

May 11-May 17, 2015



May 11 • 6pm • Rc • † Josephine Bodock

May 12 • 9am • Rc • Nereus & Achilleus

† Albert Gius r/o Michelle/Joseph Macus

❖ **ASCENSION THURSDAY:**

May 14

5:30pm • J † Michael Funanage

r/o Theresa Novak



6:45pm • M † Joseph Mattes

r/o Steve/Kate Paulick

May 15 • 9am • Rc • Isidore † Michael & Catherine Savik

7th Sunday of Easter • May 16/17

4pm • J † Florence Koscuk r/o Koscuk Family

5:45pm • M † Stella & Anthony Pomorski r/o Milosh Family

8:15am • J † Betty Bley r/o Mike & Judy Dziak

10am • M † Marie Houser r/o Grandchildren



❖ **STEWARDSHIP: M:** Easter total: 3564; S: 1066; Campaign: 300; Dues: 370; Redners: 182 • **J:** Easter total: 3555; S: 2494; Campaign: 756; Dues: 410 • Offered through myEoffering: M: \$35 • J: \$350 • *Stewardship of time, talent & treasure!*

❖ Scripture: Acts 10:25-26,34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn4:7-10; Jn15:9-17

• Ascension: Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mark 16:15-20

• Next Week: Acts 1:15-17,20a,20c-26; 1 Jn4:11-16; Jn17:11-19



❖ Fill out the forms, even if you're healthy & would like to be prayed for in times of need!

Pray for: •Bea Gius •Dorothy Yanuskiewicz •John Washko •Rose Ann & Tracey Aponick •Jean & Alice Jarzinko •Joseph Washko •Ed & Sally McNamee •Jennifer Gilliam •Margaret Burns •Grace Snover •Loretta Zienkiewicz •Betty Lou Torpey •Vickie Hartz •John Tait •Bill Rydzy •Ann Lewis •Bob Fellin •Francis Hillibush •Gordy Weikel

❖ Birthdays Blessings: Anne Careyva, Graham Fritz, Margaret Krupilis, Dorothy Leach: 5/10; Val Sutton: 5/11; Deborah Friendly: 5/13; Ken Fisher, Bev Kreiger: 5/14; Connor Kanute, Nathan Koscuk, Nancy Krajnikovich: 5/15. ❖ Welcome: Carl & Francine DeFederico to our Parish Family(J).

❖ St. Joseph's 50/50: May tickets now available!

❖ Flowers for Mother's Day: @ J: In Memory of Marie Salvaterra & Rose Dziak, by Mike & Judy. @ M: To honor our Blessed Mother, and our daughter Kathryn Daugherty, by Dan & Kathy.

❖ Bishop's Annual Appeal: You have received the info. by mail, respond by supporting the Appeal.

❖ Grant: We applied for a Forward With Christ Grant for a new 80" HDTV for teaching/education. The grant came in at

\$2,033 with a match of \$500 from each parish to complete the grant. Your stewardship does make a difference! We've received grants of more than \$6,000 in the past 3 yrs.

❖ **A Parishioner is....** One who is registered, participates regularly in the liturgical life of the parish (e.g. Sunday Mass), demonstrates support by the gift of Time, Talent & Treasure! Join us!

❖ **Stewardship:** *No one can do everything, everyone can do something!* Make an offering of a gift in thanks for Easter Blessings!

❖ **Year of St. Mark's Gospel continues!** ❖ **See us:** stmarystjoseph.net ❖ [facebook.com/stmarystjosephrcc](https://www.facebook.com/stmarystjosephrcc)

❖ **Knights of Columbus:** Meet next Sun. 5/17 after 10am Mass @ Parish Office.

❖ **Interested in our Catholic faith?** Ask, encourage, invite! Share the gift of faith!

Reflection: 6th Sunday of Easter: One of the oldest Christian "teachings" describes life in "two ways" of conducting oneself: do good & live or do evil and die. To assist people in doing good, we have a description of the way to "do good." It starts with Holy Mass. People are instructed not to excuse themselves lightly from being fed by God's Bread & encouraged by God's Word. One wonders how to convince our own culture how important it is be fed regularly this way.

Jesus speaks of this as we hear Him show us the real meaning of joy and love. He faithfully kept the Father's commandments & the plan of salvation was revealed. Now, he does something incredible: He leaves the work to His Church! Let the one who laid down His life for us instruct us in His ways, following His Church, at His table of the Word and the Breaking of the Bread. So that when we "feel" as if He's gone, we'll know that we're not abandoned, but that there is more to come.... the thing we're to pray for: the Holy Spirit.

Be a saint...what else is there?

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A special remembrance for Mother's, living & deceased. It is an honor to remember your Mother's (and mine) at God's Holy Altar this weekend & throughout the month/year.



❖ **Block Party @ M:** We're keeping the basket auction that begun last year! Donate a basket!! Sign the sheet at Church or email us. We seek a minimum \$25 value. Bring it to Church by June 2nd, if possible. Disciples will decorate & wrap them! Make a list of items & name of sponsor(s). If you can donate a single item, but not a basket, we'll put yours with others to make one up. For suggestions/tips: contact Arlene or Barb. Children's items and toys, kitchen accessories, etc. are always popular!

❖ **Choir Practice @ M:** Continues in this Easter Season! There are some great voices, we can hear you, why not join us in giving praise and thanks to God!

❖ **Cards:** Birthday, Get well, Anniversary, etc are available for \$2 each. Place your offering in an envelope marked: Cards.

❖ **May: BVM Candles:** offered at the altar of our Lady: they are \$7 @. Light your candle, use the envelopes at the altar, return or place it in Sunday Stewardship.

❖ **Pentecost:** Pray for the outpouring of the Spirit from Ascension Thursday 'til the Feast: **Sun, May 24th!** Mark your calendar: **Wear Red** to Mass that weekend. (It's also Memorial Day Weekend!)

❖ **Adult Ed:** We're reviewing a series entitled: "**Symbolon**" We're reviewing the series to learn about, strengthen our faith! We'll offer the series over the next few months, mostly on Mon evening. We gather THIS Mon, May 11. This week's topic: the Story of Salvation. Join us to learn about the faith. Our sessions run about 90 min's.



First Communion: ☺ **Jennifer Gilliam** will receive Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament Sat., May 30th @ 5:45pm.

❖ **Memorial Day Flower Boxes:** we're taking orders for the grave boxes: \$14 each. Place your order in Sunday Stewardship (pre-pay) or on our order form. Deadline: **THIS Mon, May 11th**. We'll have them Sat., May 23rd.

❖ **Ministry:** New Schedules are out. It's time for new Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Lectors & Servers. Please, remember, that when you minister, appropriate dress is required! No jeans, tank tops, flip flops, buzzing or flashing wearables. This is Holy Mass worshipping our Lord & God, honor Him by appropriate attire!

Come to every Mass dressed appropriately. That way, we'll always be ready to minister if called upon. Living in a more "relaxed" culture, we are counter-cultural. We form the culture, it doesn't form us!

❖ **St. Joseph's Picnic** seeks: canola oil, napkins, paper towels, soda, bottled water: drop them off at the garage, please! Grand Raffle: We're ready to place the order for the tickets: we're at 50 of our goal of 51 gifts for our \$10 ticket.

❖ **SCRIP:** After these are sold, we'll be taking only orders: We've \$25 **Applebee's**, \$25 **Cabela's**, \$10 **Bed, Bath & Body**, \$10 **Dairy Queen**, \$10 **Denny's**, \$25 **Home Depot**, \$25 **iTunes**, \$25 **Weis**, \$10 **Long John Silver's**, \$25 **Lowe's**, \$25 **Sheetz**, \$25 **PetSmart**, \$10 **Wendy's**, \$10 **Pizza Hut**, \$25 **Regal Theatres**,

\$10 **Taco Bell**, \$25 **Walmart** on hand. Contact the office, we'll arrange to get them to you after Mass. We've tried to raise funds, with little success. When the day comes, can't help but wonder if some of the "loudest gongs" then will be the ones sitting on their "hands" now.

❖ **A Cardinal Reflects: The Myth and Reality that I'll Die in My Bed.**" [*cont'd*] ..So, as a corrective, for all those writers and speakers out there desirous of using the quote, when used it should be used in its entirety.

"I expect to die in bed, my successor will die in prison and his successor will die a martyr in the public square. His successor will pick up the shards of a ruined society and slowly help rebuild civilization, as the church has done so often in human history."

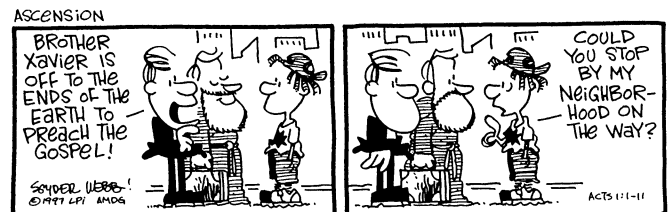
The Cardinal's entire column is well worth reading. The end, in particular is quite poignant. Analogies can easily be multiplied, if one wants to push a thesis; but the point is that the greatest threat to world peace and international justice is the nation state gone bad, claiming an absolute power, deciding questions and making "laws" beyond its competence. Few there are, however, who would venture to ask if there might be a better way for humanity to organize itself for the

sake of the common good. Few, that is, beyond a prophetic voice like that of Dorothy Day, speaking acerbically about "Holy Mother the State," or the ecclesiastical voice that calls the world, from generation to generation, to live at peace in the kingdom of God.

God sustains the world, in good times and in bad. Catholics, along with many others, believe that only one person has overcome and rescued history: Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of the Virgin Mary, savior of the world and head of his body, the church. Those who gather at his cross and by his empty tomb, no matter their nationality, are on the right side of history. Those who lie about him and persecute or harass his followers in any age might imagine they are bringing something new to history, but they inevitably end up ringing the changes on the old human story of sin and oppression. There is nothing "progressive" about sin, even when it is promoted as "enlightened." The world divorced from the God who created and redeemed it inevitably comes to a bad end. It's on the wrong side of the only history that finally matters. The Synod on the New Evangelization is taking place in Rome this month because entire societies, especially in the West, have placed themselves on the wrong side of history.

www.ncregister.com/blog/tim-drake/the-myth-and-the-reality-of-ill-die-in-my-bed

❖ **Orange Ribbons:** This past week Isis murdered 300 Christians! We ask, as a sign of support that we wear the "color" that the "people of the Cross" are wearing when they are martyred. They're at the entrance to Church. Thanks to donors: Kathy Milefsky & Mary Balkiewicz & 7th grade students from Trinity Academy: Makenna, Abby, Sarah, Lyndsey, Eddie.



❖ **Outside Events:** ☞ **Trinity Academy** Register for Pre-K Call 462-3927. ☞ **Healing Mass:** Mon. 5/11: 6:30pm, St. Ambrose, 201 Randel St., Sch Haven. Bishop Barres, Celebrant; Msgr. Scheaffer, homilist. For any who have experienced trauma. Holy Hour & Confession to follow, concludes: 8:30pm. ☞ **Ice Cream Social:** St. Paul's UCC: 5/17, 5-7pm. ☞ **A.D.:** The Bible Continues: Sun @ 9pm: NBC: 12 weeks. ☞ **Baby Bottles for Life:** fill with your loose change through the month. It supports the opening of the pro-life pregnancy center in Hazleton.

