

M: St Mary • J: St Joseph
Rc: rectory chapel

May 18-May 24, 2015



May 18 • 6pm • Rc • John I

Special Intentions r/o John/Mary Milosh

May 19 • 9am • Rc • † Nancy Robel r/o Joan/Jay Passon

May 20 • Noon • Rc • Bernardine of Siena

† Margaret Marzen

May 21 • Noon • Rc • Christopher Magallenes

† Hunter Wolfe



**Pentecost Sunday • May 23/24 •
Memorial Day Weekend**

4pm • J † Josephine Libassi

r/o Carol Salnick

5:45pm • M † Kathryn & John Daugherty r/o Dan & Kathy

8:15am • J † For the Unborn r/o Brian Irlsinger

10am • M † Joe O'Boyle r/o Family



❖ **STEWARDSHIP: M:** Easter total: 3574; S: 1552; Campaign: 730; Dues: 355 • **J:** Easter total: 3555; S: 1233; Campaign: 175 •

Offered through myEoffering: M: \$25 • J: \$50

Stewardship of time, talent & treasure!

❖ **Scripture:** Acts 1:15-17,20a,20c-26; 1 Jn4:11-16; Jn17:11-19

• **Next Week:** Acts 2:1-11; Gal 5:16-25; Jn15:26-27

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

Pray for: • **Bea Gius • Dorothy**

Yanusiewicz • 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 • Nancy Blackwell

❖ **Birthday Blessings:** **Jean Lewis:** 5/17; **Luke Messina:**

5/18; **Laura Motil:** 5/19; **Leonard Savitsky, Margaret**

Daly: 5/21.

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

❖ **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 this Sun. 5/17 before Mass for the Rosary & after 10am Mass @ Parish Office.

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

Reflection: 7th Sunday of Easter: Hate is an insidious and destructive emotion. It destroys relationships & nations. Many of us recoil in the face of hatred and avoid situations where one might be on the receiving end of such. Jesus' mission is at the core of the response to hatred: He is well aware that His mission is going to challenge people to change. He is well aware that this is the hardest of things for us to do. We get set, early & quickly, in our ways.

Jesus' prayer for the disciples at the Last Supper is very self-revealing. You can feel His anguish, care & concern for us. He himself is about to face death, just like us, when you are at death's doorstep prayer can be deep, short, personal & intense.

Jesus isn't naive about sending out disciples. He recognizes that there will be resistance to the truth. Still with it, we are promised that we are never alone! That isn't all: We are one with each other in the Body of Christ.

The confidence, intensity & power of Jesus' prayer invites us to live the reality that with His grace & strength by inserting ourselves into His Mission, the Mission of the Church, hate can be turned into love. You won't find much of that in the nightly news coverage, but the truth is still the truth. Something we know deep in our hearts! With this, we have something truly to pray for in these days where we pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit: Pentecost, the Birthday of the Church.

Be a saint...what else is there?

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❖ **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! **Donations of paper towels/paper plates, brand-named soda, water, mustard/ketchup** are still needed!

❖ **Memorial Day Mass:** Mon 5/25 @ St. Joseph's Cemetery: 10:30am. [10 Church: inclement weather.]

❖ **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.

❖ **Graduates:** Submit your family member's name, school graduating from, future plans, etc. We'll place their name in the June bulletin & offer a gift for high school graduates. Email/Index cards, print please.



❖ **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 'til the Feast: **NEXT Sun, May 24th!** **Wear Red** to Mass that weekend. (It's also Memorial Day Weekend!)

❖ **Adult Ed:** We've suspended the rest of the review of the series: **Symbolon** until after the Memorial Day, Block Party & Picnic. So far, we've enjoyed the gathering and teaching sessions. Want to watch this at home? You can borrow it from us and make the return by signing them in/out.



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

❖ **Memorial Day Flower Boxes:** will be here Fri, May 22nd.

❖ **Ministry:** 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.

❖ **Pentecost** was the annual harvest festival of the Jews, and it was one of three feasts that all Jewish males were bound by law to observe in the holy city (Exod. 23:14-17). In Hebrew the day was Shavuot, the Feast of Weeks, because it took place on the day following a "week of weeks" — seven times seven days — counting from Passover (Lev. 23:15-16). Originally a harvest festival, the feast was a ritual reminder that God was the source of Israel's blessings — that they owed their first and best of everything to Him.

Over the centuries, Pentecost had grown in importance, and it had gathered layers of spiritual and historical significance. By the time of Jesus and the Apostles, it had become primarily a celebration of the giving of the law to Moses, a completion of Passover. What God had begun in Egypt, He sealed by the giving of the law at Sinai.

The Apostles were living in expectation. Jesus had told them "to wait for the promise of the Father. . . . You shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit. . . . You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you" (see Acts 1:4-8). During the forty days after Passover — the forty days after His Resurrection — Jesus appeared to the Apostles and taught them. Yet he trained their gaze forward in time, as if

His work was not yet done, as if His Passover awaited its completion. Pentecost is indeed the setting of the most spectacular scene in the historical books of the New Testament. A sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind. Tongues of fire appeared and rested on the disciples — but did not burn them! The men rushed into the streets and began to proclaim Jesus Christ before the multitude that had gathered in Jerusalem for the feast day. The Holy Spirit arrived in a great show of power, attended by amazing wonders, manifest before a cast of thousands. Pilgrims had come to Jerusalem from all the nations of the world. They heard Peter preach the gospel and were converted. The means were now in place for the message to reach the farthest corners of Earth. It would be universal in scope. It would be catholic.

As God had once given the law to Moses, so now He gave His own Spirit to the Church. The Spirit was manifest in unexpected prodigies and charisms (from the Greek word for "gifts") — such as speaking in diverse tongues and understanding those tongues. Mere men were entrusted with the means of salvation, a divine action. Among those charisms was the gift of leadership, *authority*. It is significant that not everyone preached on the first Pentecost; not everyone led; not everyone taught; not everyone issued the call to repentance. Peter did; the Apostles did. They fulfilled the roles of the office they had been given by Jesus. Some years before, Jesus had said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful" (Luke 10:2). And the great harvest began, appropriately enough, at Pentecost, the feast of the harvest — the day dedicated to the gathering and offering of firstfruits.

This article is the 3rd in a 12-part series exploring the Catholic background behind NBC's A.D. The Bible Continues (watch on Sundays at 9/8c). For more information, visit: catholicexchange.com/great-harvest-pentecost

❖ **Orange Ribbons:** 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.

❖ **Website articles/videos we recommend:**

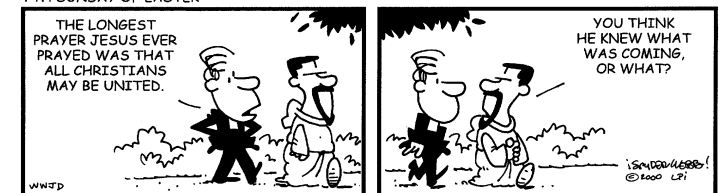
• **Just the Facts, Ma'am: Rebutting the False "Inevitability" Narrative:**

www.thepublicdiscourse.com/2015/04/14865;

• **Symbolon: part of what we viewed this past week:**

www.youtube.com/watch?v=64kS3ca2iQg

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



❖ **Outside Events:** ➡ **Trinity Academy** Register for Pre-K Call 462-3927. ➡ **Shepton Fire Co Bingo:** 5/17, 1pm ➡ **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 pro-life work of so many in need. ➡ **Padre Pio Healing Mass:** 6/26 @ 7pm, Divine Mercy Parish, Shenandoah.