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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
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Bulletin Articles: The deadline
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New Parishioners, Welcome!
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Sacrament of Baptism: By
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5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes
to the Father except through me. If you know me, then
you will also know my Father." - Jn 14:6-7

Fr. Arnel's Reflections - Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 6:1-7; Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12



The readings for this Fifth Sunday of Easter tell us how the early Church accepted the challenge of keeping Jesus' memory alive in the Christian community by fashioning it into a serving and worshipping community, allowing God to make of them "living stones" and build them into a "spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ," with Jesus Christ as the "Living Cornerstone," thus becoming the Father's House.

In the *First Reading* from the Acts of the Apostles, we learn of how this "new Church" was growing so rapidly with new members that it created the need for additional workers to help the Apostles with the important but less liturgical functions of the community. So, after praying for guidance, the apostles chose and anointed men from the Greek-speaking converts (Hellenists) who were "filled with faith and the Holy Spirit" to help. Faith and the Holy Spirit are prime criteria for anyone who is truly inspired and committed to serve Christ through His Church. Putting our faith into action requires trust in the Holy Spirit that our abilities will measure up. It should not be a way of fulfilling our own needs.

The *Responsorial Psalm* exemplifies the qualities of the Lord that place Him above all other powers, which should draw us to worship Him in "good times and bad." This takes a sincere commitment of faith that goes beyond natural understanding.

The *Second Reading*, from the First Letter of St. Peter, talks about building up the Church and likens each member to a precious stone needed to build the community. Of course, the most important of these is the keystone or cornerstone. Each and every member of our parish is needed to build and maintain our church. No one person can consider himself or herself as too insignificant or too unimportant to serve. Jesus Himself was rejected by the chief priest and rulers of the temple of His time, yet He became the Divine Head, the cornerstone of all Christianity.

In the *Gospel*, Jesus consoles His apostles (who are sad and disheartened at His announcement that He will be leaving them soon), by assuring them that He is going to prepare an everlasting accommodation for them in His Father's House in Heaven. He gives them the assurance that he will come back to take them to their Heavenly abodes. It is then that Thomas says, "Lord, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus answers Thomas' question with, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me." The basic doctrine of Judaism is that Yahweh is the Way the Truth and the Life. Hence, Jesus is making a revolutionary claim that He is equivalent to Yahweh. Jesus also declares that He, Himself, is the safest and surest way to God, discrediting the notions that all religions are equally sure ways to reach God, and that no organized religion but only living a good life of sharing love is necessary to reach God. But Jesus is the Way which He calls narrow because it is the way of focused, loving, humble, sacrificial service. Jesus is the Truth who teaches revealed truths about God and God's relation to man. Jesus also teaches moral truths and demonstrates them in his life. Jesus is the Life because, as God, He possesses the eternal life of God and shares His Divine life with His disciples through the Word of God and the Sacraments. In short, Jesus reveals the Father in the Way He lives, in the Truth of His word and in the new Life that He brings.

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. (Psalm 33)



*May Faithful Challenge:
Serve the poor & spend time
in prayer to the Blessed Mother*

Bishop Kulick's May Faithful Challenge is to serve the poor and spend time in prayer to the Blessed Mother. From the very beginning, the Gospels tell the story of Mary, a person who embraces both material and spiritual poverty. First, we can pray to the Blessed Mother for a National Eucharistic Revival!



Diocesan Prayer for Eucharistic Revival

Lord Jesus, You are the living bread who satisfies the hunger of the human heart. In the Eucharist, the bread and wine become Your Body and Blood, the gift of Yourself to the Church. Deepen our faith in Your Eucharistic presence and strengthen us as members of the Church, the Body of Christ. As we encounter and revere Your Eucharistic presence, open us to the needs of our brothers and sisters here and everywhere throughout the world. Help us to reveal Your love, Your promise, Your presence to them by our lives, and in all we say and do.

Amen

+ Larry J. Kulick

The Most Reverend Larry J. Kulick, J.C.L.
Bishop of the Diocese of Greensburg

Another way we can accept Bishop's Kulick's May Faithful Challenge is to serve the poor. Consider donating to Catholic Charities of the Diocese Greensburg. Last year, Catholic Charities provided nearly \$400,000 in material assistance to those in need. Visit CCharitiesGreensburg.org to learn more! Or, we could accept the challenge to become a volunteer with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, one of the largest charitable organizations in the world serving those in need. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is an international, nonprofit, Catholic lay organization of more than 850,000 men and women, in 150 countries worldwide.





**Rosary Walk and May Crowning
Sunday, May 7, at 3:00 pm in Masontown**

We will begin with a Rosary Walk around the church grounds then crown a statue of the Blessed Mother.

Refreshments will follow in the cafeteria.

There is a special honor attached to being chosen to crown the statue. Last year, we began a tradition that the one chosen should come from our Confirmation Class.

This year, **Jocelyn Pindrock** will do the honors. **Mia Bozek** will carry the crown, **Kinley Pleban** and **Bailey Thompson** will be the attendants.

Please join us for this very special traditional ritual honoring our Blessed Mother. *Viva Maria!*



The Practice of Stewardship

Like Saint Paul in today's second reading, the good steward can say, "I do all that I do for the sake of the Gospel in the hope of sharing in its blessings."

See 1 Corinthians 9:23

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THANK YOU to the **Christian Mothers** for their generous gift of \$6,000.00 to the 2023 DLA campaign. Their gift puts us very close to reaching our Diocesan target. We are grateful for their faithful support of our parish.

Stewardship of Treasure

April 30: \$5,606; loose \$542; monthly \$235;
online \$617; totaling \$7,000

Our parish is grateful for your faithful support!

I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. John 14:6
As the church grew in numbers and diversity, there were bound to be growing pains. It was easy to be compatible when the community was ethnically and culturally similar, but when the group grew beyond these boundaries, there was dissension. It is no easier today. Peter revealed the great dignity that *all* people have in their baptismal call. The church is not made up of isolated individuals without a common bond. The church is *a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation (1Pt 2:9)* living stones of God's temple. Jesus is the cornerstone. Without Him, the whole building collapses. He is *the way* to all truth and life. The Spirit of Jesus is the binding force that enables all peoples to work and pray together. When others see the love and unity of those who believe in Christ, many will be eager to enter God's house, where there is room for all.

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

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 greensburgpriest.org for more information and registration.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 6 -- Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Easter

4:00 pm-F (M) Betty Reagan (Family)
6:00 pm-M (M) 50th Anniversary, Paul & Thelma Lipchinsky

Sunday, May 7 -- Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00 am-M (M) Fred Mazurik (Rick/Nancy Zatlokovicz)
9:30 am-F (M) Millicent Thomas 102nd Birthday Remembrance
11:30 am-M (M) Chuck Cheresnye (Janice/Rick Sikora)

Monday, May 8 - Easter Weekday

8:00 am-M Josephine Yash (Bernadine Redmond)

Tuesday, May 9 -- Easter Weekday

8:00 pm-F Janice Rocek (Erin Clearwater/Family)

Wednesday, May 10 -- Easter Weekday

8:00 am-M No Mass / No Adoration

Thursday, May 11 -- Easter Weekday

8:00 am-F Betty Weido (Nadia & Joe Novotny)

Friday, May 12 -- Easter Weekday

8:00 am-M Pro Populo

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

3-3:30 pm-F Confessions
4:00 pm-F (M) All Mothers, Living & Deceased
5:00-5:30 pm-M Confessions
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

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

Mass Readings for the Week Ahead

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11
Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21
Next Sunday: Acts 8:5-17; 1 Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21



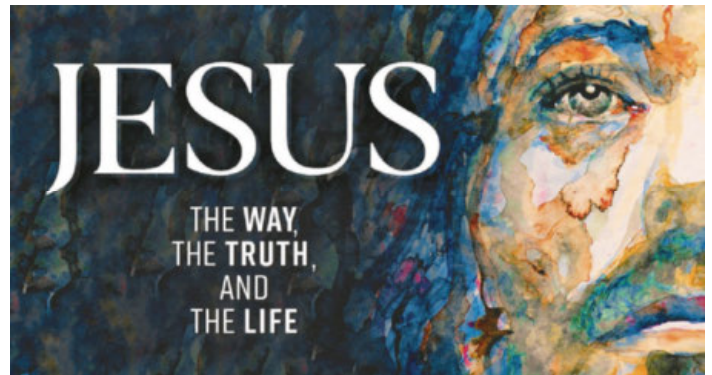
Congratulations to Paul & Thelma Lipchinsky

who celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with Mass this Saturday, May 6.
May God bless them with many more!



Next Sunday is Mother's Day

All Masses next weekend will be offered for our moms, living and deceased, as a gift of love and gratitude. Please use the special envelope from your packets to remember your mom this Mother's Day. All envelopes will be placed on the altar during the five Masses.



As we continue our Easter celebration, we give praise and thanks to God for sending the Son, who sacrificed His life to save us, who has shown us the way to eternal life. "I am the way and the truth and the life," Jesus tells His disciples in today's Gospel. They will not understand what He means until after He dies and is raised. As we already know what came later, may the words He said then inspire us to follow Him now.

The Parish Office will be CLOSED this Monday and Wednesday

so that our staff may attend the Diocese of Greensburg's Eucharistic Congress.

There will be **NO Adoration this Wednesday** due to the Eucharistic Congress.

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

† **Sanctuary** - Andrew & Carol Mihallik requested by the Mihallik Family

Jan Rocek

requested by her loving family

† **Blessed Mother** - Bill Drzazgowski requested by sisters, LuAnn & Mary Lou

Betty Reagan

requested by her family

† **Saint Joseph** - Irene Zawelensky requested by daughter, Marcia & family

Jan Rocek

requested by LuAnn & Mary Lou Drzazgowski

† **Saint Anthony** - Dr. Meade Butler requested by Linda Rohol

† **Sacred Heart** - Joe & Katie Furayter requested by the Mihallik Family

Pete Zawelensky

requested by daughter, Marcia & Family



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