



## Mass Intentions

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 26, 2019

**Saturday– May 25<sup>th</sup> –**

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Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Antonia Cavallucci (A)  
by Maryann and Bob Cavallucci  
7:00PM – Mary Hambor  
by Colleen McCloskey

**Sunday – May 26<sup>th</sup> –**

8:30AM – Angeline Burda (A)  
by Family  
10:30AM – Thomas Vincent Tomasic  
by Janet and Mockie Schafer

**Monday – May 27<sup>th</sup> – St Augustine/Canterbury**

8:00AM – Deceased Veterans  
by Catholic War Vets Post 454

**Tuesday – May 28<sup>th</sup> – St Germanus**

8:00AM – Robert L. Strohl (WA)  
by Wife, Jean

**Wednesday – May 29<sup>th</sup> – St Maximus of Trier**

6:00PM – Phyllis S. Roman  
by Michele Fabik Carroll

**Thursday – May 30<sup>th</sup> –Ascension of Our Lord**

8:00AM – Theresa and Frank Cihylik  
by Mike and Louise Seng  
12:05PM – Carol A. Gallagher  
by Family

**Friday – May 31<sup>st</sup> – The Visitation of Mary**

8:00AM – Bill Molchany, Sr.  
by Connie and Bill Molchany, Jr.

**Saturday– June 1<sup>st</sup> – St Justin**

8:00AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Theresa and Frank Cihylik  
by Mike and Louise Seng  
7:00PM – Charles H. Albert (A)  
by Family

**Sunday – June 2<sup>nd</sup> –**

8:30AM – Graduation Mass  
by Marian Guild  
10:30AM – Richard and Martina Lloyd  
by Colleen McCloskey



**Pray the Rosary Sundays**

8:15AM and 10:15AM

# PASTOR'S CORNER

## Remember

### **In Flanders Fields**

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.

~ John McCrae

In this world, there is evil. Jesus came to save us from the hopelessness and the sins of our hearts that would have us cooperate with evil. Jesus also told us, on the night before He died for us, “Greater love has no man, than to lay down his life for a friend.” On this Memorial Day weekend with the warmer weather, the unofficial start of summer, the gatherings with family and friends, take time to remember the sacrifices of those who have died so that we may live our lives freely. And, as always, remember the sacrifice of Christ which allows us live lives free from the fear of death in this world and in the world to come.

God, bless America.

Fr. Eric.

# OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection

\$3,800.00



## ASCENSION THURSDAY – May 30<sup>th</sup>

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
<b>6:00PM</b>	C.Gair D.Gair	J.Englert	J.Behum
<b>8:00AM</b>	No One	P.McCarty	M.Druckenmiller
<b>12:05PM</b>	No One	J.Strohl	Deacon Jack



## NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
<b>4:00PM</b>	L.Ruda N.Ruda	J. McAllister	M.Druckenmiller Deacon Jack
<b>7:00PM</b>	A.Muschko L.McGinley	P.McCarty	J.Ottinger Deacon Jack
<b>8:30AM</b>	D.Popovic M.Popovic	B.Molchany	C.Molchany Deacon Jack
<b>10:30AM</b>	K.Gair A.Banoza	J.DeLong	F.Hutterer Deacon Jack



Flowers were placed on the altar last weekend in memory of the deceased brothers and sisters of John and Marge Druckenmiller.



Please remember in your prayers **Margaret (Cowitch) Kuchera, and Kathleen Marie (Dougherty) Knecht**, who passed away and were recently buried. We pray their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

## ATTENTION GRADUATES



We will be having our yearly Graduation Mass for all graduates from high school and college **on Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, at the 8:30am Mass**, with light refreshments to

follow in the church hall. If you will be graduating, please contact Annette Englert at 610-264-5748 for further information.

## THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD



The observance of this feast is of great antiquity. Although no documentary evidence of it exists prior to the beginning of the fifth century, St. Augustine says that it is of Apostolic origin, and he speaks of it in a way that shows it was the universal observance of the Church long before his time. Representations of the mystery are found in diptychs and frescoes dating as early as the fifth century.

## Our Lady of Mount Carmel



The invocation of Our Lady of the Carmel originates from Mount Carmel in the Holy Land, where hermits used to live at the time of the Old Covenant praying and waiting for a Virgin-Mother who would come and bring salvation for the whole human race. They were following the example of Elias, the Prophet, who was at Mount Carmel praying for the salvation of Israel, which

was passing through a terrible drought, when he saw a little cloud in the distant horizon. He hoped that it would bring the much-needed rain to Israel. The small cloud grew in size and covered the whole sky, and finally the hoped-for rain came to save the people. Elias understood that this cloud was a symbol of the Virgin to come, related to the prophecies of Isaiah that spoke of Our Lady. Those who followed his example also prayed for the coming of the Virgin who would be the Mother of the Messiah. In Old Covenant times, therefore, the hermits of Mount Carmel had the spiritual mission of foreseeing the coming of Our Lady and praying for it. Finally, Our Lady came, and she received the greatest glorification of any living creature: in her the Divine Word, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, was made flesh. She became the spouse of the Holy Spirit.

The history of the Order of Carmel begins again in the New Covenant. St. John the Baptist was also a follower of Elias, as were many of his disciples, St. John, St. James and others. They had the joy to see and know Our Lady while she was alive. They venerated the same Virgin-Mother who had been anticipated by all their ancestors.

The Carmelite Order continued to exist in the Holy Land, until the Christendom of that time was destroyed by the invasion of the Saracens. At the time of the Crusades, the Carmelites came to the West as an almost unknown religious order, waning and without supporters.

After St. Simon Stock was elected General of the Order in 1247, he asked Our Lady's protection for the Order. She appeared to him and gave him the scapular. The Order bloomed again, and a new period of glory came to it. Among the glories of the Carmelites, its greatest is to always have had devotion to Our Lady.

The best known and most highly esteemed scapular, and the one most favored by the Church, and by the Blessed Virgin in many of her apparitions, is the Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. It is adapted from the scapular of the Carmelite Order and represents a special Consecration to Our Lady under the title of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. In addition, it has been promised to those who faithfully wear the scapular: "Those who die wearing this scapular shall not suffer eternal fire."



## Saint Augustine of Canterbury

Augustine was a native of Rome, where he served as prior of the Monastery of Saint Andrew. Saint Gregory the Great sent him with thirty companions from Rome to the Anglo-Saxon kingdom based in Kent. The mission faltered at first, and Augustine returned to Rome. But Gregory, confident in Augustine's leadership, consecrated him abbot of the fledgling community and sent him back on the road to England. Reaching Kent, Augustine and his companions were successful in converting the king, Ethelbert. Thousands of his subjects followed him into the Church. Gregory appointed Augustine Archbishop of Canterbury. He died around the year 604 and is considered the apostle of England.  
~Magnificat, May, 2019



## Pilgrimage to Austria and Germany

Msgr. Francis Pat Schoenauer will be leading a classic Austria and Germany pilgrimage from **August 4<sup>th</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup> in 2020**. The highlight of this trip is the Passion Play of Oberammergau, which is staged every ten years. If interested and would like more information, please call St. Catharine Parish at 610-433-6461. The Oberammergau Passion Play tickets are going fast.



## Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mary's first instinct after the Annunciation was to attend to her older cousin, Elizabeth. But what makes a visitation different from a simple visit? A visitation carries with it a special meaning, a purpose of bestowing something exceptional. In the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, that meaning is not a message but rather the exceptional presence of the Son – the Savior – she carries within her womb. We can be certain that the mystery of the Visitation is effective in our lives, too, for Mary continues to take the initiative to come to us, to introduce us to her Son.

~Magnificat, May, 2019

## ADULT CONFIRMATION



Bishop Schlert will celebrate the **Noon Mass on Pentecost Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>**, at the **Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena**, Allentown, within which he will confirm adults of our Diocese.

## PRIESTLY ORDINATION

ALLELULIA!! Three Priests will be Ordained in our Diocese on **Saturday, June 1, 2019**. Come and celebrate with Serra Club of Allentown. Dinner at St. Mary's in Hamburg, **Monday June 17, 2019. Ticket deadline is June 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Contact Mark Roth 610-820-5958 or [microthpe@ptd.net](mailto:microthpe@ptd.net).

