

Mass Intentions Fifth Sunday of Easter May 13, 2017

Saturday–May 13th –

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – All Mother's Day Intentions

7:00PM – All Mother's Day Intentions

Sunday – May 14th –

8:30AM – All Mother's Day Intentions

10:30AM – All Mother's Day Intentions

Monday – May 15th – St Isidore the Farmer

8:00AM – Margaret "Peggy" Worman
by Pauline Pammer

Tuesday – May 16th – St Pachomius

8:00AM – Josephine Galm

by McCarty Family

Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass

Wednesday – May 17th – St Paschal Baylon

6:00PM – Jeanette S. Koncz

by Barbara Petro

Thursday – May 18th – St John I

8:00AM – Mary E. Kalamar

by Margaret Deutsch

Friday – May 19th – St Crispin of Viterbo

8:00AM – Bob Spengler and Bernardine Wehr

by Ann and Dale

Saturday–May 20th – St Bernardine of Siena

8:00AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – John and Mary Kocis

by Daughters

7:00PM – Joseph Chuss (25th A)

by Wife, June

Sunday – May 21st –

8:30AM – Angeline Burda (B)

by Steve and Margie Burda

10:30AM – Francis J. Broderick

by Rosemary and Donald MacLaughlin



Pray the Rosary each Sunday

8:15AM and 10:15AM

PASTOR'S CORNER

In Context, Please

When Jesus instructs his disciples, "If your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off!" we know from the whole of his teaching that He is speaking about the priority of getting into the kingdom of Heaven, and not letting anything get in the way of heaven. What encourages us here to look for a "deeper meaning" is the extreme threat of pain and useless suffering that *literally* following that command would engender.

When Jesus tells us to "love one another," we say, "right on, right on, right on!" What doesn't encourage us here to take a "deeper look" is the agreeableness of the sentiment we draw from his words. But what about the larger context of his teaching *here*? Shouldn't we keep reading when He says, "I give you a new commandment; love one another *as I have loved you*." We don't get to tell God that the "ways" we love are his way of love. No, He shows us the way of his love in the dying and rising of his Son Jesus – a love that truly is a "gift of self" to another for the good of the other.

Many folks in recent years have commented to me about how they like this "new" pope, Pope Francis. And there is much to like about him. But I have taken now to ask people who express their liking of Pope Francis, "Why?" and this brings some unsettling answers. For instance, one person commented on how she believes he is going to allow married priests, another on how he will change the teachings on marriage and divorce, and another on how he will allow for same-sex unions. In each instance I have to remind the person that the context of the teaching of Pope Francis must also be read, if we are at all interested in intellectual honesty or integrity, that is. We

might think the Holy Father is teaching that all are saved and going to heaven (even though the Lord Himself makes the opposite point), but they are not really listening or reading the Pope's actual statements.

For example, in his first apostolic exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, he begins in paragraph 1 with these words,

The joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus. Those who accept his offer of salvation are set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness. With Christ joy is constantly born anew. In this Exhortation I wish to encourage the Christian faithful to embark upon a new chapter of evangelization marked by this joy, while pointing out new paths for the Church's journey in years to come.

The Pope is forward in his thinking – forward with the gospel of Jesus Christ! Notice that the second line of the text also acknowledges that there are those who will not accept Christ's offer of salvation. While not dwelling on those who reject God's offer, the Holy Father moves us to the joy we have in Christ that we are called to share with others so that more people receive and accept the offer of salvation. Too deep, you think? Not for a disciple of Jesus – you and I are “up to the task” of taking in the context of Christ's teachings because of the Holy Spirit Who dwells in our hearts.

Pondering,
Fr. Eric.



Please remember in your prayers **Paul Houghton**, who passed away and was buried this past week. May his soul, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



DONUT SUNDAY

Next Sunday, May 21st, is **Donut Sunday**. Thank you to **Aggie Chabak**, who is sponsoring this month's event as a **thank you for all of our parishioners who honored her in January for her 100th Birthday!** Please stop by after the **8:30AM and 10:30AM Masses** for some coffee, tea, and some donuts!

OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection

\$4,431.00

The **Second Collection** this weekend, **May 13th and 14th**, will be the **National Shrine Collection**.



NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
4:00PM	S.DeLong J.Drummer	B.Molchany	C.Molchany
7:00PM	J.Shaul M.Hosni	P.McCarty	M.Druckenmiller
8:30AM	L.Ruda N.Ruda	E.Snyder	Deacon Jack
10:30AM	C.Ritter M.Ritter	B.Petro	J.Heffner



EASTER DUTY

Catholics are obliged to fulfill what has been called their “**Easter Duty**”. Catholics are required to receive Holy Communion in between the First Sunday of Lent, **March 5th**, until Trinity Sunday (**June 11th**). Those conscious of serious sin are reminded of the obligation to confess their sins at least once a year during this time.

GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

On **Wednesday, May 17th**, the Night of the Arts will begin at **6:00pm** in front of the Main Office. Artwork created by our students will be on display. Musical Presentations by our school choir and instrumental band begin at 6:30pm in the School Gym. All are welcome!

ALTAR FLOWERS

The **ALTAR FLOWER LIST** is at the parking lot entrance of church. Honor a loved one by placing flowers on the altar. Simply sign up on the list, and then call your florist for delivery.

MOTHER'S DAY FLOWERS



At all Masses for Mother's Day this weekend, **May 13th and 14th**, the **Pennsylvanians for Human Life** will be selling live flowers for their annual fundraiser. Flowers will be on sale for \$2.00 for Carnations and \$3.00 for Roses. Honor Mom in a special way this Mother's

Day. Your generosity helps fund buses to the March for Life, Mary's Shelter, "Generation Life" speakers in Diocesan schools, Pro-Life billboards, Educational material at the Fair Booth, etc. Please support their only fundraiser with a lovely gift for every Mom.

Woman's Retreat Weekend

St. Francis Center of Renewal in Bethlehem has a traditional retreat for woman on **September 8th, 9th, and 10th**. The retreat director will be Rev. Dennet Jung. To register you may call the center at 610-867-8890. Suggested offering for the weekend is \$170.00 per person. If you have any questions about the retreat, or if you register, call Deacon Jack, 610-266-0689.

St. John the Baptist Church 924 N. Front St, Allentown

Meat Bingo on **Sunday, May 21st**. Doors and kitchen open at 12:00 noon and bingo begins at 1:00pm.

Mayflower Dance with the Steel City Band with Bobby Molchan will be held on **Saturday, May 27th**, from **7:00pm to 10:00pm**. Tickets are just \$5.00, and it is B.Y.O.B. Any questions, call Bill Drost at 610.432.3505.

SUBURBAN NORTH YMCA

The 23rd Annual Russell Miller/Danny Danko Memorial Golf Outing will be held on **Saturday, May 20th**, at Willow Brook Golf Course. To register, visit the Y or call for an application 610-264-5221.

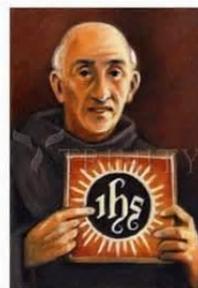
ST ISIDORE THE FARMER

Isidore served as a day laborer on the farm of Juan de Vargas outside Madrid, Spain. His day began with Mass. Isidore's fellow laborers complained that Isidore was preoccupied with his devotions and neglected his work. Vargas, determined to discover the truth, watched Isidore in secret. It is said that he saw Isidore rapt in prayer, while, in the field, an angel guided the plow. After a life of humble service, Isidore died in 1130. Within forty years of his death, his remains were translated to the Cathedral of Saint Andrew. He was formally canonized on March 12, 1622, alongside Saints Ignatius of Loyola, Teresa of Avila, Francis Xavier, and Philip Neri.

~ *Magnificat May, 2017*



ST BERNARDINE OF SIENA



Orphaned young, Bernardine received a solid classical education before entering the Franciscan Friars Minor in 1402. He was the great promoter of the reforms of the Observant Franciscans, and authored treatises on ascetic and mystical theology as well as writings on the Blessed Virgin Mary. A powerful preacher, Bernardine spread devotion to the Holy Name: "The name of Jesus is the glory of preachers,

because the shining splendor of that name causes his Word to be proclaimed and heard. And how do you think such an immense, sudden, and dazzling light of faith came into the world, if not because Jesus was preached?" Bernardine died in 1444.

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