



Mass Intentions

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 5, 2018

Saturday– May 5th –

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Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Helen Sidor (B)
by Mary Jandrasits
7:00PM – Parents, Melichor and Emelia Dopsovic
by Daughter, Agnes Chabak

Sunday – May 6th –

8:30AM – Agnes M. Collis
by Bill and Antoinette Shankweiler
10:30AM – C.C.D. Students
by C.C.D. Staff

Monday – May 7th – St John of Beverley

8:00AM – Lois H. Moll
by Deacon and Mrs. Jack O'Connell

Tuesday – May 8th – St Peter of Tarantaise

8:00AM – Theresa and Frank Cihylik
by Louise and Mike Seng
Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass

Wednesday – May 9th – St Pachomius

6:00PM – Marie Mooney (A)
by McCloskey Family

Thursday – May 10th – Ascension of Our Lord

8:00AM – Charles H. Albert (B)
by Family
12:05PM – Richard J. Longenhagen
by Jean and Richard Garrison

Friday – May 11th – St Francis of Coirolamo

8:00AM – Margaret and Charles McCarty
by Kathleen and Peggy

Saturday– May 12th – Ss Nereus and Achilleus

8:00AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners
Seventh Sunday of Easter
Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – All Mother's Day Intentions
7:00PM – All Mother's Day Intentions

Sunday – May 13th –

8:30AM – All Mother's Day Intentions
10:30AM – All Mother's Day Intentions

PRAY



Sundays

8:15AM and 10:15AM

PASTOR'S CORNER

A Sad Joke, a Cruel Twist and Love

What does a royal birth, an unfunny joke about abortion, and the death of a toddler have in common? – each “made news” over the last ten days.

First, Prince William and Kate have a new baby boy! Congratulations to the royal family of the United Kingdom. It is encouraging to see anyone in the public square embrace children as a blessing and gift as these young royals have. May God bless them each and all.

Second, the toddler Alfie Evans, meanwhile in another part of England surrendered to death after a long struggle with a rare degenerative disorder. His parents had made the news in their appeals to the courts of England to have young Alfie released from the hospital so that they could try experimental treatments available in Italy. The Pope even made an appeal by offering a plane to take the family to Rome for treatment, but to no avail. The courts would not allow the family to remove Alfie from hospice care saying the child should be allowed to die. Thus goes all government-run healthcare – sooner or later, the decisions are made by others not by the individuals most affected and responsible.

What a contrast! In one suburb of London a family grieving their little one and in another suburb the royal birth celebration.

Lastly, the comedienne chosen to do the “roasting” portion of the annual White House Correspondents’ Dinner showed how far we have drifted (culturally) from Bob Hope, Billy Crystal and Johnny Carson. In her shtick, she went off on our Vice President who has been unapologetically pro-life and anti-abortion, saying to him about abortion, “Don’t knock it ‘til you’ve tried it.” She went on to encourage women to just “knock it (the child) out of there.” Folks, this is disturbing on many fronts,

but mostly from the “disconnect” between the majority of those gathered with how most of America actually lives and breathes. If this is good entertainment for the judges, officials, reps and senators who influence and lead our country, then we have fallen well over the edge, and the comeuppance we will receive is a doozie!

I know we all have our own problems, our own pains, our own struggles and our own celebrations, but as followers of Jesus we are to love as He loves. That means not waiting until my own needs are satisfied before I care for others in their needs and rejoice with them in their triumphs.

Love is a way of being, Fr. Eric.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection \$3,735.00

The **Second** Collection this weekend, **May 5th and 6th**, will be the **Mother’s Day Remembrance**.



ASCENSION THURSDAY – May 10th

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
6:00PM	C.Gair D.Gair	K.McCloskey	J.Behum
8:00AM	No One	P.McCarty	J.Druckenmiller
12:05PM	No One	B.Petro	Deacon Jack

NEXT WEEK’S SCHEDULE



	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
4:00PM	J.Drummer A.Banoza	J.Strohl	Deacon Jack
7:00PM	L.Ruda N.Ruda	J.Englert	Deacon Jack
8:30AM	D.Popovic M.Popovic	B.Molchany	C.Molchany
10:30AM	C.Gair D.Gair	K.McCloskey	F.Hutterer

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.

In the liturgies generally the day is meant to celebrate the completion of the work of our salvation, the pledge of our glorification with Christ, and His entry into heaven with our human nature glorified.
~ Catholic Encyclopedia



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, **February 18th**, until Trinity Sunday (**May 27th**). Those conscious of serious sin are reminded of the obligation to confess their sins at least once a year during this time.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Flowers were placed on the altar last Sunday by **Lydia Dawn Broderick** in memory of her great-grandfather, **Francis J. Broderick**, and by **Liam Sean McGinley**, in memory of his great-grand parents, **George and Mary Holko and Daniel McGinley**.

MOTHER’S DAY FLOWERS



At all Masses for Mother’s Day next weekend, **May 12th and 13th**, the **Pennsylvanians for Human Life** will be selling live flowers for their annual fundraiser. Please support their only fundraiser with a lovely gift for your Mom.

ATTENTION GRADUATES

We will be having our Graduation Mass for all graduates from high school and college **on Sunday, June 3rd, at the 8:30am Mass**, with light refreshments to follow in the church hall. If you will be graduating, please contact Annette Englert at 610-264-4758, or englert79@msn.com for further information.



Please remember in your prayers **Thomas Vincent Tomasic**, who passed away and was recently buried. We pray his soul, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

C.C.D. REGISTRATIONS

Registrations have been sent out for the 2018 – 2019 C.C.D. year. If your child attends public school, is home-schooled, or will be starting pre-school this year, and you have not received a registration form, please call the Rectory.

Flowers for the Altar

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.



GOD'S PRECIOUS INFANTS

Please join the Helpers of God's Precious Infants at the Prayer Pilgrimage for the unborn, and all those involved in abortion on **Saturday, May 12th**. The pilgrimage begins with Mass at 8:00AM at Notre Dame Church, and continues with The Rosary at the abortion facility. Come and be part of the call to let your prayers and presence bring God's everlasting, unconditional love to all those involved in abortion. Contact: 610-674-4624.

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.

ADULT CONFIRMATION



Bishop Schlert will celebrate the **Noon Mass on Pentecost Sunday, May 20th**, at the **Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena**, Allentown, within which he will confirm adults of our Diocese. *Those to be confirmed are those adults (eighteen years of age or older) who were baptized in the Roman Catholic Church, received their First Holy Communion, are catechized, but never confirmed.* Please contact your local pastor to discuss registration details.

A.C.C.H.S. CLASS OF 1968

Be a part of our **50th Reunion** celebration set for **June 1st, 2nd, and 3rd**. If interested, please send email address to Jack Schulte at refboy@live.com. For more information, visit www.acchs.info/reunion-news #GoldenVikings.

CASINO BUS TRIP

The Young at Heart Club of Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Northampton is sponsoring a bus trip to Mohegan Sun Casino on **Tuesday, May 15th**. The cost is \$23.00 per person. For more information call Louise at 610-262-6308, or Bella at 610-262-2673.

Our Lady Help of Christians Golf Tournament

They will hold their annual golf outing on **Friday, May 25th**, at Southmoore Golf Course. The registration form is available online – www.olhcparish.net under "Parish Events." Please complete the registration form and return it with your payment by **May 15th**. For more information call 610-432-9384 or email ourladyhlp@aol.com.

Flea Market

Salem UCC at 615 Third Street in Catty is having a Flea Market on **Saturday, June 2nd**, **from 9:00am to 1:00pm**. There will be a bake sale, basket raffle and lots of good food!