



# MASS INTENTIONS

## May 10, 2020 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### ST. JOSEPH IS A TITHING PARISH God's Plan for Giving

In return for the Lord's generosity, our people returned to God the following:

Sunday Offerings:	\$4,230.00
Last Year:	\$4,124.00

The above are bank deposit amounts

**Saturday, May 9, 2020**

**Sun. May 10<sup>th</sup>**

Mother's Day Blessings  
Fifth Sunday of Easter  
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**Mon. May 11<sup>th</sup>**

Beverly Hausammann

**Tues. May 12<sup>th</sup>**

Mark Andrews

**Wed. May 13<sup>th</sup>**

Janet Marie Jones

**Thurs. May 14<sup>th</sup>**

Elizabeth Jean Muscarella  
(Frank & Sandy)

**Fri. May 15<sup>th</sup>**

Donna Konyar

**Sat. May 16<sup>th</sup>**

Special Intentions for the 50<sup>th</sup>  
Wedding Anniversary of  
Larry and Carol Maynard

**Sun. May 17<sup>th</sup>**

George & Pauline McGee  
(The McGee Girls)  
People of the Parish

### **First Reading: Acts 6:1-7**

During the early growth of the Church, the apostles realized that they needed more disciples in order to carry out effectively the ministry of the Church. The community selected seven men, one of whom was Stephen.

### **Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9**

Citing many uses of the word "stone" in the sayings of Jesus and in the Old Testament, Peter urges the Christians to be "living stones...an edifice of spirit."

### **Gospel: John 14:1-12**

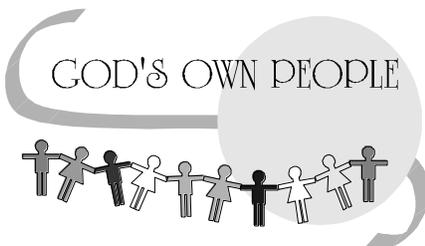
In this beautiful passage from the words of Jesus at the Last Supper, Jesus promises that he is preparing a place for the apostles. He tells them, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through me." When Philip asks Jesus to show them the Father, Jesus answers, "Whoever has seen me has seen the Father."

### **Second Collections**

**May 17 – Repairs & Maint.**

**May 21- Ascension**

**May 31-Pentecost**



**Mother's Day Envelopes: Offerings for Mother's Day, May 10<sup>th</sup> will be deposited into our Love of Neighbor Fund. Thank you.**

*From your pastor,*

*Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup> is Mother's Day, may all of our mothers living and deceased have a wonderful Mother's Day, may they know, by memory and present experience how much they are loved, not only by their families but also by the Most Holy Trinity. Mothers are Gods special gift to us that we might know something about God's love that we could not comprehend by fatherly love alone. As Pope Francis has said, that children deserve to have both a mother and a father, to grow in the full understanding of God's love.*

*There is no 'one-way' to be a loving mother; there are many ways of being the heart of the family. Sometimes with a strong tough heart, determined dependable, as strong as steel, pumping love to every part of the family, even to those members who don't want to be loved, but will get it anyway. Then sometimes mother's love is as delicate and tender as a rose bud, full of beauty and fragrance that can burst forth and break open the toughest shell.*

*Each of us has our own family experience of a mother's love. Mothers are not perfect, only God is perfect; mothers show us a part of God but not the fullness of God in absolute perfection. I hope mothers do not think they have to be perfect, and I hope they do not think their off spring have to be perfect. They are even more beloved because they are not perfect, but they somehow make us aware of the desire for growth in perfection, not in this life but in heaven.*

*Perfection is in God alone, we see God's perfection in Jesus. As Jesus tells us, "those who have seen Me have seen the Father." To see Jesus is to see God perfectly. We gradually come to perfectly see the face of God by receiving His grace, day by day, little by little to see Him in the world around us, in all that He has made and has given to us. We see Him as the stone that the builders have rejected. But we too are His living stones, being built up to be a visible edifice. We need to see Him in us, in our humanity.*

*In our Catholic faith, to love creation, especially to love and respect Christ's Incarnation in the sacraments and in the saints and in the people of God is not to take anything away from God, but rather to love God by loving them. Jesus is the Way the Truth and the Life, as He loves and honors His mother so do we love ours and His too. Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us. Amen*

**REMEMBER THOSE WHO ARE SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS ESPECIALLY:** James Tomedi, Lisa Ressler, George Baran, Christine Koons, Bernice Yocum, Keith Robenolt, George Sarfine, Abram Koons Sr., Tom Robenolt, Theresa Folk, Rita Prentiss, Aiden Barsis, Connie Buehler, Mason Reeder, Maria Harper, Matthew Rosboschil, Charlotte Farrell and Jackie Rando, If you would like to have a name announced in the bulletin or if someone is well and we can remove their name, please call the parish office. or Parish Shut-in List, please contact the parish office. Thank You. After six weeks of prayer, names will be removed. If further prayer is needed please call the Parish Office at 570-742-4356 to reinstate name. Thank You. **PRAYER IS OUR WAY TO CALL UPON GOD.** We pray for those who are ill or need special intentions. If you would like to add someone to the Parish Prayer List or Parish Shut-in List, please contact the parish office. Thank You.

**Thank you Father Hoke and St. Joseph Parishioners for all the best wishes received for our 65<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. We are most fortunate to belong to such a caring church community.**

**Paul and Marilyn Boiardi**

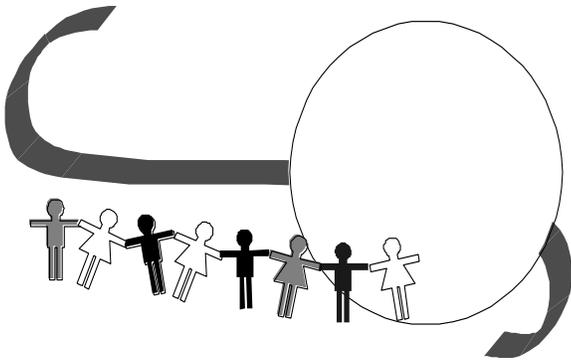
*Loving God, we thank you for all the mothers in the world. Bless them so that they may always give life and nourishment to their children through their firm faith, generous and selfless love, good example and constant concern for their bodily and spiritual health. Grant that we, their children may honor them always with a spirit of profound love, respect and thanksgiving, Through Christ our Lord.*

*Happy Mother's Day*

**Church Office is closed** due to the mandated quarantine. For emergencies, please call 570-742-4356. If no one answers, please leave a message.

**Tithing Envelopes:** In this time of crisis the church still depends on your support. Please mail your tithing envelopes to St. Joseph Church, 109 Broadway Street, Milton, PA 17847.

**The Catholic Witness** is going digital. Due to Covid-19, the Catholic Witness is temporarily suspending its print issues and transitioning to an all-digital format. To stay up-to-date on the latest news throughout the diocese of Harrisburg by signing up for the digital witness today. Please visit [WWW.HBGDIOCESE.ORG/THE-CATHOLIC-WITNESS-NEWSPAPER/](http://WWW.HBGDIOCESE.ORG/THE-CATHOLIC-WITNESS-NEWSPAPER/) for sign-up details.



## Patricia Rosboschil Memorial Essay Contest

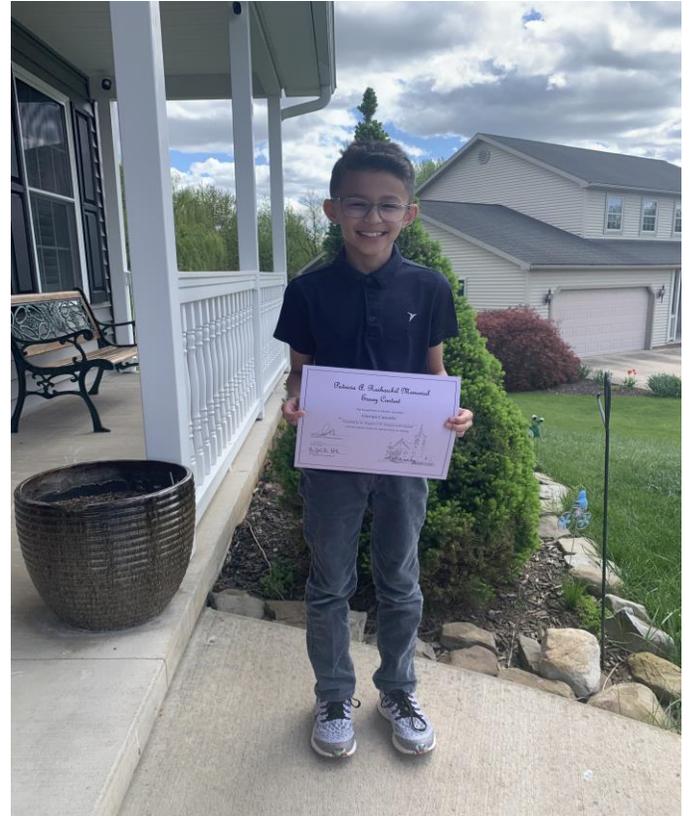
*Pat Rosboschil was a parishioner at our church who left money in her will to be used for the children in the CCD program. With the cancellation of classes due to the Covid-19, we decided to have an essay contest.*

*Students in grades 3rd-8th were asked to write a historical fiction based essay on the Passion, Resurrection, and the Ascension of our Lord. Students in 1st & 2nd grade drew The Crucifixion. The Kindergarten class drew an image from one of their favorite Bible stories that Mrs. Madison has read to them.*

### The Winners:

Kindergarten: Matthew Welker  
1st grade: Luca Custodio  
2nd grade: Brett Boyd  
3rd & 4th grade: Louise Cromley  
5th & 6th grade: Tyler Murray  
7th & 8th grade: Kayleigh Drollinger  
Grand Prize Winner: Giovanni Custodio

Congratulations to all!



Giovanni Custodio, Grand Prize Winner