

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart

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Parish Office is CLOSED until Further Notice



Sunday, May 24th @ 10 AM

Louis Violanti by Pam & Wally Dillsworth
 Bruno & Frances Lorenzetti by Daughter
 George Richter by Wife & Family

Wednesday, May 27th @ 12 Noon

Angeline DeMarco by Altar & Rosary

Fr. Adolph will remember these privately this week:

Joyce Malachewski by Husband
 Walter Skrzypek by Granddaughter
 Stella Trzyna by Children
 Frances & George Myslinski by Family & Friends
 Anthony by Michael & Laura Herrmann

(We apologize for any misspellings)



Greetings and prayers to everyone a part of our parish family. Also, prayers to all those you hold close to your heart. From the latest news that we have heard, it appears that houses of worship like ourselves will be in the final fourth stage of openings. As soon as I hear anything from the diocese, for certain, you will be the first to hear. I am sure that there will be guidelines to be put into place. I am so much looking forward to seeing everyone and worshipping with you in person. Please remember if anyone wishes to talk for any reason, please call me. I would love to hear your voice. Thank you for those who have reached out to me. I know that for many of our “older” members not being able to be with children and grand babies has been tough. Boy, there are going to be a lot of hugs and kisses to catch up on. I am sure many of us will always remember this time, for a long time. Through it all, continue to be patience with yourself and each other. Forgive yourself and each other for the times things have gotten the best of us, remember we are only human!

Remembering Jesus’ ascension to the Father and His promise of the Paraclete. We have never and will never be alone. The Spirit is all around us, we still have work to do in building up the Kingdom, The song that is on playing in the background as I am writing this is “Your Never Walk Alone.” If it has been awhile since you have heard it, play it for yourself, take comfort in the words, they’re true!

As always, peace and prayers.
 Father Adolph



LIVE STREAMED MASSES:

Sunday Mornings—10 am
 Wednesday—12 Noon



If we are unable to stream Mass on YouTube, it will be posted as soon as Mass is over on the website and YouTube.

****NOTE**** you do not need a Facebook acct to view Mass on Facebook. Use link on website and click “not now” or “ignore” if asked to create an account.

Deceased Members of the Parish

Our parish has been notified of the following parishioners who have gone home to Our Lord since we have been closed. Please keep them and their families in prayer:

- Diane Hlat 1/11/20
- Chester Maguda 4/1/20
- John Schweitzer 4/6/20
- Nelson L. Rivet 4/9/20
- John (Jack) P. Hennigan 4/25/20
- Pat Hoy 4/30/20
- Donald B. Miller 5/3/20
- Marie Paxton 5/5/20
- Jean Agostinelli 5/6/20
- Ruth McCann 5/7/20



Thank You!

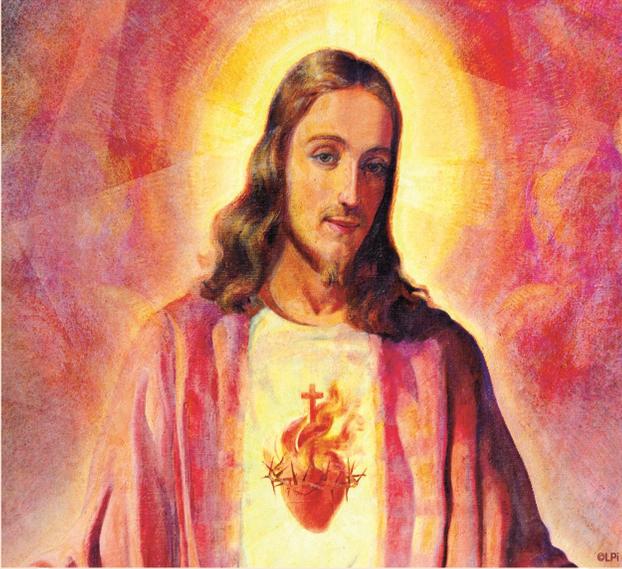
Thank you to all who have been so generous financially during this pandemic. Envelopes may also be dropped off in the mail slot or mailed to the parish.

Links are available on our website (www.OLSHOP.org) to donate to the Parish through Vanco Online Giving, as well as making your donation to Catholic Charities.

Sunday	Collection Month to Date
5/3/2020	\$12,629.00
5/10/2020	\$10,450.00
5/17/2020	\$7,263.00
Vanco Month to Date \$8,938.56	

Remember in Your Prayers

**ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY THE CORONAVIRUS
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD**



*Compassionate and Loving Father,
In the face of confusion and concern
impart to us the calm of Your presence.
In You allow us to find hope and healing.
Be with those who serve the sick and
give them Your caring hands.
Be with those who lead and give them
Your spirit of wisdom.
Be with those who have fallen ill and
give them Your comforting heart.
Wrap Your arms around our world
and hold us in Your love.
Allow us at this time of trial to then
serve as instruments of that love
to all we meet.
We ask this in Your Name.
Amen*

MONTH OF MAY ROSARY

Facebook Live

Thank You to Bob & Michele Hodge for leading us in the Rosary on Facebook LIVE so far this May.

Last Wednesday, Deacon Bill & Audrey Walkowiak experienced technical difficulties and were unable to go Live.

This week, **Thursday, May 28th**, please join Fr. Adolph, Deacon Mark & Linda Hooper at 7 pm. Please use the link located on the website.



Thank you to all who have participated! Hopefully we will be back in front of the Pieta again soon!



PRAYING FOR OUR FRONTLINE WORKERS

Names submitted so far:

Mary Francis Astyk
Pat Beaugaurd
Donna Fink
Fr. John Gaglione
Michele Hodge
And many others ...

Please continue to pray for our Frontline Workers. If you know of someone from our parish, not listed, please email their name to:
media@olshop.org Thank you.

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SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

All these devoted themselves with one accord to prayer. (Acts 1:14a)

PSALM:

I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living. (Ps 27) or Alleluia

SECOND READING:

Rejoice to the extent that you share in the sufferings of Christ, so that when his glory is revealed you may also rejoice exultantly. (1 Pt 4:13)

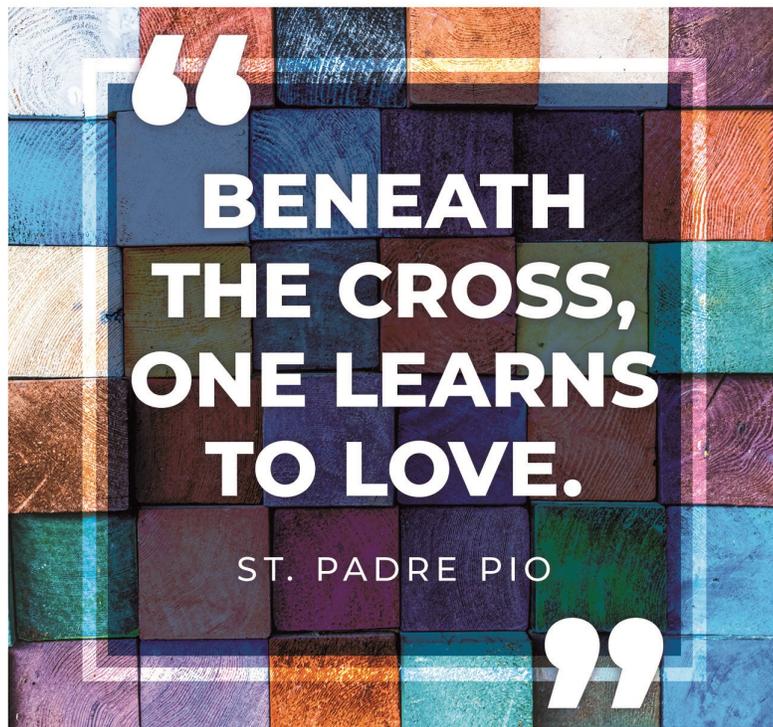
GOSPEL:

"I glorified you on earth by accomplishing the work that you gave me to do. Now glorify me, Father, with you, with the glory that I had with you before the world began." (Jn 17:4-5)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 24, 2020

- Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord; 7th Sunday of Easter; World Communications Day
- Monday: St. Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church; St. Gregory VII, Pope; St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, Virgin; Memorial Day
- Tuesday: St. Philip Neri, Priest
- Wednesday: St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop
- Next Sunday: Pentecost Sunday



REFLECT

FIRST READING

Those closest to Jesus in his life gathered together in the immediate aftermath of his resurrection and ascension. What sort of mixed emotions do you think they experienced?

SECOND READING

Peter encourages those who suffer for the faith to "glorify God." When have you experienced this type of redemptive suffering?

GOSPEL READING

At the conclusion of his farewell discourse, Jesus offers a prayer of petition to the Father for his disciples. How do you find Jesus' words comforting?

GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

What does faith and religion do for us? Ultimately, they remind us of some truths we conveniently forget: we are created by a loving God, we have imperfections, we sin, we need to be forgiven, we have a mission and a purpose, it's not just about us, and we hunger for the joy of salvation. These are human truths that are not dependent upon whether we like them. Ignoring them places us on the paths of comfort and satisfaction as we blindly pursue the busyness and superficiality of our empty lives. Instead of pursuing supernatural and lasting pleasure, we choose things that are easier and quicker to obtain: sex, drugs, travel, houses, cars, fame, popularity, self-achievement and satisfaction, physical enjoyment, and the like.

We may also find ourselves falling victim to more negative responses to what life brings us: anger, envy, lust, pride, gluttony, greed, and apathy. Human hearts can become so hardened to the truth that violence becomes the response of first choice. Being a Christian is hard! Yet, as Pope Francis reminds us, the Church



needs to be a field hospital that has to be prepared to provide people with the remedy they need. What we need is Jesus Christ. The Church, with all of the glory of the sacraments, exists to help make Christ present and real for us. Once we find Christ, we find joy. Joy is a matter of the heart that is beyond pleasure and happiness. It is not found in some earthly satisfaction, only in Christ.

Once we accept that we are destined to be in Christ, then we will discover eternal life. Namely, "that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ." It is easy

to conveniently forget truth and pursue illusions immediately within our grasp, but at what price? A man celebrating 60 years of marriage remarked that it took so much effort and so many attempts to convince his wife that they were meant to be together. Even his friends told him he was foolish. He easily could have given up and pursued other interests. He chose to persevere and is so grateful that he made that choice because he now has a pearl of great price. Do we see a value in persevering in our faith regardless of the cost? If we don't take the risk, we could lose more than we know.

"Now glorify me, Father, with you, with the glory that I had with you before the world began. I revealed your name to those whom you gave me out of the world. They belonged to you, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word."

- Jn 17:5-6

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3 EASY STEPS

TO KEEPING YOURSELF & OTHERS HEALTHY!

We are cautioned to be especially careful during the Coronavirus outbreak. Here are some simple ways to keep sickness away.



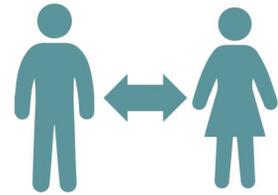
WASH YOUR HANDS

Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds using soap and water. If you can't wash your hands, use hand sanitizer frequently.



DON'T TOUCH YOUR FACE

Especially around the eyes, nose and mouth. If you must sneeze, use a tissue or your arm.



KEEP YOUR DISTANCE

Practice social distancing during this epidemic and stay away from large groups. Instead, call, email or check up on family and friends using social media.



CATHOLIC MASS REFLECTION QUESTIONS

During these days of new practices and experiences, we do not have our “going to Mass” routine right now. Some people may be dressing up and finding a special place to sit. Some of us may be sitting down for live streaming Mass with our pj’s on and a cup of coffee! Whatever it is, we know that we are still together in some different, peculiar way.

Maybe God is calling us to use the time saved in getting ready and driving to Church in another way! Here is a way to prepare and open our hearts to God as we celebrate. Consider using the following reflection questions for Mass. . Keep in mind that the more you ask these questions (even if they have no answers at first), the more you will think of them during the Liturgy.

This is also a great challenge for our young people to be reflective during Mass and build strong habits that will last a lifetime.

BEFORE MASS:

- What are the 2-3 things that are dominating your attention and thought today?
- What can you ask of God in the Liturgy to address these things?
- Has God been at work in your daily life?
- How can you continue this communication during the Liturgy?

Read any or all of the day’s Scripture passages in the Liturgy of the Word. (www.USCCB.org)

- What word or phrase jumps out at you in today’s reading?
- What does this reading remind you of in your life at this particular moment?

The Mass is an opportunity to receive forgiveness of venial sins. Use these questions as an Examination of Conscience:

- When have you failed to love yourself, God, and neighbor?
- Are there people who you have hurt in some way by your words, actions, or failure to act?
- What personal weaknesses can God take over for you today?

The word Eucharist means “thanksgiving.” As a celebration of thanksgiving, pose the following questions regarding the Mass:

- What are you most thankful for today?
- Who are you thankful is in your life today?
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AFTER MASS:

Reflections on personal experience:

- What experiences during the Mass did you find most relevant to your current situation and life?
- What was the holiest experience you had during Mass?

Reflections on the Liturgy of the Word:

- What word or phrase jumped out at you in today’s reading?
- What did this reading remind you of in your life at this particular moment?

Forgiveness:

- Are there specific experiences of forgiveness that you have taken away from today’s Liturgy?
- What habits should you form to avoid sin in the future?

Eucharist as thanksgiving:

- What can you be thankful for after today’s Liturgy?
- Is there anything for which you will make a commitment to be thankful for today?

The name Mass comes from the Latin *missa*, which means to “go forth” and is taken from the final words of the concluding rite.

- What will you do to show God’s love to others?
- What are the greatest needs that you see in your everyday life? Empowered with the love of God in the Eucharist, what will you do to help meet those needs?