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Masses in Masontown

Monday, Wednesday, Friday ..8:00 am
Saturday6:00 pm
Sunday.....8:00 am & 11:30 am

Confessions: Saturday 5:00-5:30 pm

Adoration: Check bulletin

Masses in Footedale

Tuesday & Thursday8:00 am
Saturday:4:00 pm
Sunday.....9:30 am

Confessions: Saturday 3:00-3:30 pm

Adoration: Check bulletin

Office Hours: Monday through
Friday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Bulletin Articles: The deadline
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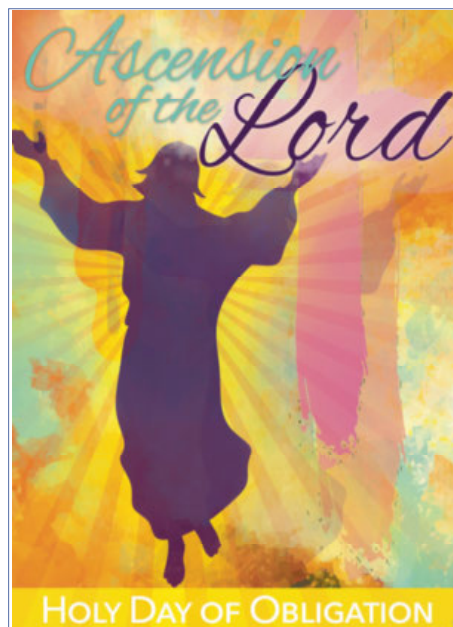
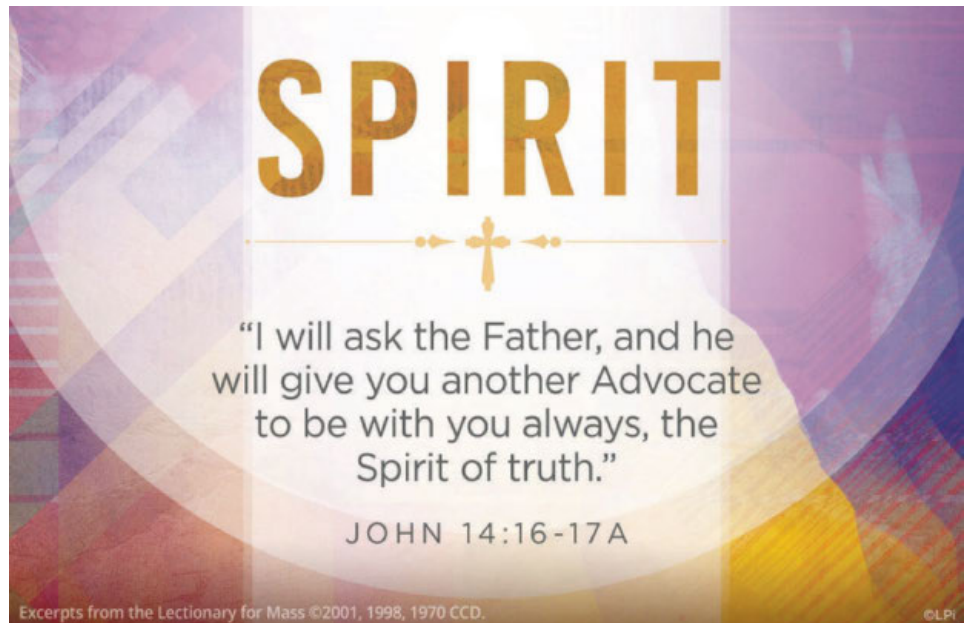
Sacrament of Baptism: By
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May 14, 2023



ASCENSION THURSDAY MAY 18

The Ascension of the Lord is celebrated
on the 40th day of the Easter season.

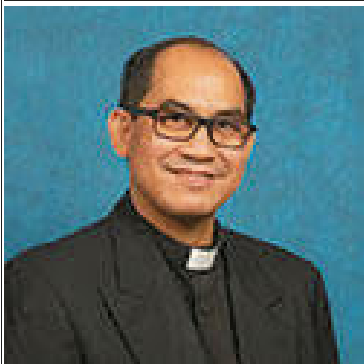
Saint Paul wrote to the church in
Ephesus: "The fullness of Christ fills
all in all." That is what we celebrate
on Ascension Day. It is not about the
absence of Christ but His presence.

Masses for this Holy Day of Obligation are:

12:00 Noon in Footedale and
6:00 pm in Masontown

The Parish and Diocesan Offices
will be closed this day.

Fr. Arnel's Reflections - Sixth Sunday of Easter
Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Psalm 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20; 1 Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21



The Readings today, Sixth Sunday of the Easter Season, continue to tell us about the joy that is derived from loving and serving the Lord in a sincere and cheerful manner. However, in order to understand this and find the source of this joy and enthusiasm that the early followers of Jesus had, as well as the Psalmist, we must search a little deeper because when we talk about "Joy" in the spiritual sense, it does not mean the simple laughter kind of joy but rather, spiritual Joy is a peaceful serenity that fills our being from within.

In the *First Reading*, Philip, one of the new deacons, went to Samaria to proclaim the Word of God. To draw attention to the preaching of Philip, God worked many miracles through him, and many Samaritans were converted and baptized. The joy that was exhibited was not from the miracles or from the preaching of Philip, rather, it was from the Spirit of Jesus that they received in Baptism. The conversion of heart and the commitment of Baptism bring the Holy Spirit who, in turn, gives joy, love, peace and many other gifts.

In the *Responsorial Psalm*, we hear the psalmist extol the great wonders or miracles that God had worked in the past through His people who were faithful and obedient to Him. In the end, the psalmist is praising God for blessing him and answering his prayers.

In the *Second Reading*, Peter is telling his followers, and all of us, that we should share the Good News of the Gospel with anyone who is interested, not with force or domination, but gently sharing with them the great things God has done for all of us. If in need of help in doing this, call on the Holy Spirit. He will never fail you.

The *Gospel Reading* is a continuation of the Gospel from last Sunday. The scene is the Last Supper, and Jesus is telling the apostles that He is about to leave them "for a while" but that He would be with them through His Spirit. In this passage, we learn about the Trinity – the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit: All are One yet each has His specific role in God's Plan of Salvation. The "Oneness" of the Trinity is held together by the divine and perfect spiritual love that they share and want to share with us. This is the love that Philip shared with the Samaritans. This is the love that made the Psalmist sing the praises of God. And this is the love that made Saint Peter so brave and bold after the Holy Spirit descended upon him that first Pentecost Sunday.

The admonition of our readings most particularly our Gospel is to believe and to listen. To believe that the Spirit of God is always with us at every moment of our lives, and to listen so we can hear the sound of the Spirit as it moves under our everyday schedules. Indeed, we are called to listen, so that we might recognize the message of God's Spirit, the message of love that keeps sounding under all the activities and challenges of life.

† **Rest in Peace: Msgr. John A. Regoli**
who formerly served as our Dean
entered eternal life on April 28.
May God grant him eternal life.



ALLELUIA!

2023 Diocesan Lenten Appeal

Diocesan Target - \$46,712; Parish Goal - \$66,712

Parishioner Pledges to date - \$45,771

Parishioner Participation to date - 45%

Thank you to all who have made pledges!

Your support has enabled us to reach 98% of our Diocesan Target! Everything raised beyond that target will be returned to us and used to improve the safety and security of our facilities at both worship sites.



We respectfully ask those who have not responded to please prayerfully consider a donation to help our parish. We are *One Body in Christ* and need everyone's support to be successful.

HONORING OUR GRADUATES

We wish to honor our high school, college and schools of higher education graduates at the 9:30 and 11:30 am

Masses on **Sunday, June 4**. Along with a special blessing, we wish to honor our graduates by displaying their photo in the sanctuary. Please help us by submitting your photo along with your name, school of graduation and degree **no later than Wednesday, May 31**.

Thank you and congratulations on your graduation!

Question of the Week: How can I respond with grace and respect to someone who maligns me or strongly disagrees with me? Can I imagine my response defusing the disagreement?

SACRED STEPS - Sacramental Celebrations at Saint Francis of Assisi Parish

The St. Francis of Assisi Parish family welcomes **Jordy Nathan Pleban**, son of Jonathan and Christy Pleban into the Catholic Church. He was baptized last Saturday, May 6, 2023, at Footedale worship site. May he grow in grace in Catholic faith. Together with the proud parents are Jordy's godparents, Dexter Dennis and Jonica Pleban, and his sister Kinley Pleban.

The Practice of Stewardship

Those who obey the commandments, Jesus says in today's Gospel, are the ones who really love Him.

Does my stewardship reveal my love for Jesus!

Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC)

Our Diocese will take up this annual collection **next weekend, May 20-21**. By generously supporting this collection, you help to make our Church more accessible and connected to Catholics in our diocese and throughout the world. Half of the funds support local communications efforts that include *The Catholic Accent* newspaper and quarterly magazine, *The Accent Online* digital news site and *The Accent On-Air* quarterly television show, as well as the diocesan website and social media platforms. The other half supports the collective communication work of the bishops as well as other national projects in the United States and around the world.

Your support for the CCC helps the Church to modernize how it communicates the joy of the Gospel. Not only does it help spread the faith, but it also helps form young disciples and gives them the practical skills they need to navigate today's digital media environment.

PARISH CASH BASH - Sunday, June 25

at the social hall in Footedale. Doors open at 2:00 pm; cash drawings begin at 2:30 and take place every ten minutes through 7:00 pm. Donation of \$20 includes food and refreshments. Tickets are available at the Parish Office.

Stewardship of Treasure

May 7: \$6,516; loose \$531; monthly \$1,177; children \$6; online \$352 totaling \$8,582

Our parish is grateful for your support!

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- Saturday, May 20th - Uniontown Fire Department**
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- Saturday, June 3rd - Fairchance Social Hall**
31 Pittsburgh St, Fairchance, PA 15436
- Saturday, June 17th - Perry Township Social Hall**
206 Liberty St, Perryopolis, PA 15473
- Saturday, July 1st - Connellsville Twp. Social Hall**
905 Fireman St, Connellsville, PA 15425
- Saturday, July 15th - Republic Social Hall**
218 Republic Road, Republic, PA 15475
- Sunday, July 30th - McClellandtown Social Hall**
102 Blaine Ave, McClellandtown, PA 15458

Scan the link to register

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Last Sunday, May 7, the annual May Crowning prayer service took place.

We honor the Virgin Mother Mary in a special way by crowning her statue. During the month of May, Catholics offer up to our Mother an especially fervent homage of prayer and veneration, both within the church

community and at home. The prayer service began with the recitation of the Holy Rosary for the Healing of Families. Fr. Marlon Pates began the Crowning with an invocation, which was followed by the reading the Word of

God; then, proceeded to bless the crown and give the dedication. This year, Jocelyn Pindrock, from our Confirmation class, was lucky enough to place the crown of flowers on the statue of Our Lady. After the statue was crowned, flowers were presented to Our Lady. As every year, the May Crowning was a great success and allowed yet another opportunity for all of us to grow closer not only to God, but especially to Mary as we reflect on her immense role in our faith during this month. *Fr. Marlon*

The Catholic Accent to air on WPXI

Intentional Disciples, those who love and care for others with a purpose, are featured on the next edition of *The Catholic Accent* television program airing on WPXI, Channel 11, on Sunday, **May 14**, at 11:30 am. The program will also air on Sunday, **May 21**, and a half dozen more times on MeTV.

Join Bishop Larry J. Kulick as he discusses the call of intentional discipleship locally and its role in the National Eucharistic Revival. More than 1,000 people in one day visited the Christ Our Shepherd Center in Greensburg to participate in a one-of-a-kind immersive experience. *The Catholic Accent* highlights other unique events in store for our faith community and helps you plan your summer by featuring the upcoming festivals scheduled at parishes across the Diocese, including a special international food festival. *The Catholic Accent* is always on at TheAccentOnline.org

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♥ We extend our prayers and best wishes to the following priests of our parish, who are celebrating priesthood anniversaries this year. God bless them! ♥

Father James F. Petrovsky - 55 years
Senior Priest Active - Saint Francis of Assisi (2013-16)

Father Peter L. Peretti - 50 years
Pastor - Saint Thomas & Saint Procopius (2007-2013)

Father Leonard W. Stoviak - 50 years
Pastor - All Saints (1986-1992)

Father James F. Bump - 45 years
Pastor - All Saints (1996-2005)

Prayerful congratulations to **David M. Slusarick** on his Diaconate Ordination Saturday, May 20.

An Invitation from Father Len Stoviak

Father Len Stoviak, who served at All Saints as Pastor from 1986-1992, celebrates his 50th Anniversary of Ordination on May 5. He is planning a Mass of Gratitude celebrated at 2:00 pm on Pentecost Sunday, **May 28**, at Saint Joseph Chapel at Christ Our Shepherd Center, 2900 Seminary Drive, Greensburg. A light reception will follow. His sister, Jane, and he invite you to join them if you are able and please remember him and all priests in your prayers.

Attention Catholic young men entering grades 9-12!

Do you know where your life is going? The Lord Jesus has a great plan for you! You are invited to attend the *Quo Vadis Days* Camp to spend time with other young men your age who are open to God's call in their life. *QVD* will be led by the seminarians of the Diocese of Greensburg and is supported by the Office for Priestly Vocations. This camp will be held **July 23 to 26** at Christ Our Shepherd Center. Please visit greensburg-priest.org for more information and registration.

Summer Retreats at Saint Vincent Archabbey

The Saint Vincent Archabbey Summer Retreat Program will host three retreats in July:

Benedictine Father Nathanael Polinski will conduct a men's retreat **July 14-16** on the topic **"Put Out Into the Deep (Luke 5:4)."**

Benedictine Father Donald Raila will lead the Benedictine Spirituality Retreat **July 21-23** with the theme **"Avoiding the 'Evil of Grumbling': Living in Praise and Thanksgiving."**

Benedictine Father Alfred Patterson will speak on **"More Saints Alive!,"** a continuation of a similar topic last year, during a retreat for women and men **July 28-30**. For information or to register, visit www.saintvincentretreats.org

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 13 -- Vigil: Sixth Sunday of Easter

4:00 pm-F (M) All Mothers, Living & Deceased

6:00 pm-M (M) All Mothers, Living & Deceased

Sunday, May 14 -- Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00 am-M (M) All Mothers, Living & Deceased

9:30 am-F (M) All Mothers, Living & Deceased

11:30 am-M (M) All Mothers, Living & Deceased

Monday, May 15 -- Saint Isidore

8:00 am-M Gene & Nancy Barnhart (Rosalie Sabatelli)

Tuesday, May 16 -- Easter Weekday

8:00 pm-F John Berisko (Sons, Philip & Raymond)

Wednesday, May 17 -- Easter Weekday

8:00 am-M John Michael Sargent Jr. (J/S Maykuth)

Thursday, May 18 -- ASCENSION OF THE LORD

12:00 pm-F Henry & Bridget Bozak (Sons/Daughters)

6:00 pm-M Donna Parish (Joe & Faye Stracensky)

Friday, May 19 -- Easter Weekday

8:00 am-M Mary Kay Richnafsky (J/S Maykuth)

4:30-6:00 pm-M Adoration / Confessions

Saturday, May 20 -- Vigil: Seventh Sunday of Easter

3-3:30 pm-F Confessions

4:00 pm-F (A) Erma Voytek (Steve/Josie/Diana Voytek)

5:00-5:30 pm-M Confessions

6:00 pm-M (M) Sylvia Krofcheck (George Parish)

Sunday, May 21 -- Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:00 am-M (M) Pro Populo

9:30 am-F (M) Sophie & Martha Niemits (Dolly Kroll)

11:30 am-M (A) Edward & Rebecca Bogus (Family)

(M) Fr. Marlon / (A) Fr. Arnel

Mass Readings for the Week Ahead

Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26-16:4

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15,22-18:1; Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28

Next Sunday: Acts 1:12-14; 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11

"I will not leave you orphans," Jesus promises His disciples in today's Gospel, emphasizing the importance of the care that a parent gives.

On Mother's Day, we honor our mothers and all those who have been like mothers to us: those who have cared for us, who continue to care for us, and who will always care for us, in a similar way to how God always has and always will care for us.



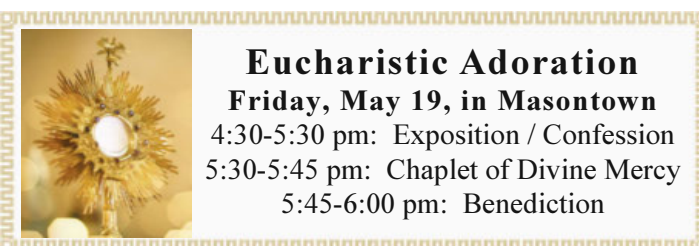
Mother is the name for God in the lips and hearts of little children. - William Makepeace Thackeray

Happy Mother's Day!

Prayerfully we extend a very Happy Mother's Day to all of our moms! All Masses this weekend are being offered for all of our mothers, both living and deceased, as a gift of love and gratitude. Blessed is the Mother who lets the Lord be her guiding hand, whose faith brings her family courage, whose wisdom comes from God, and whose children stand and honor her.

Dear Lord, Please bless our mothers in a way that only You can. Be with them in every moment and in every way. Hold each and every one of them in the palm of Your hand blessing them in abundance with Your strength, Your joy and Your undying love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

There is only one pretty child in the world, and every mother has it. - Chinese proverb



Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, May 19, in Masontown

4:30-5:30 pm: Exposition / Confession

5:30-5:45 pm: Chaplet of Divine Mercy

5:45-6:00 pm: Benediction

Memorial Candles burn this week in loving memory of or for the special intention of:

† **Sanctuary** - Msgr. John A. Regoli
requested by Linda Rohol

† **Blessed Mother** - Louise B. DelSignore
requested by Anna Marie Mullen

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