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## May 21, 2023

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### Masses in Masontown

Monday, Wednesday, Friday ..8:00 am  
Saturday .....6:00 pm  
Sunday.....8:00 am & 11:30 am

**Confessions:** Saturday 5:00-5:30 pm  
**Adoration:** Check bulletin

### Masses in Footedale

Tuesday & Thursday .....8:00 am  
Saturday: .....4:00 pm  
Sunday.....9:30 am

**Confessions:** Saturday 3:00-3:30 pm  
**Adoration:** Check bulletin

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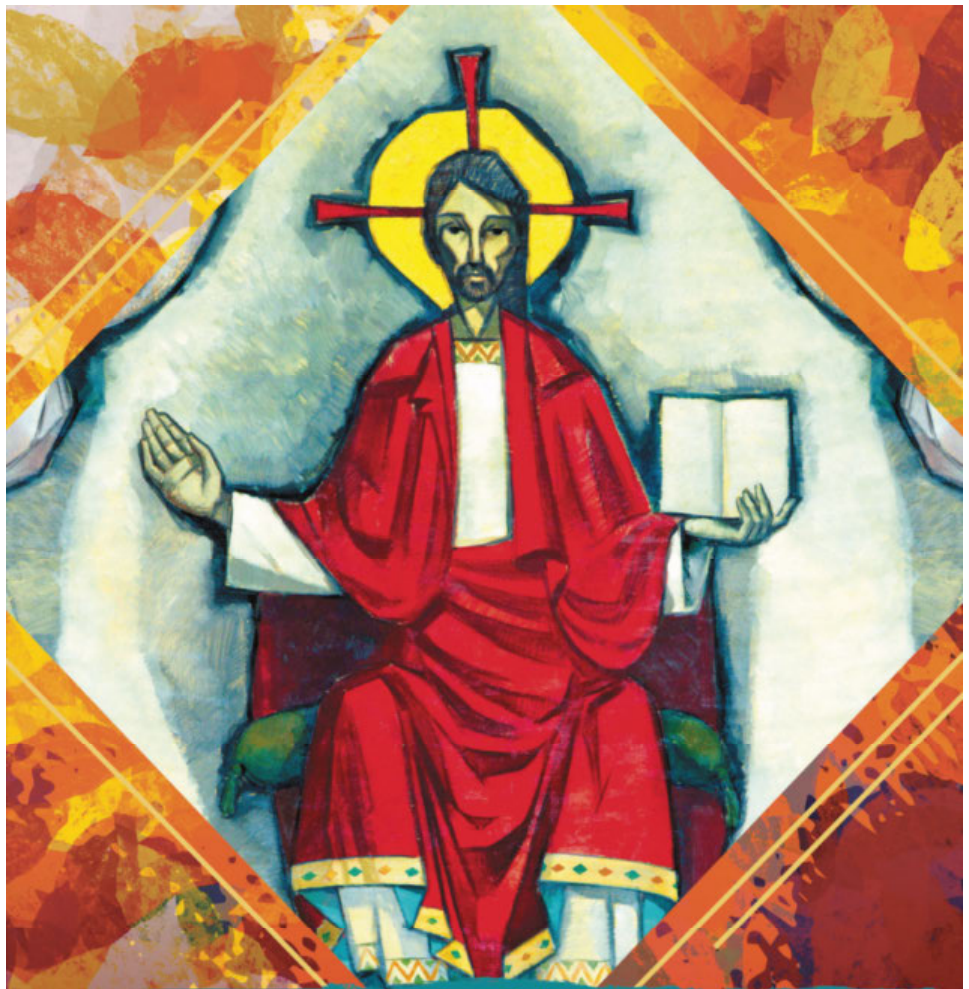
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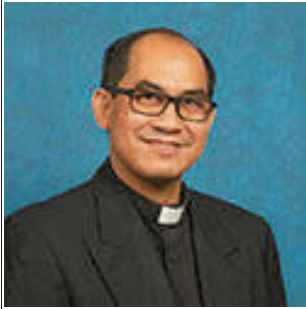
## 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"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

**Fr. Arnel's Reflections - Seventh Sunday of Easter**

Acts 1:12-14; Psalm 27:1, 4, 7-8; 1 Peter 4:13-16; John 17:1-11a

ALLELUIA!



The Resurrected Christ taught His Church for forty days, preparing His Apostles and disciples to fulfill their mission to carry the Gospel of Salvation from Jerusalem to the ends of the earth. Jesus promised them that they would not be alone in their mission. At the end of the forty days, just before His Ascension into Heaven, Jesus "enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem but to wait for 'the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.'"

In the *First Reading*, after Ascension of Jesus to the Father, in obedience to His command, with the Virgin Mary, the Apostles and disciples gathered in the Upper Room in Jerusalem. There they prayed daily for nine days, awaiting the coming of the Holy Spirit, the other Advocate Jesus promised to send to guide His Church.

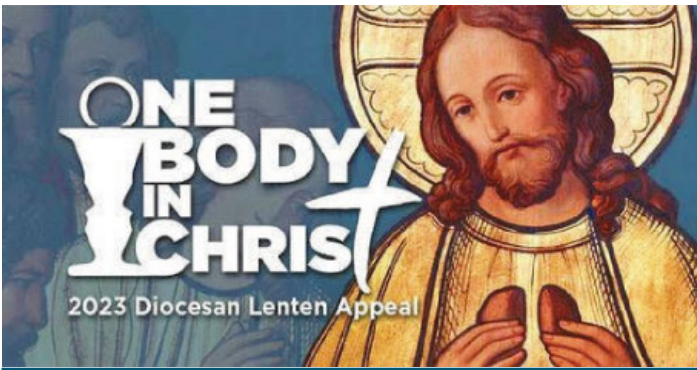
The Holy Spirit was present at the Incarnation when He overshadowed the Virgin, which led to the birth of the Messiah. It is fitting, therefore, that disciples of Jesus should be praying with His mother while waiting for what will be the activity of then Spirit in the birth of the New Covenant Church. It is Mary, after all, who became the "Mother" of His disciples when, at the foot of the Cross, Jesus gave her as "Mother" to the "beloved disciple" who represented the Church full of all beloved disciples of Jesus. The Church teaches that, like the beloved disciple, we welcome mother of Jesus into our homes. She is the "new Eve" because, like Eve whose name meant "mother of all the living", Mary is the mother of all those who will live forever in Christ. "The prayer of the Church is sustained by the prayer of Mary and united with it in hope".

The *Responsorial Psalm* expresses the joy of the psalmist in worshiping in God's Holy Temple. He gives three definitions of the Lord: light, salvation, and life's refuge. Christians connect the psalmist's words, "The Lord is my light," with declaration of Jesus: "I am the light of the world; He who follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life". Our collective response, "I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living," expresses our hope of joining Christ in glory in Heaven. It is the hope we have of promised refuge and salvation, not in an earthly Temple, but in the Presence of the Triune God in the heavenly Temple at the end of our life's journey.

In the *Second Reading*, Saint Peter writes that the glory of Christ is His reward for accomplishing the work on earth that God the Father gave Him. Like the Apostles, the men and woman disciples, Mary, and kinsmen of Jesus who prayed in the Upper Room awaiting the coming of the Holy Spirit (the First Reading), the Church continues in obedient, prayerful waiting for the return of Christ the King. We pray in confidence, knowing that when Christ reveals Himself in His Second Advent that all the faithful will rejoice in His glory.

The *Gospel Reading* is from High Priestly Prayer of Jesus at the end of the Last Supper. The glory of Christ is the same glory that He had before the creation event. He will share His glory with all His faithful disciples who suffer for His sake and persevere in prayer and obedience until the end of their earthly lives or until Christ comes again, whichever comes first. In the meantime, we are in the world; however, we do not allow the world to seduce us into belonging to it. Jesus has prayed for us that, through the ministry of the Holy Spirit, we will continue to belong to Him and keep faith with Him so that one day we might join Him in glory!

Finally, may the Most Blessed Virgin Mary take us all in her arms, in order to bring us into Heaven, where the silence of God allows us to hear the sighs of the Spirit!



I am happy to inform you that we have exceeded our Diocesan Target \$46,712.00 for this year’s Diocesan Lenten Appeal. Any donation that you are going to give for our DLA campaign will go to our parish for the installation of Security Systems for both of our worship sites. As of today, \$224.00 has been returned to our parish. In celebrating this achievement, I hasten to extend my profound gratitude to all who made the Campaign so successful: you, our remarkably generous parishioners and our finance council members for their dedicated leadership. Please know that I am so proud of your efforts to serve our Church through your stewardship. I know that the challenges we face are significant, but they cannot compete with our resilience and the power of God’s grace. The DLA 2023 Campaign raised new financial resources for our Diocese and our Parish, but, more importantly, it is an impressive display of your faith and love! – *Fr. Marlon*



**World Communications Day**

Each year, the Vatican marks World Communications Day on the Sunday before Pentecost. The Holy Father’s choice for the theme this year “*Speak with the heart: Speaking the truth in love*” highlights the need for Christians

to go against the grain in both ordinary and church life at a time when heated debates often *exacerbate tempers* and shows that in the global conflicts afflicting the world that *non-hostile communication is more necessary than ever.*

*I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living. Psalm 27*

**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.



*Parish Sympathy* is expressed to the families of  
† **Carolyn Joyce (Pulice) Daniels-Raspa**  
who was buried Wednesday, May 10  
† **Joanne M. Kozel**  
who was buried Saturday, May 13.  
May God grant them eternal life and comfort their families. May they rest in peace.



**Feast of Saint Rita of Cascia, May 22**

Saint Rita of Cascia (1381-1457) had the opportunity to live her life as a wife, mother, widow and eventually a member of a religious community.

Born in central Italy, Saint Rita felt the calling to become a nun, but was pressured at a young age into marriage. During her 18-year marriage to a cruel man, she raised two sons. When her husband was killed in a brawl and her sons died, Saint Rita decided to go back to her first love and attempted to join the Augustinian nuns in Cascia. Her status as a widow caused some complications to her entering, but she eventually succeeded in professing vows. Throughout her lifetime, Saint Rita of Cascia was known for her prayerfulness and charity. She also experienced stigmata on her forehead, meditated frequently on Christ’s passion and cared for the nuns of her religious community and those in the lay community who came to her for counsel.

*Saint Rita of Cascia, pray for us!*

**Friday, May 26, is the Feast of Saint Philip Neri.**

He founded the Congregation of the Oratory to promote holiness of priestly life and foster effective preaching. He is noted for his joyful and simple spirit and his use of short, wise maxims. He is known as the Apostle of Rome and Reformer of the Eternal City.

*Saint Philip Neri, pray for us!*

**The Practice of Stewardship**

In today’s Gospel, Jesus prays, “I have given You glory on earth by finishing the work You gave Me to do.” Good stewards follow His example by using their time and talents for the glory of God. See John 17:4

**Stewardship of Treasure**  
**May 14:** \$5,866; loose \$414; monthly \$1,463; online \$352; Mother’s Day \$2,083; totaling \$10,178  
**Our parish is very grateful for your support!**



### HONORING OUR GRADUATES

Our Parish would like to honor the graduating Class of 2023 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. If you are graduating high school, college, etc, please help us by submitting your photo along with your name, school of graduation, degree and the Mass you will attend **no later than Wednesday, May 31**. Thank you and congratulations on your graduation!

### An Invitation from Father Len Stoviak

Father Len Stoviak, who served at All Saints as Pastor from 1986-1992, celebrates his 50<sup>th</sup> 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.

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- Saturday, July 15th - Republic Social Hall**  
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- Sunday, July 30th - McClellandtown Social Hall**  
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Scan the link to register

### 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 21**, at 11:30 am.

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](http://TheAccentOnline.org)

### 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](http://www.saintvincentretreats.org)

### 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](http://greensburg-priest.org) for more information and registration.

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# MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday, May 20 -- Vigil: Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
 4:00 pm-F (A) Erma Voytek (Steve/Josie/Diana Voytek)  
 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)

**Monday, May 22 -- Saint Rita of Cascia**  
 8:00 am-M George Homa (Caroline Marella)

**Tuesday, May 23 -- Easter Weekday**  
 8:00 pm-F Rev. Anthony G. Hardy (Pleban Family)

**Wednesday, May 24 -- Easter Weekday**  
 8:00 am-M Robert Kenney (SFOA Footedale Choir)  
 4:30-6:00 pm Adoration/Confessions in Footedale

**Thursday, May 25 -- Easter Weekday**  
 8:00 am-F Bruno W. Smith (Catherine Petipas)

**Friday, May 26 -- Saint Philip Neri**  
 8:00 am-M Clement Ryan (Family)

**Saturday, May 27 -- Vigil: Pentecost Sunday**  
 3-3:30 pm-F Confessions  
 4:00 pm-F (M) Paul J. Cech Jr. (Joan & Kevin Cech)  
 5:00-5:30 pm-M Confessions  
 6:00 pm-M (A) Regina Adams (Frank & Colleen Ricco)

**Sunday, May 28 -- Pentecost Sunday**  
 8:00 am-M (M) James W. Nagg (Wife, Cathy Zaiglin Nagg)  
 9:30 am-F (A) Michael Kudra (Kristen/Karen Matichko)  
 11:30 am-M (M) Pro Populo

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

## Mass Readings for the Week Ahead

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33  
 Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11  
 Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11-19  
 Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26  
 Friday: Acts 25:13-21; Jn 21:15-19  
 Saturday: Acts 28:16-31; Jn 21:20-25  
 Next Sunday: Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3-13; Jn 20:19-23

## Question of the Week

Where do I choose to go to pray? While I am there this week, how can I try to know God better?

## Eucharistic Adoration

**Wednesday, May 24, in Footedale**  
 4:30-5:30 pm: Exposition and Confession  
 5:30-5:45 pm: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena  
 5:45-6:00 pm: Benediction



Jesus, having completed the work of his Father, speaks of returning to Him and of being glorified. As we share in Christ's glory, we too share in His suffering. We have nothing to fear, however, since the Lord is our refuge. In His name do we gather, attentive to the Spirit.

As we approach the end of the Easter season, we recall the joy we felt on Easter Sunday, a month and a half ago. More recently we celebrated the Ascension, Jesus' glorious return to the Father in heaven. At the time, the disciples returned to the upper room and "devoted themselves with one accord to prayer." We strive to do the same ourselves, as one people, one Church, praising and thanking God, for our Lord has conquered sin and defeated death.

Next Sunday, the Easter season is complete with the celebration of Pentecost, the birthday of the Church. Let us celebrate our "birthday" by prayer throughout the week for an indwelling of the Holy Spirit in our lives and by celebrating with great joy at Mass next Sunday:

"Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created; and you shall renew the face of the earth. Let us pray. Lord, by the light of Your Holy Spirit, You have taught the hearts of your faithful. In the same Spirit, help us to relish what is right and always rejoice in Your consolation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen."

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

- † **Sanctuary** - All Parishioners
- † **Blessed Mother** - Birthday Remembrance of Sophie & Martha Niemits requested by Dolly Kroll  
Cheri McDowell requested by Rosemary Reagan
- † **Saint Joseph** - Clement Ryan requested by his family



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