



SEVENTH SUNDAY OF Easter

MAY 16, 2021

As you sent me into the world,
so I sent them into the world.

John 17:18

GOD'S HOLY ORDER

There is a certain, sacred order to the way God envisions our place in the world. We are created in love, for love. As disciples of Jesus Christ, God's love is at the heart of all we are, have, and do. Peter was concerned that this holy order be restored following Judas' betrayal of Jesus. Jesus' selection of twelve apostles was significant for the Jewish people, a harkening to the twelve tribes of Israel. In prayerfully discerning Matthias as the twelfth apostle, the brothers made certain that God's holy order would prevail. Their witness ensured that Christ's love would be shared and embraced to all the world and throughout all time.

KEEPING THE BIG PICTURE IN MIND

As we near the end of the Easter season, the readings lead us to keep the big picture of Christ's Paschal Mystery—Jesus' life and ministry, passion, death, and resurrection—and the impact it is to have in our lives at the center of all that we are and do. We who have been drawn to Christ through baptism are called to take on the mind, heart, and life of our Lord. Jesus, who is God's love incarnate, shows us the extent of God's love and calls us to live this love in the world. We live in the world but do not belong to it. Ultimately, we belong to God. When we show love, especially when we sacrifice for the sake of another, we share in Christ's saving love, building a bridge between God and humanity in Christ's name.

MADE SACRED IN TRUTH

Jesus prayed to God the Father about his disciples, "Consecrate them in the truth." To consecrate is to make holy. Jesus asks God to make us holy in the truth of God's love which is poured upon us through the Holy Spirit. Think about this: we call the moment in which the bread and wine at Mass become the Body and Blood of Christ the consecration. The bread and wine are transformed and made sacred, holy. Remember, too, that as the gifts are brought forward for consecration, we join our lives, gifts, and resources in prayer, asking God to bless us, to consecrate us as well. In baptism, we are consecrated—we are set apart in Christ's love. Knowing this should make a difference in the way we live our lives. Our consecration should be the benchmark for our attitudes and actions, the choices and decisions we make each day. What does it mean to you to be consecrated, to be called to holiness? How does this affect the way you live?

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sun: Tuesday: St. John I, Pope & Martyr
Thursday: St. Bernardine of Siena;
Friday: St. Christopher Magellanes, Priest and
Companions, Martyrs
Saturday: St. Rita of Cascia; Vigil of Pentecost
Sunday: Pentecost Sunday



Immaculate Conception Parish

Immaculate Conception Church & St. Joseph Church

Pastor: Rev. James J. Ward • Deacon: Mr. Jack Mroz

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St. Joseph Church side entrance is open daily for private prayer

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Tues. & Thurs. after 8 a.m. Mass @ SJC; Wednesdays, 6:30pm @ ICC

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator: Wendy S. Krisak, MA, NCC, LPC Direct Phone: 800-791-9209; Diocesan Secretary for Youth Protection: Pamela J. Russo, MSW, MS Phone: 610-871-5200, Ext. 2204; If you have an allegation of abuse against a bishop, please contact the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service ReportBishopAbuse.org or by calling 800-276-1562.

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Sat. May 15

4:30 pm (ICC) **Gerald Rothermel** (Tom & Eva Seibert) / **George Wilhelm** (Aunt Pat & Family)

Sun. May 16

9:00 am (SJC) **John Fitzgerald** (Jack & Rita Mroz) / **Michael Hydro**, 1st Anniv. (Irene)

Mon. May 17

8:00 am (ICC) **Cliff Hurley** (Terry & Mary McElmoyle) / **Mary Love**, 29th Anniv. (Roush Family)

Tues. May 18

8:00 am (SJC) **Peg McClafferty** (Cathy & Ed Hawk) / **Daniel Plesniarski** (Susan Schatz)

Wed. May 19

private

Dominic Ambrosio (Joe & Alex Cataldo) / **All Mothers, Living & Deceased**

Thurs. May 20

8:00 am (SJC) **Joseph Vattaglia** (Pat & Chas Smith) / **Thomas Sheehan** (Elmer Hoppes & Family)

Fri. May 21

8:00 am (ICC) **Margaret Moss** (Sarah) / **Helen & Charles Burnett** (Chip Burnett)



Pentecost Sunday

Sat. May 22

9:00 am (SJC) *Rosary for Life*

4:30 pm (ICC) **James Ward** (Judy & Jerry Nederostek) / **Meg Dougherty** (Salli Schatz)

Sun. May 23

9:00 am (SJC) **Marjorie Haggerty** (Vince & Butch Yaich) / **Theresa Schlenner** (Kim, Jerry, & Ian Miller)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM ~ THE LORD HAS SET HIS THRONE IN HEAVEN.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE burns in Loving Memory of *Mom-Mary Alice Kuhn* (From, Family)

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE burns for Health & Blessings on *Nicholas Teichert* (Love, Grandma & Aunt Lori)

ST. THERESA CANDLE burns in Loving Memory of *Joseph & Sam Conzonneri* (From, Family)

Flowers on the Main Altar are in Loving Memory of *Mary Love* (From, Roush Family)

PARISH STEWARDSHIP: 4/15/21: \$ 6,025.00;

4/25/21: \$ 4,211.00;

Thank you for your continued support & generosity.

AS WAS ANNOUNCED AT MASS LAST WEEKEND, The Diocese of Allentown has named Rev. Ronald Minner pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish as of June 15, 2021. Please pray for Fr. Ward as he transitions into retirement and for our new pastor, as well!

CONGRATULATIONS & BLESSINGS

to Fr. Ward on his 48th Anniversary of Ordination this Wednesday, May 19th!



NEW DIOCESAN COVID-19 DIRECTIVES:

Beginning next weekend with Pentecost Sunday, the Diocese has lifted all capacity restrictions for liturgical gatherings. All pews will be available, and there will not be a limit to attend Mass. Please note: the Pennsylvania Bishops have **not** lifted the dispensation regarding the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. Those who would like to attend Mass but are at risk, or uncomfortable with larger gatherings may consider attending a weekday Mass. **Please practice common sense hygienic practices by sanitizing when entering the Church and the wearing of face masks is still required.** Those who are sick, do not feel safe, or who have compromising health conditions, should not attend. If you attend Mass and are diagnosed with Covid-19 within 3 days please contact the Rectory so proper cleaning & disinfecting can be done. Thank you!



Memorial Day

REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES WHO SERVED:

On Memorial Day weekend Immaculate Conception will be honoring those who served. If any parishioners have pictures of loved ones who served in the Armed Services you may drop them at the Rectory office or give them to Judy, to be part of the Memorial Weekend Mass.

THE GARAGE SALE WILL BE HELD NEXT SATURDAY, May 22, from 9am-1pm, behind St. Joseph Church. New items are arriving daily, come out and find great deals!!



MEMORIAL FUND: We would like to acknowledge donations made: In Memory of **Emma Marzen** from Phyllis Lienhard, Claire Marzen Wetz, George Marzen, Lois Henritz, Aileen Cassidy, Karen Figura, Mary Marzen Sampson, Vance & Patricia Rogers, Rita (Marzen) Martone & Francis Martone, Nancy & William Getz, John L. Marzen, Jr., Marie & Glen Liscom.



Clothing Drive ANNUAL CLOTHING DRIVE: The Lutheran Church of St. John in-the-Heights, 319 South Ave, will be holding their clothing drive & giveaway this June. They will be accepting donations of CLEAN, gently used or new clothing items that will be offered for free. Clothing can be donated **now through June 11**, Mondays through Fridays. No clothing is to be left at the church doors. Please call Mary, 570-325-2294 or Shirley, 570-325-3536 to arrange drop off time. No household items will be accepted.

WE ARE GRATEFUL to all who pledged their support to the **2021 BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC ANNUAL APPEAL**. Your gift will allow our diocese to meet the many & varied needs of the people of this diocese. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how small. If you did not take the opportunity to make your gift, you may do so at any time over the next few weeks by placing your pledge form in the collection basket or visiting the Appeal website at BecauseWeAreCatholic.org. Thank you for your support!

OUR MINISTRY IN THE CHURCH ~ It is a seemingly small point, but one that is important to remember as we reflect on ministry during these days preceding the descent of the Spirit, to notice that the place of Judas among the apostles was refilled because of his betrayal, not because of his death. He was, according to Peter, "allotted a share in this ministry." It is, then, betrayal of the mission & not merely death that leaves a void in the fabric of the church's mission. We forget that in the minds of the other apostles, Judas still would have been numbered in the company of the Twelve when Jesus prayed the prayer we hear today: praying that, as they were sent into the world, they would be consecrated in the truth. It is difficult for us to comprehend that Jesus knelt to wash the feet of Judas. These are powerful & significant lessons for us to call to mind and keep in our hearts as we ponder the place of our particular ministry in the Church & the world, if we are remaining faithful to it, consecrated to the truth. © J. S. Paluch Co.



A MASS OF REMEMBRANCE For those who have experienced the loss of a child, Monday, May 17, 6:30pm, St. John XXIII Church, Tamaqua. Parents, families & friends are all welcome to attend to acknowledge & remember those losses that touched our lives & whose memory lives in our hearts. This night will include: *The Rosary for Life, Mass of Remembrance, w/ Father John Frink, celebrant, & refreshments following.* There will be an opportunity before Mass to light a candle and for family members to record the name of the child in the "Book of Life". This list will be sent to the Carmelite Sisters in Center Valley or St. Padre Pio Centre, who will pray for them. Registration is not required but is encouraged so that we may plan adequately. To register by name or anonymously, please call 570-225-7425 or email SJ23cherishlife@gmail.com.

WEEK AT A GLANCE EVENTS

Wed, 5/19: Baptism Class, 6:30pm
Fri., 5/21: Flame of Love. 1pm – Brogan Room
Sat., 5/22: Garage Sale, 9am – 1pm
Sat., 5/22: Wedding @ SJC, 2pm
