chase, Connie Lapage, Martin Fortin, Charlie Weis,  
 Randy Thomas, Dick & Anita Bedor, Karson St. Marie

5/16/21	St. John	St. Elizabeth	Queen of Peace
LECTORS:	4pm D Hale 8am D. Houde	9:35am B Godin	11:30am M Goldrick

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## PARISH EVENTS

May 8: Confirmation 11:00 and 1:30 @ St J.  
 May 9: Rosary at 9:00 at St E

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Fiscal Year: 7/1/20-6/30/21 Budgeted Regular Collection: \$243,650  
 Reg. Collection Year-to-date: \$110,885.96 + On-Line: \$67,268.59  
 Collections & Receipts: May 3, 2021 Reg .Offertory:\$4,630.00

## Second Collections

May 9<sup>th</sup> No Second Collection May 16<sup>th</sup> Catholic Communication

## Our Lady of Fatima Pilgrim Statue

May 9<sup>th</sup> Please join us in reciting the Rosary at St. Elizabeth Sunday morning at 9:00. The Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima has been blessed in Fatima and will be at St. Elizabeth until Friday May 14<sup>th</sup>. All are invited to pray the rosary either before or after Mass on Monday and Friday of this week.

Please feel free to write down your prayer intentions on the blue paper available and place your intention in the slot. Thank you.

## Futures Pregnancy Care Bottle Drive

Futures Pregnancy Care in Lyndonville is hosting a Bottle Drive here at Corpus Christi Parish. Please feel free to take home a baby bottle which are located at the back of the church and fill with your loose change. Every little bit helps. Please return your baby bottles by the end of May. Your donations will help little ones have the future they deserve. Thank you.

## First Holy Communion

First Communion candidates will receive the sacrament of First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 23rd at each of the churches during the Sunday morning Masses. Please pray for them. Thank you.



## May 12<sup>th</sup>: Feast of St. Pancras

Saint Pancras was a Roman citizen who converted to Christianity, and was beheaded for his faith at the age of fourteen, around the year 304. His name is Greek (Παγκράτιος) and means "the one that holds everything". Pancras was born around 289, to parents of Roman citizenship. His mother Cyriada died during childbirth, while his father Cleonius died when Pancras was eight years old. Pancras was entrusted to his uncle. They lived in Rome, and converted to Christianity; Pancras became a zealous adherent of the religion. During the persecution of Christians by Emperor Diocletian, around 303 AD, he was brought before the authorities and asked to perform a sacrifice to the Roman gods. Diocletian, impressed with the boy's determination to resist, promised him wealth and power, but Pancras refused, and finally the emperor ordered him to be beheaded on the Via Aurelia, on May 12, 303 AD. A Roman matron named Ottavilla recovered Pancras' body, covered it with balsam, wrapped it in precious linens, and buried it in a newly built sepulchre dug in the Catacombs of Rome. Pancras' head was placed in the reliquary that still exists today in the Basilica of Saint Pancras. Pancras is popularly venerated as the patron Saint of children, jobs and health; against cramps, false witnesses, headaches and perjury.

## Our Response is the *Our Father*

At the Mass the Priest consecrates the Sacred Host and lifts it high for the people to adore, he then lays his Eucharistic Lord, carefully on the paten, and he himself adores our Lord with a genuflection. He then takes the chalice of wine, and consecrating it, it ceases to be wine, but the most Precious Blood of Jesus. Again, the people adore, and then the Priest. This double consecration presents to us the Sacrifice of Jesus Christ. The last elevation is of both the Body and Blood of Christ being offered to the Father.

Jesus said: *'It is consummated,'* then He "bowed His head and died. Let us bow also our heads devoutly, and with our minds and hearts strongly affected by these wonderful mysteries re-enacted before our eyes, let us make protestations of loyalty to our dying Savior. Among the thousand ways the Eternal Wisdom saw to redeem us, He chose the way of the cross. It was the best means to teach us the great love of God for us; it was the best means to move us to love God in return. The test of love is sacrifice. Christ chose the sacrifice of the cross, a complete sacrifice. His love was perfect. Can we give Him less? Let us offer Him a perfect love, a complete sacrifice, in return. It may cost us much, but it has cost Christ more. It may cost us bitter pain ... we may have to ascend a veritable Calvary, but we will have the consolation of knowing that God has been there first."

"Our Savior has just died on the cross. We are loath to leave this scene on Calvary. We want to pause and meditate. The Savior hangs between heaven and earth, outside the city, cast out by His own people as a criminal, suspended between two malefactors – a picture of terrible misery, abandonment, and pain. But Jesus on the cross embodied all He had preached for three years. He had taught the Apostles to say: *'Our Father ... Thy will be done'*; and He accepted infinite pain, because it was His Father's will. He had frequently said to His disciples: *'Do good to them that hate you, pray for them that persecute and calumniate you'*; and, now, He pleads for His torturers ... *'Father forgive them, for they know not what they do.'* The excess of pain and the fearful malice of His enemies could extort nothing from His Sacred Heart, in His hour of supremest need, but prayer; and the *Our Father* symbolizes *the prayer, the example, and the lessons, which Jesus Christ taught us upon the cross.* In the spirit of the Master, ... [we lay] at the foot of the cross [our] own heart, resigned to suffering, ready to pardon, and ready to forgive all injuries. Yes ... at the foot of the cross, we can learn the great Christian virtues of resignation in suffering, and forgiveness of injuries. Here, as nowhere else, we can say with mind, will, and heart that greatest of all prayers: *'Our Father who art in heaven ... Thy will be done ... Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive them that trespass against us.'*

Having witnessed the Sacrifice of Christ, what will we say; who dares formulate the words? We say those that were born in Jesus' Sacred Heart, and which He entrusted to His disciples when they asked Him to teach them how to pray. This prayer is also a rehearsal of the covenant that we enter into with the Lord; if we are going to receive Him into our hearts in Holy Communion, we must acknowledge the conditions of discipleship: accepting God's will as our own. We dare to ask for our "daily bread," which as Pope Benedict taught, is more properly translated, "the bread of tomorrow," which is Jesus Christ Himself, given to us today in Holy Communion. And, so, we accept His will; we ask for Himself; we promise to forgive, even as we hope to be forgiven. Standing before the great Sacrifice of our redemption, our Lord Jesus truly and really present on the altar, this is our 'Yes' to everything He has asked from us. In return for the gift of Christ's very self, we're willing to give Him all that we have and are.

## Whether it was Fitting for Christ to Ascend into Heaven?

Although Christ's bodily presence was withdrawn from the faithful by the Ascension, still the presence of His Godhead is ever with the faithful, as He Himself says (Matthew 28:20): *"Behold, I am with you all days, even to the consummation of the world."* For, *"by ascending into heaven He did not abandon those whom He adopted,"* as Pope Leo says (De Resurrec., Serm. ii). But Christ's Ascension into heaven, whereby He withdrew His bodily presence from us, was more profitable for us than His bodily presence would have been.

First of all, in order to increase our faith, which is of things unseen. Hence our Lord said (John 16) that the Holy Ghost shall come and *"convince the world ... of justice,"* that is, of the justice *"of those that believe,"* as Augustine says: *"For even to put the faithful beside the unbeliever is to put the unbeliever to shame";* wherefore he goes on to say: *"Because I go to the Father; and you shall see Me no longer"*—"For *'blessed are they that see not, yet believe.'*" Hence it is of our justice that the world is reproved: because *'you will believe in Me whom you shall not see.'*

Secondly, to uplift our hope: hence He says (John 14:3): *"If I shall go, and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and will take you to Myself; that where I am, you also may be."* For by placing in heaven the human nature which He assumed, Christ gave us the hope of going thither; since *"wheresoever the body shall be, there shall the eagles also be gathered together,"* as is written in Matthew 24:28. Hence it is written likewise (Micah 2:13): *"He shall go up that shall open the way before them."*

Thirdly, in order to direct the fervor of our charity to heavenly things. Hence the Apostle says (Colossians 3:1-2): *"Seek the things that are above, where Christ is sitting at the right hand of God. Mind the things that are above, not the things that are upon the earth":* for as is said (Matthew 6:21): *"Where thy treasure is, there is thy heart also."* And since the Holy Ghost is love drawing us up to heavenly things, therefore our Lord said to His disciples (John 16:7): *"It is expedient to you that I go; for if I go not, the Paraclete will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you."* On which words Augustine says: *"Ye cannot receive the Spirit, so long as ye persist in knowing Christ according to the flesh. But when Christ withdrew in body, not only the Holy Ghost, but both Father and Son were present with them spiritually."*

~ St. Thomas Aquinas

## Mary's Invitation to Get Spiritually Healthy

**G**od has a plan for us that can fulfill our deepest desires. But we often get distracted, hoping that certain people or things will fill us, but which can pull us away from God. Mary invites us back. Over and over again at Fatima, Mary encouraged us to turn away from the things in our lives that hold us back. But how do we get there? Even if we want to follow God's plan for us, actually doing that can seem intimidating. Remember it's a journey. And God is with us each step of the way. Simply take one small step forward, especially when it is difficult. Here are a few ideas:

~ Identify the things in your life that need to change. Work on overcoming bad habits by fostering good ones.

~ Make fasting and penance part of your spirituality. Some things can only be overcome by prayer and fasting. Whatever you fast from, offer your struggle to God.

~ Begin to frequent the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

~ Ask God for advice. Invite God into your decisions, both big and small. Ask God, "What do you think I should do today?"

~ Establish a daily habit of prayer. Learning to pray the Rosary, even if it's just a decade at a time, is a very good start.