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Celebrating our 100th Year



EASTER 5
May 2, 2021

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Christ Has Risen Christ Has Risen Indeed!

THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 2, 2021

Holy Mass

+**Thomas Muse** Int. sisters Rose Wise & Sally Biroscak;

+**John Adamek** Int Mrs. Mildred Kotulsky

May Crowning of the Holy Mother and Prayers

Easter 5

9:00 A.M.

Sunday, May 9, 2021

Mother's Day

Holy Mass

Prayers for all Mothers both living
and dead

9:00 A.M.

We welcome Emily Ann Davidson,
daughter of Richard and Kelsey
(Blotzer) Davidson who was
baptized yesterday in the Christian Catholic Faith to become
an heir to the Kingdom of God.



4th Annual National YMS of R Bishop Bilinski Memorial Spiritual Retreat

June 17-19, 2021

Bp. Hodur Retreat & Recreation Center
611 Honesdale Rd. Waymart, PA 18472

"How to Move On"

Ephesians 4:31-32 – *"Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."* Information and registrations forms can be found

in the Church Vestibule. All men are invited to attend.



HONOR YOUR FATHER

The annual Honor Your Father campaign on Father's Day by acknowledging or remembering OUR FATHERS, both Lay or Clergy, past or present by having there

names published in the June Issue of God's Field. Donation is \$25.00 per name, payable to the Clergy Pension Fund. Available forms can be found in the Church Narthax. Deadline for publication is June 1st.

National United Choirs

35th General Convention/27th Music Workshop Concert & Auction

Theme: "Prepare Your Voice for the Lord"

Holy Cross Parish

2311 Pulaski Street

Hamtramck, MI 48212

August 4th Convention; August 5th & 6th Workshop/Concert

All Choir members are invited to attend. Convention Registration \$35.00; Workshop Registration \$115.00; Lodging \$79.00 Hampton Inn & Suites. All information and registration forms can be obtained through Wendy Blotzer our parish organist

PNU NEWS

New Polish National Union-Spojnia and Spojnia Credit Union information can be found on the Narthex Bulletin Board and Hall Bulletin Board downstairs. New programs and opportunities are available.

Coronation of Mary

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel for he remembered his promise of mercy, the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children forever.

The Prayer Of Mary (Luke 1: 46-55)

P: Savior, our Lord and King! On the throne of your cross, you bestowed on us a precious legacy, a gift cherished from generation to generation. You have given us your mother. "Look, there is your mother!" These words are your last will and testament for us. Mary was meant not only to give birth to you but also to continue working with you for all times to establish the kingdom of the Father on this earth.

R: Glory and praise to our God, who alone gives light to our days. Many are the blessings he bears to those who trust in his ways.

P: Mary, Mother of Jesus and our beloved Blessed Mother, we gather around you here in this place, for we believe you are among us. From the bottom of our hearts, we accept the great gift of our crucified Lord: "There is your mother!" Prove, Mary, that you are our spiritual mother. Prove that you are the spiritual mother of our parish and of our diocese.

R: Glory and praise to our God, who alone gives light to our days. Many are the blessings he bears to those who trust in his ways.

P: Show us that you are the spiritual mother of all peoples, that you are the mother of our country. Do for us what a mother does: guide us, educate us, and lead us to Christ, your only Son.

R: Glory and praise to our God, who alone gives light to our days. Many are the blessings he bears to those who trust in his ways.

P: Mary is our model. She said yes to you, Lord. You made yourself dependent on her free and loving yes. She said yes from the moment of your conception, and never took back her yes at any time. We know well that her yes led her to experience everything that is bitter on life's journey; nevertheless, because you were with her, the bitter journey was transformed to a journey of joy.

R: Glory and praise to our God, who alone gives light to our days. Many are the blessings he bears to those who trust in his ways.

P: Mary, we believe that in our baptism our destiny may one day reflect your destiny. The great things that the Lord has done for

you, He is ready to do for us if we do what He commands. Help us cooperate with the grace that He wishes to bestow on us.

R: Glory and praise to our God, who alone gives light to our days. Many are the blessings he bears to those who trust in his ways.

P: Mary, we wish to crown you to acknowledge our gratitude to you for your part in the coming of Jesus Christ and, hence, in the redemption of the world. We trust that in the future you will take the destiny of our world and of our nation into your powerful yet kind and motherly hands. Serve us with the good wine of the Lord's salvation. Hear the cries of the unborn, the elderly, the sorrowing and the suffering!

R: Glory and praise to our God, who alone gives light to our days. Many are the blessings he bears to those who trust in his ways.

P: Mary, we need your assistance. You are a mother who shelters and prays for us. You are the model for those who want to be faithful followers of Christ. Above all, you wish that Christ be born in us anew.

R: Glory and praise to our God, who alone gives light to our days. Many are the blessings he bears to those who trust in his ways.

P: It is your desire that Christ be given new birth in the hearts of all persons everywhere. You, our sister in faith who journeys with us, desire to see our hearts transformed and shaped into the heart of Jesus. Educate us to become Christ-centered, strong and loving persons who help bring about the Christian renewal of the world.

R: Glory and praise to our God, who alone gives light to our days. Many are the blessings he bears to those who trust in his ways.

ALL: We look at the Blessed Mother; this is the cry that comes from the lips of the elderly. Mary must help us bear all the loneliness and misery that comes with advanced age; she must walk with us through the dark gates of death into a better world.

All: We look at the Blessed Mother; she is the hope of the fathers and mothers among us. With the mother who guides and educates

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Mother, the youth of our parish, our young men and women, admit their need. With the protection and guidance of Mary's immaculate heart it will be possible to enter life with an undefiled heart and a pure, strong ability to love faithfully.

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Blessed

All: We wish to crown you because of our personal helplessness in facing the deep distress of our times. We struggle to find God and we search his inscrutable ways. We struggle with the distress of faith and the lack of it. Please fold your hands in prayer on our behalf! Tell your divine Son as you once did in Cana of Galilee, "Lord, they have no wine!" Ask the Lord again and again to work miracles of peace, unity and prosperity for the poor and suffering.

All: We look at the Blessed Mother, Our priests and pastors proclaim solemnly to everyone: Mary is the great missionary; she must and can work miracles of transformation in our lives. She can and will provide a home for our restless hearts.

The Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen

The Hail Mary

Hail Mary, Full of Grace, The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of death. Amen.

Doxology

Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

C: Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray: Grant, we beseech Thee, O Lord God, unto us Thy servants, that we may rejoice in continual health of mind and body; and, by the glorious intercession of blessed Mary ever Virgin, may be delivered from present sadness, and enter into the joy of Thine eternal gladness. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Fifth Sunday in Easter

Last week it was sheep: this week, the vine. Jesus offers us another (agricultural) image to explain the mystery of His offering of Himself, and our belonging to Him, our being part of Him, which comes about through the sacrament of Baptism. This is, as was stated earlier, the period of Mystagogy, when the newly baptized are helped to see what life in Jesus Christ really means. Today this comes out strongly for all of us, with two of the three readings emphasizing the moral aspects of life in Christ: it is not simply enough to “belong” to Him: our belonging must be shown by the works we do, by the fruits we bear - while remembering of course that we cannot bear fruit except in Him.

In the first reading, we jump quite dramatically from Saint Peter and the events in Jerusalem, which we have been reading for the past few weeks, to a fragment of the story of Saint Paul. As we join him, he has become a follower of Jesus, after his conversion on the road to Damascus. Let's recall why we are reading this book in Easter: it is the story of what the Resurrection and Appearance of Jesus achieved in the lives of the earliest disciples: it is about the birth of the Church. So, we now hear briefly about the beginning of Paul's ministry, which will mean the great expansion of the Church through the Roman Empire. As you relate this simple account, underline the words which add extra color to the scene, such as Saul preaching "boldly" and "fearlessly". Also emphasize the final paragraph, which can appear to be a bit of a throwaway line: the key phrase is "building themselves up...", which is the theme of this Easter Season. As we hear of these communities "building themselves up" we can perhaps think of Holy Family Parish. How do we live as members of Jesus Christ? This is the implicit question that Saint John is answering today in the second reading. This applies not just to those new to the faith, but to all of us, as we use Eastertide to revitalize our faith and practice. There are some very clear statements in this reading: The first three lines are an example. These should be read carefully and clearly, not challenging people, but inviting them to see the 'common sense' of the statement and apply it to their own lives. The whole of the next section is based on a single premise: that if we keep God's commandments, we have nothing to be afraid as listeners. At the end, note the reference to the role of the Holy Spirit, leading us towards Pentecost.