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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: First & Third
Fridays - 4:30 to 6:00 pm

Masses in Footedale

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

Confessions: Saturday 3:00-3:30 pm

Adoration: Second & Fourth
Wednesdays - 12:30 to 2:00 pm

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

Bulletin Articles: The deadline
for placing articles in the bulletin
is Monday at Noon.

New Parishioners, Welcome!

Please register as soon as possible.

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provided on a regular basis. Call the
Parish Office to be added to our list.

Sacrament of Baptism: By
appointment. Prior to your baby's
Baptism, you must be a registered,
practicing member of this parish.

Sacrament of Marriage: Requires
parish membership by at least one of
the parties for six months prior to
making arrangements for marriage.

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one year in advance.

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May 5, 2024



"LOVE ONE ANOTHER." — JN 15:17

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Thoughts from Father Anthony - Sixth Sunday of Easter - Year B

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Jesus says love one another. First it is a command. It is not an invitation, a request or an option but a command, an order. Being an order, therefore this calls us to total obedience. We are not left with any choice except to follow His command to love one another. It is very easy for us to say, 'I love you' to our wife, husband, children, friends and even crushes but it is very difficult for us to say, 'I love you' to our enemies. I noticed also that men find it difficult to say, 'I love you' to other men. This does not mean also that we are to be blind to errors or sins or live in a state of denial about wrongs committed around us or to us. It simply means we chose to love so much that our love overshadows that hurt those wrongs may have done.

Second, our Lord does say, 'Love one another.' He does not say, 'Love one another when you are both young or when you are both healthy.' He does not say, 'Love one another when you are cute or beautiful or handsome or not angry.' The Lord only said, 'Love one another.' Therefore this love is without condition and without limitation.

There was this story about these two little boys who were brothers and went to school for an enrollment. The teacher asked these little brothers about their age and birthdays so she could place them in the registration form. The bolder of the two replied: "We're both seven. My birthday is April 8 and my brother's birthday is April 20." The teacher replied: "But that's not possible, boys." The quieter brother spoke up: "No, it's true. One of us is adopted." "Oh!" said the teacher, "Which one is the adopted?" The two brothers looked at each other and smiled. The bolder brother said: "We asked Dad that same question awhile ago but he just looked at us and said he loved us both equally and he couldn't remember anymore which one of us is adopted." What a wonderful analogy of God's love for us. It is a love without condition; it does not discriminate.

Third, our Lord says, 'Love one another as I have loved you.' The Lord did not say, 'Love one another as they love you or as you love yourself.' Our basis for loving others is not the love we have received from others because this love is imperfect and impure. Our standard for loving others is the love we experience from the Lord Himself. We love others because God loves us.

Today we offer this Mass and let us keep in mind these three thoughts. It is a command to love one another. Love one another without conditions and our model for loving is not the love we see in others but the love of God for us.

Meditation based on today's Gospel, John 15: 9-17

**Rosary Walk and May Crowning**

Sunday, May 5, 2:00 pm in Footedale

Please join us as we celebrate
this special occasion

in honor of our Blessed Mother Mary!

Refreshments will follow in the social hall.





We continue to celebrate the Easter season today, glorying in the resurrection of our Lord, who has promised to remain with us always. Jesus is with us in our waking and our sleeping, in our joys and our sufferings, in our homes and our communities. In a special way, the risen Lord is with us here today as we gather in faith, in the ministers and in each other, in God's word proclaimed, and in His Body and Blood that we receive. Once more, let us pledge to bring the risen Lord with us wherever we go and whatever we do, striving always to give witness to His love.

Monday is Holocaust Remembrance Day

We remember and honor all who suffered during one of the darkest chapters in history. May we reflect on the past but look at our actions to make a better future for people of all cultures. St. Maximilian Kolbe, pray for us!

Friday is the Feast of Saint John of Avila, a Spanish priest, preacher, scholastic author and religious mystic.

He is called "Apostle of Andulasia" for his extensive ministry in that region of Spain. He is the patron of Andulasia and the Spanish secular clergy.

Friday is also the Feast of Saint Damien de Veuster, a Belgian who joined the Fathers of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary. He arrived in Honolulu on March 19, 1864 and in 1873 began his work on Molokai, known as *Devil's Island*, as it was used as a colony for over 800 lepers. He, himself, was diagnosed with leprosy in 1885.

A man of intense interior life and deep simplicity, he was canonized on October 11, 2009. *"I make myself a leper with the lepers, to gain all for Jesus Christ."*



HONORING OUR 2024 GRADUATES

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

Mass on **Sunday, May 19**. Brunch for the graduates and their immediate families will follow. Along with a special blessing, we wish to honor our graduates by displaying their photo and a short bio in the sanctuary.

High School Graduates: please submit your photo, school of graduation and future plans/further education.

Higher Education Graduates: please submit your photo, school of graduation, degree.

To help us prepare, we ask that you please submit this information to the Parish Office **no later than May 5**.

We are really looking forward to celebrating this important milestone with you!

First Eucharist - Saturday, April 27, 2024



Congratulations and **may God bless** the following children who received Jesus in the Holy Eucharist for the very first time last Saturday, April 27:

Sophia Loren Dupont, Caleb Gregory Grim,
Silas Edwin Jessup, Ellie Rose Kutek,
Riley Elizabeth Lake, Brady Thomas Lewandowsky,
Danika Marie Lough, Maxwell Lloyd Lundberg,
Louis Landry Otto, Dominic Vincenzo Pinardi,
Kinley Grace Pleban, Bailey Rose Thompson,
Carter Thomas Torrey, Kase Whitaker

Let the children come to me and do not prevent them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.

- Matthew 19:14

The **CHRISTIAN MOTHERS** will meet at 6:30 pm this Wednesday, **May 8**, at the social hall in Footedale.

We will have a brief meeting followed by a social and some bingo games. Come, have some fun and learn about how we as a group can help our church. New members are always welcome!

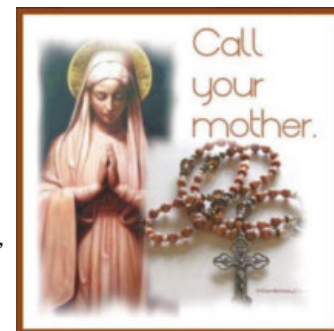
Next Sunday is Mother's Day ♥

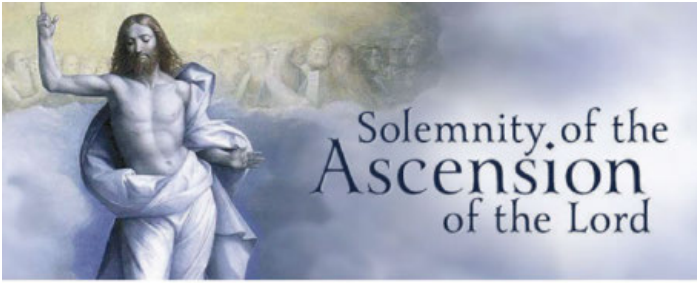
All Masses next weekend will be offered for our moms, living and deceased, as a gift of love and gratitude. One of the wondrous things that God created is woman.

He gave her a caring and generous nature which we honor in a special way on Mother's Day.

The Rosary is the most beautiful and the most rich in graces of all prayers. It is the prayer that touches the Heart of the Mother of God - and if you wish peace to reign in your homes, recite the family Rosary.

Pope Pius X





He was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight (Acts: 1-9)

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 about His presence.

On Thursday, we celebrate the Holy Day of Obligation which remembers Jesus' ascent into heaven. He ascended to His Father amid cries of gladness and commissioned His disciples to baptize in His name, reminding them that He is always present in His Spirit.

We, too, are to be His witnesses and to be mindful of the great hope to which we are all called. We need to always be aware of His presence and give thanks. This day is not about the absence of Christ; it is about His presence. At the conclusion of Matthew's gospel, Jesus said: "I am with you always."

ASCENSION THURSDAY, MAY 9 Masses for this Holy Day of Obligation will be celebrated at Noon in Footedale and at 6:00 pm in Masontown

The Parish Office will be closed this day.



The Diocese of Greensburg is thrilled to welcome the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage to our area on June 11 & 12. The pilgrimage is the first of its kind, with groups planning to walk 6,500 miles from city to city, coast to coast. The Diocese of Greensburg is on the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Route, one of the pilgrimage's four procession routes. The route is named after the first American-born saint to be canonized by the Catholic Church and honors her work in laying the foundation for the Catholic school system and for her devotion to the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. The pilgrims will begin their journey in May in New Haven, CT, and travel to Washington, DC before coming to Greensburg in June and ending in Indianapolis for the National Eucharist Congress in July. A number of family-oriented events are scheduled in our Diocese with the Pilgrimage.

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Christ's love for us is radical - it changed the whole world. It will not be easy to love as Christ loved, but this is the mission for which we have been chosen by God. So let us love one another. Let us change the world.

The Practice of Stewardship

Jesus' commandment is that His disciples love one another, even to the point of laying down their lives, if necessary. What gifts of myself - my skills and talents, my time and resources - will best demonstrate my love for God's people?

Stewardship of Treasure

April 28: \$7,791; monthly \$732; loose \$485; online \$525; total \$9,533

Our parish is very grateful for your support!



To date we have received \$42,222 in pledges from 228 gifts. We have reached 86.4% of our Diocesan target and our parish participation

is 46.5%. Thank you to all who have participated!

To those who have not yet made a gift, we respectfully ask that you help us to reach our target by prayerfully considering a gift to this important annual appeal.

PARISH CASH BASH - Sunday, July 7

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.



Our parish will sponsor a trip to see a performance of DANIEL at the Sight and Sound Theatre in Lancaster on Tuesday, July 9. Cost of \$195 per person includes bus transportation, show ticket and dinner at Miller's Smorgasbord. Reservations with payment are due by June 1; checks are payable to Budget Charter, Inc. Contact Rosemary at 724-245-8333.

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MASS SCHEDULE ©LPI

Saturday, May 4 -- Vigil: 6th Sunday of Easter

4:00 pm-F Adam & Elizabeth Freiberg (Daughters)
6:00 pm-M Spec/Int of Gina Encompela (K Rendina)

Sunday, May 5 -- 6th Sunday of Easter

8:00 am-M Pro Populo
9:30 am-F Joanne Kozel (Edward Warnick Family)
11:30 am-M Donna Parish (Paul & Bonnie Cassidy)
2:00 pm-F *Rosary Walk and May Crowning*

Monday, May 6 -- Easter Weekday

8:00 am-M Joe & Katie Furayter (Mihallik Family)

Tuesday, May 7 -- Easter Weekday

8:00 am-F Agnes Frost (Barry & Monica Jordan)

Wednesday, May 8 -- Easter Weekday

8:00 am-M Fred J. Mazurik (M/M R Zatlokovicz)
12:30-2:00 pm-F Adoration & Confessions

Thursday, May 9 -- ASCENSION OF THE LORD

12:00 pm-F Janice Rocek (Margaret Brenzy)
6:00 pm-M Pro Populo

Friday, May 10 -- Easter Weekday

8:00 am-M Alverda Krofcheck (Christal Oravets)

Saturday, May 11 -- Vigil: 7th Sunday of Easter

3-3:30 pm-F Confessions
4:00 pm-F All Mothers, Living & Deceased
5:00-5:30 pm-M Confessions
6:00 pm-M All Mothers, Living & Deceased

Sunday, May 12 -- 7th Sunday of Easter

8:00 am-M All Mothers, Living & Deceased
9:30 am-F All Mothers, Living & Deceased
11:30 am-M All Mothers, Living & Deceased

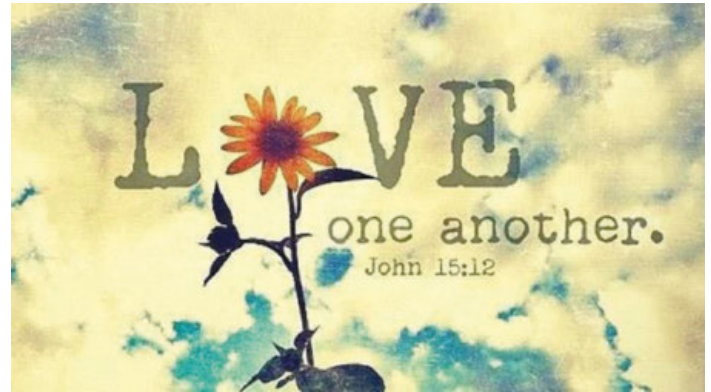
Mass Readings for the Week Ahead

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; Mk 16:15-20
Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28
Next Sunday: Acts 1:15-26; 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 17:11b-19

Question of the Week: What sacrifice have I made this past week for someone I love? What sacrifice can I make this coming week? What sacrifice am I willing to make for someone I hardly know?



Coffee & Donuts will be available after all Masses this Sunday. Please join us!



Love One Another

In the Gospel for the Sixth Sunday of Easter, we are met with an extraordinary challenge. Jesus commands us to “love one another as I love you.” The letter from John echoes this command. Of course, we are to love those in our family, those we work with, those we like ... but the scriptures make clear that we are also to love those we never notice, those we purposely avoid and even those we are tempted to despise.

In today’s selection from the *Acts of the Apostles*, Peter shows us how far God’s love extends and how far our love should extend in response. Peter realizes that God no longer shows partiality to the Jews, sharing divine love exclusively with them. Christ has revealed that God’s love extends to all people and so should ours.



Eucharistic Adoration Wednesday, May 8, in Footedale

*Come, spend time with Jesus
in the Most Blessed Sacrament*

12:30-1:30 pm: Adoration & Confessions
1:30-1:45 pm: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena
1:45-2:00 pm: Benediction

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

† **Sanctuary** - Jan Rocek
requested by her family

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

Andrew & Carol Mihallik
requested by the Mihallik Family

† **Saint Joseph** - Jack Hudock
requested by Sandy Rantovich

† **Saint Anthony** - Mary & John Pasquale Jr.
requested by children & grandchildren

† **Sacred Heart** - Agnes R. Frost
requested by Eugene & Roseanne & Family
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