

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 16, 2021

St. Joseph Catholic Church

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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 Collection: \$ 4,110.00

The above are bank deposit amounts

Second Collections

May 16th –Repair & Maintenance
May 23rd –Pentecost
June-Father's Day
June 6th –Our Faith Our Future
June 16th- Missionary Cooperative
June 20th –Catholic Communications
June 27th –Repair & Maintenance

*The Church Office will be closed, Monday, May 31st
in observance of Memorial Day.*

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat. May 15 ^h 4:00 PM	<i>7th Sunday of Easter</i> Richard Szemplinski (The Rocktashel Family)
Sun. May 16 th 8:00 AM	<i>7th Sunday of Easter</i> Patricia Rocktashel (George & Anne)
11:00 AM	People of the Parish
Mon. May 17 th 9:00AM	Pauline & George McGee (The Girls)
Tues. May 18 th	No Mass Alfred Aliotta (Mary Aliotta Family) Fr. Hoke will be away, intentions will be offered privately
Wed. May 19 th	No Mass
Thurs. May 20 th	<i>St. Bernardine of Siena</i> No Mass
Fri. May 21 st 9:00 AM	<i>St. Christopher Magallanes</i> Clare Wendt
Sat. May 22 nd 4:00 PM	<i>St. Rita of Cascia</i> Bea Gharett
Sun. May 23 rd 8:00 AM	<i>Pentecost Sunday</i> Joseph Poponiak (Wife, Eleanor & Daughters)
11:00 AM	People of the Parish

ROBERT BROWNING

Pippa's Song

THE year 's at the spring,
And day 's at the morn;
Morning 's at seven;
The hill-side 's dew-pearl'd;
The lark 's on the wing;
The snail 's on the thorn;
God 's in His heaven—
All 's right with the world!

From our pastor,

Many of you have your own Breaking Bread Hymnal, if so please spend some time anticipating the coming Feast of Pentecost by reading and praying over the four lessons for the Vigil Mass. It is a bit like the lessons before the Easter Vigil Mass. Let this be your intent to be more scripture minded and molded in the Word. It would be great if you made it a practice to read the lessons for each Sunday Liturgy before you come to Mass. Try it, you might like it and find it very helpful to get more blessings out of the Mass.

The Easter Season is completed at Evening Prayer of Pentecost Sunday. Even if we do not have a scheduled Sunday evening service, we can still take time to recall all of the blessing we have revived from the Holy Spirit. Remember the Lord told us that He is the vine and we are the branches, by which we are to bear fruit to glorify His Father the vinedresser, He who prunes the vine. Without the Holy Spirit there is no bearing of fruit. We need the entire Holy Trinity in our daily living in grace; the Father to direct us, the Son to fill us with His life, the Holy Spirit to make us fruitful and to fulfill our purpose in life.

I regret to tell you that I will be away this week for three days; I will be driving down to South Carolina for a family funeral, my cousin Tom's wife's funeral. It is important to do these family gatherings. I will be away Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday, May 18-20. There will be no Holy Mass celebrated in our church those three days. I found out that it is good to get away and to be alone with the Lord, so I will make good use of the nine-hour drive. Our bulletin has phone numbers for emergency calls. My only worry is the fact that most fast food stores are locked up, only taking drive up window orders. They can't get people to work. So the restrooms are closed. I might take a potty chair and set it up next to the road and hold up a sign saying 'Help Wanted'. Maybe I will be on the evening news. May the gift of joy and laughter be with us all through the Holy Spirit. See you at Pentecost, I hope.

Fr. John D. Hoke

Readings for May 16, 2021

Acts of the Apostles 1: 15-26

Here is a snapshot of the past procedures, yet used consistently throughout Church history, even into the present age. When the Church needs to make changes, she does so in union with Peter, that is the present bishop of Rome, refers back to scripture and tradition and then prayerfully decides the course to take. Pray for the Catholic Church in Germany that they will not fall into schism and go against the unity of the Church.

Psalm 103 The Lord has set His throne in Heaven.

This reminds me of a line from Robert Browning (1812-1889)

His poem 'ALL IS RIGHT WITH THE WORLD', especially its last two lines, has always struck a chord with me. Whenever I see rays of sunlight streaming through the clouds, I am reminded, "God's in His heaven — All's right with the world!" Don't worry God is in charge.

1st John 4:11-16 Let us try to remember: 'God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him.'

The Gospel: John 17:11-19 The Gospel of John is made up of two separate sections, the Book of Signs, chapters 1-12 and the Book of Glory, chapters 13-21. The first five chapters of the Book of Glory is in the context of the Last Supper, giving to us a deep spiritual meaning of the institution of the Holy Eucharist. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is more completely understood with the help of these five chapters. We learn that we are consecrated by Jesus' consecration of Himself in TRUTH. With the gift of 'Truth' a gift of the Holy Spirit, we can remain in the world and yet not be directed by the world. You know how hard it is to be a Catholic in a secular society that does not believe in truth. But we have the Holy Spirit with us to show us the way. Remember what the Lord Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life." The Church continues to give to us these great gifts of the Holy Spirit; truth in her teachings, divine life in her sacraments and a reliable unchangeable way in her traditions lived out in the lives of the saints.

Are you a Catholic young adult (ages 21-39) in the area looking to get together with other young adults?

We have an active group formed that meets up monthly for prayer and socialization. Contact Kelsi Chuprinski, kac056@bucknell.edu for more information. Our next gathering will be May 7th at 6pm, beginning with First Friday Mass and then going to New Trail Brewery after.

Remember those who are sick in your prayers, especially:

Jack Wasilewski	Vickie Youman
Joan Bittler	Kurt Livingston
Tresha Sudol	George Sudol
Abram Koons	Connie Buehler
Jackie Rando	Marie Lindner
Ed Zerrenner	Sister Laura
William Cameron	Mindy Lamprinos
Joseph Masseri	Ginny Azinger
Marie Luzenski	Shirley Rauch
Billy Spaulding	Evelyn Young
Charlotte Farrell	Judy Reese
Helen Beaver	

Margaret Koons request we pray for the 11 on her personal prayer list.

PRAYER IS OUR WAY TO CALL UPON GOD

Adult Education

Adult Religious Education will meet once a month during the summer at the Parish Center. If interested please contact Anne Frances Rocktashel at 570-713-4763. Times and Dates TBA

Religious Education News!

May 23rd -First Holy Communion

June 6th –The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ, Corpus Christi- Four Confirmants will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, Celebrant Most Reverend Ronald W. Gainer, DD,JCL

Youth Help Needed

We will be placing flags on the graves of Veterans in our cemetery for Memorial Day. Please consider volunteering your time by assisting with flag placement. Your time helping will go towards works of Mercy. Thank you.

Wedding Pictures Wanted

We would like to display wedding photos on our bulletin board. Yours or your parents. We would love to share them. Your photos will be returned, but please be sure to label them. Drop them off at the church office or give them to Anne Chiccino. Please remember church office is open Mon.,Tues., & Wed.

May Birthdays

Marie Luzenski

Gardening

Beginning May 18th, a group of parishioners will gather to mulch at Church and Parish Center. If you can help, please give the office of Anne Chiccino your availability-morning, afternoon or evening. Please remember church office is open Mon.,Tues., & Wed.

Chicken BBQ

Saturday, July 31st

11- 2p.m.

St. Joseph Parish Center

854 Cemetery Road, Milton, PA

(We will not be taking phone orders)

Take out Dinner will include: ½ Barbecued Chicken,
Macaroni Salad, Baked Beans,
Applesauce, Dinner Roll and Dessert.
\$12.00

Calendar of Events

Thursday, May 13th –Ascension of the Lord

Sunday, May 31st – Memorial Day

Sunday, June 6th Confirmation with Most Reverend

Ronald W. Gainer, DD,JCL

Sunday, June 20th Father’s Day

Sunday, July 4th Independence Day

Saturday, July 31st –Annual Chicken BBQ Dinner

Father Hoke’s Ordination Celebration/Parish Picnic-

August T.B.D.

Saturday, October 2nd Rosary Rally

Saturday, October 16th –Women’s Conference

Works of Mercy Mini Camp

Looking for any student or parishioner who might be willing to donate time in working within our Parish and Community. We are hoping to do a three day camp.

Each day will start with Mass

Day one, job within our community.

Day two, job within our church community

Day three, job for our church.

Each job should take no longer than 2-3 hours. Jobs will include, grass cutting, weeding, small painting jobs.

If there is an interest, more information will be available. Please contact Anne Rocktashel, or call

the church office. Any Confirmation student in need of hours will get hours for work.

Will there be a New Restroom at Broadway Church?

Yes and other concerns must be addressed

The committee continues to meet and much has changed since the Covid 19 restrictions.

We have learned that the New Parish Center can be used as an ordinary Worship Place.

We learned that we do not need the parish hall only for fund raising dinners; it can also be a worship place with take-out meal replacing the need for a dining room.

We will slowly get more worshippers back to Mass, yet the Saturday Vigil Mass is getting more crowded, with limited seating.

THE QUESTION IS? Should we move the Vigil Mass back to the Parish Center?

There is easier parking, more restroom access and more space for ease of distancing due to the Covid restrictions.

I really love offering Mass at the old Broadway church, but I realize that for many reasons this might not be practical. I know your needs are important.

I have put together a survey asking for your input, whether you would want to move the Saturday Vigil 4:00 Mass back to the Parish Center
Please take time to fill in the survey, as I am very interested in your view of this concern.

Moving Saturday 4PM Vigil to P.C.

____ I am in favor of moving Mass to Parish Center.

____ I am NOT in favor of moving Mass to Parish Center.

NAME (optional) _____

