



Seventh Sunday of Easter May 12, 2013

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,
the first and the last,
the beginning and the end.”
— Revelation 22:13

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, MAY 12

7:30 AM Mother's Day Intentions
9:30 AM Mother's Day Intentions
12:30 PM **NO HISPANIC MASS**

MONDAY, MAY 13

9:00 AM People of the Parish

TUESDAY, MAY 14

9:00 AM Nell Bull

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

9:00 AM Rebecca Allen (Special Intention)

THURSDAY, MAY 16

9:00 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, MAY 17

9:00 AM Gina Melito

SATURDAY, MAY 18

4:30 PM Mary Steinbacher

SUNDAY, MAY 19

7:30 AM Rudolph Chiki & Son, Rudolph Jr.
9:30 AM People of the Parish

SANCTUARY CANDLE THIS WEEK: In memory of Jacob & Veronica Broyan requested by their children.
PEACE CANDLE: In memory of Nilus Mattive requested by wife Rose.
RESURRECTION CANDLE: In memory of Marilyn Benza requested by Joselle Kinney.
BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE: In memory of Florence & Matthew Kopetskie requested by their family.
THE ALTAR BREADS AND ALTAR WINE that will be consecrated at all our Masses this week are in memory of Warren Maher given by his wife Helen.



MOTHERHOOD

Mothers hold their children's hands for a short while, but their hearts forever.

—Anonymous

PARISH SUPPORT

May 5 offering	
Adults	\$5777.25
Youth	20.75
Loose	<u>181.00</u>
Total	\$5979.00

The additional offering next week will be a diocesan collection for Pentecost.

Thank you for your generosity!

PARISH DATEBOOK

MONDAY, MAY 13

BIBLE STUDY /SHARING: 7:00 PM in the meeting room.

TUESDAY, MAY 14

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will meet 7:30 PM at their home, 1416 W. Front Street

THURSDAY, MAY 16

YEAR OF FAITH – CATHOLICISM:

Lesson six - A Body Both Suffering & Glorious
6:30 PM in the church.

FRIDAY, MAY 17

BLUE ARMY HOLY HOUR will be prayed at 8:00 AM.

SUNDAY, MAY 19

PENTECOST

SERVICE FOR THE LORD

Next Sunday, May 19

Saturday, 4:30 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: B & DeLuca, Dante
Lector: Stashko
Altar Servers: 4
Greeters: Kubitsky

Sunday, 7:30 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Edwards, Curry, Wolfe
Lector: Belford
Altar Servers: 5
Greeters: M & B Samsel

Sunday, 9:30 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Eroh, Marston, Canouse
Lector: Pierce
Altar Servers: 6
Greeters: P & J Kachurka

BRIDGET BELFORD SCHOLARSHIP (\$500) is available to a boy and girl who is an active member of St. Mary's; graduating this year from high school. To apply for an application form please contact Diane DeLuca @ 759-3643. (leave a message) Applications must be returned to Diane by Friday, May 17th.

THE COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN at St. Columba Catholic Church in **Bloomsburg** will be hosting their first lecture in their "Faith and Morals" series on Monday, May 20th at 7:00 PM. This lecture will cover Church teaching on fertility and reproductive health. Dr. Greg Burke and his wife Kimberly will be the guest speakers...All are welcome.



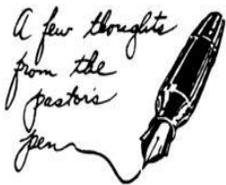
MEATBALL & SAUCE SALE
St. Mary's will be selling meatballs and sauce after the weekend Masses on June 1st and 2nd. The price is \$6.00 a quart for meatballs and \$4.00 for sauce.

VOCATION AWARENESS

"You will be My witnesses to the ends of the earth." If you think the Lord may be inviting you to carry on His mission as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, call Father Raymond LaVoie (717) 657-4804 ext. 282, or email vocations@hbgdiocese.org.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Seventh Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day
Monday: Our Lady of Fatima
Tuesday: St. Matthias
Wednesday: St. Isidore; Shavuot (Jewish observance)
Saturday: St. John I; Armed Forces Day;
Vigil of Pentecost



We mourn the unexpected death of our Bishop, Joseph P. McFadden, who died on Thursday, May 2, 2013. As our Bishop, he was a blessing to our diocese. May he rest in eternal peace and receive the reward of his priestly labors.

Father Tamburro

COME, LORD JESUS

The first reading today may seem somewhat out of place. Doesn't the "feast of Stephen" evoke memories of the Christmas season, rather than Easter? But it is most relevant for the days after the Ascension. Jesus Christ, the Son of Man, stands at his Father's right hand to welcome Stephen into heaven. Indeed, that is why Jesus has gone before us—to welcome us into God's house.

In the second reading the focus on heavenly reward continues: the new day coming with its hope and expectation. There is also an echo here of Advent, but it is now the fulfillment of those hopes, the resolution of all questions and difficulties.

John's Gospel today is part of the section known as the "high priestly prayer" of Jesus. It was his prayer at the Last Supper as he prepared for his roles as priest and victim. But it is also his prayer as the glorified and ascended high priest, the giver of glory, the center of faith, and the master of his destiny and ours.



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The paschal candle, blessed at the Easter Vigil, carried in procession into the darkened church, and aflame with the light of Christ to be passed hand to hand to renew our baptism, burns for the fifty days of Easter whenever we gather as Christ's risen body. In the last fifty years, we have grown to see this candle as the sign of Christ's enduring presence with us. Before then, it was often seen more as a kind of signpost pointing backwards to events in Christ's life. Therefore, in some places, on the fortieth day after Easter, in order to portray the disappearance of Jesus at the Ascension, the candle was hidden.

Now we see the paschal candle as a sign of the great baptismal season of grace and it remains in a prominent place throughout the entire fifty days. We do know of some churches that did not hide the candle after the Ascension. In England before the Reformation, the candle was left in place for fifty days, since on Pentecost Eve there was a vigil, and the candle was used to consecrate the waters of the font. In Salisbury cathedral, the candle was thirty-six feet high, and in Westminster Abbey weighed over three hundred pounds. On Pentecost, the candles were melted to make tapers for the funerals of the poor.