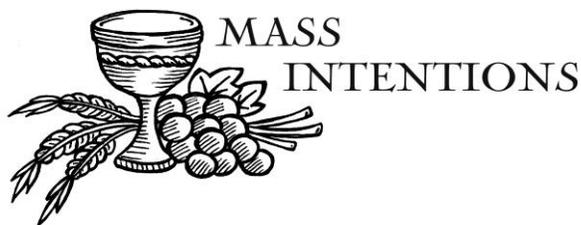


May 24, 2020



## SEVENTH 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:	\$5,649.00
Repairs & Maint.	\$1,060.00
Mother's Day	\$ 165.00
Last Year:	\$3,056.00

The above are bank deposit amounts

### First Reading: Acts 1:12-14

After Jesus ascended into heaven, the eleven apostles returned to Jerusalem and prayed in the upstairs room. With them were some women and Mary, the mother of Jesus.

### Second Reading: 1 Peter 4:13-16

Christians are exhorted to rejoice in suffering because through suffering, they share in the life of Christ.

### Gospel: John 17:1-11a

This is a continuation of Jesus' prayer at the Last Supper. He tells the Father that he has made his name known, that he has finished the work his Father has given him, and that he wishes now to share in the glory at his side

### Second Collections

May 31-Pentecost

June 3- Missionary Cooperative

June 7- Our Faith, Our Future

**Mass for People of the Parish:** Father is obligated to have a mass with intentions for the People of Parish during one of the weekend mass times, at this time, these masses will be private.

*Church office will be closed  
Monday, May 25, 2020,  
in observance of Memorial Day*



Saturday, May 23, 2020

4:00 PM Jeanette Hertzog  
(Marie Luzenski)

Sun. May 24<sup>th</sup> Seventh Sunday of Easter

10:00 AM Donna Konyar  
(Husband, Jim)

Mon. May 25<sup>th</sup>

9:00 AM Memorial Day

Tues. May 26<sup>th</sup>

9:00 AM Mark Andrews

Wed. May 27<sup>th</sup>

7:00 PM Clare Wendt  
(Sue & Megan Lindner &  
Paula Shaw)

Thurs. May 28<sup>th</sup>

9:00 AM Elizabeth Muscarella  
(Merrill & Connie Buehler)

Fri. May 29<sup>th</sup>

9:00 AM Bea Gharrett  
(Ginny Azinger)

Sat. May 30<sup>th</sup>

4:00 PM Carl Smollinger  
(Bonnie & Tony Lupo)

Sun. May 31<sup>st</sup>

10:00 AM Joseph Poponiak  
(Eleanor & Daughters)

*From your pastor,*

*I am writing to you a few days before the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord, and knowing that many of you will not be able to attend the two Masses for the feast, I want to say a few words of the importance of this 2nd Glorious Mystery of the Rosary, the Ascension of Our Lord.*

*Two mysteries that we find hard to accept is why Jesus needed to suffer and die for us and then after He over-came the world, in the power and the glory of the resurrection why He had to leave us? He could have remained among us in the power and the glory of the resurrection, making Himself present and visible in all places where His word was preached, or better yet, He could have done all the preaching and teaching and forming of the scriptures by Himself, all alone without our human involvement.*

*But the Lord Jesus stepped aside and turned to our humanity, so as to receive the Holy Spirit, as did the Virgin Mary received the Holy Spirit and brought forth the Word of God in Flesh, so.... We do the same. He leaves us so that we might become what He is in the power of the incarnation.*

*He became flesh because He wanted to redeem and glorify our broken sinful flesh; to be through with and in Him, so as to be the means of giving the Father perfect glory and praise. He came as one of us, then He left us so that we might become what He is; THE GOD/MAN, THE MAN GOD. These are radicle shocking words, but so is the New Testament, so is the Gospel. Easter made us into a new creation, all is made new. Alleluia!*

*It was good to see some of you at Mass in person, even though behind masks. We had about 55 at the Vigil Mass and 65 at the Sunday 10:00am Mass. Then three families drove to the Center to receive Holy Communion. So it is good that we abide by the directives and at the same time use all the grace God gives us to make reception of Holy Communion possible.*

*Our Second Lesson from our first Pope, ST. Peter teaches us that all we suffer for the sake of Christ is a great blessing and a glory to the Lord. We are truly suffering but if we unite it to the Holy sacrifice of the Mass we give glory to God and we bring special blessings upon us. May God be praised in the way we suffer through these difficult times.*

**REMEMBER THOSE WHO ARE SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS ESPECIALLY:** Anna Lee Fagnano, Abram Koons Jr., 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. 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.**

*Congratulations to Brett Boyd  
who will be receiving his First Holy Communion  
This Sunday, May 24, at the 10:00 Mass. Brett is  
the son of Jacque and Nate Boyd, and the  
grandson of Terry and Bob Engelman.*

**Do you have a high school or college senior, from our parish, graduating this year?** If so, please contact Anne Rocktashel at 570-713-4763.

**Were you married in 1970?** In honor of your 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary, there will be a special Mass and reception on Sunday, August 23, 2020 at 2:00p.m. at Good Shepard Parish in Camp Hill. Bishop Ronald W. Gainer will be the celebrant. To receive an invitation, please contact your parish office.

**The Annual Memorial Day mass** which has been held at All Saints Cemetery for the past 31 years will be Cancelled this year due to the current Covid 19 Pandemic. Management and Staff at All Saints Cemetery remain working full time to care for the loved ones of our Diocese, however we feel it is in everyone's best interest not to gather this year since it will be difficult to social distance and remain safe.