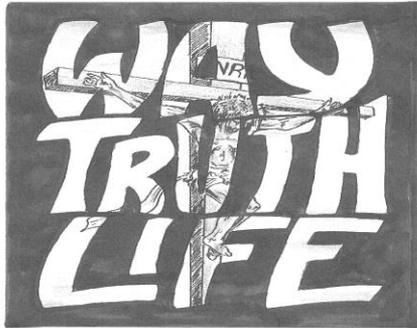


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Fifth Sunday in Easter-Mother's Day
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Continuing our Discipleship

FIFTH SUNDAY IN EASTER

PENITENTIAL RITE

ACT OF CONTRITION

O God, from the depth of my heart I am sorry for sinning against You. Through my sins I have turned away from You, displeased You and offended You. I promise to confess my sins, to do penance and with Your grace to amend my life by following You closely and keeping Your commandments.

ENTRANCE HYMN

Psalm 27: 7-9

C: Hear my voice, Lord, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me. Come, says my heart, seek God's face. Your face, Lord, do I seek, Alleluia!

R: Do not hide Your face from me, do not repel Your servant in anger. You are my help, do not cast me off; do not forsake me, God my Savior, Alleluia!

C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

R: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world with out end. Amen.

KYRIE

Lord, have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the Highest, and peace to His people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship You; we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of + God the Father. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray. [*pause briefly*] Heavenly Father, You promised that when we seek You with all our heart, we will find You. Give us such a total desire for You that we will not cease our search until You show us Your salvation and reveal Your presence. We ask this in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Let us pray. *[pause briefly]* Almighty and merciful God, You gave us mothers for the rearing of each new generation and the fulfillment of Your purposes on earth. You poured into their hearts the graces of faith, love and sacrifice. On this day, dedicated to the honor of our mothers, we ask that You would bless all the mothers of our congregation. Empower them to lovingly fulfill the obligations You have given them, as they look to the example of Mary, the Blessed Mother of our Lord, and to the lives of all devoted and holy women. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Acts 6: 1-7

As the number of disciples continued to grow, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. So, the Twelve called together the community of the disciples and said, "It is not right for us to neglect the word of God to serve at table. Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men, filled with the Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint to this task, whereas we shall devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." The proposal was acceptable to the whole community, so they chose Stephen, a man filled with faith and the Holy Spirit, also Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicholas of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these men to the apostles who prayed and laid hands on them. The word of God continued to spread, and the number of the disciples in Jerusalem increased greatly; even a large group of priests were becoming obedient to the faith.
The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 33

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Exult, you just, in the LORD; praise from the upright is fitting.
Give thanks to the LORD on the harp; with the ten-stringed lyre
chant his praises. R:

Upright is the word of the LORD, and all his works are

trustworthy. He loves justice and right; of the kindness of the LORD the earth is full. R:

See, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who fear him, upon those who hope for his kindness, To deliver them from death and preserve them in spite of famine. R:

Second Reading

1 Peter 2: 4-9

Beloved: Come to him, a living stone, rejected by human beings but chosen and precious in the sight of God, and, like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it says in Scripture: *Behold, I am laying a stone in Zion, a cornerstone, chosen and precious, and whoever believes in it shall not be put to shame.* Therefore, its value is for you who have faith, but for those without faith: *The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone, and a stone that will make people stumble, and a rock that will make them fall.* They stumble by disobeying the word, as is their destiny. You are “a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own, so that you may announce the praises” of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamations

John 14: 6

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

John 14: 1-12

Jesus said to his disciples: “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you know the way.” Thomas said to him, “Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen

him.” Phillip said to him, “Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me is doing his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else, believe because of the works themselves. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father.” The Gospel of the Lord.

Commentary on Today's Readings

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 6: 1-7

Nothing in this world is perfect for long - the same is, of course, true of the first community of disciples. Having started so well, we see the cracks appearing today: some members were “converts” from Judaism, some had been pagans before baptism. These two groups within the Church were disagreeing about the common distribution of food - a very practical problem, not a complex theological issue! The solution is, literally, inspired: the establishing of a new ministry to care for this particular question, and to leave the apostles free to pray and proclaim the Word. In reading this passage there are few problems. The effectiveness of the reading depends greatly on the understanding: perhaps the key element is the apostles’ concern for the word of God, which drives them to find a practical solution so quickly.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2: 4-9

Peter, in our second reading develops an image: the image of Christ as the keystone, or cornerstone of the building which is the Church. (This image has its origin in scripture (Psalm 117) and would have been familiar to those reading Peter’s letter. It is less familiar to us, so take care with the reading, announcing the image with care: “The Lord is the living stone...” - if you don’t say “stone” clearly, people will lose the image. Throughout the reading, when the word you appear, remember that these words are addressed to the congregation this morning: Peter is explaining to us the meaning of our baptism into the Lord Jesus.

Gospel Reading John 14: 1-12

Still at the last discourse at the last supper, Jesus consoles His friends who are saddened at the thought of His going. He tells them that He is going to prepare a place for them. Jesus told them that it is through Him that we have access to the Father. We read that Jesus told Thomas, I am the way, the truth and the life and to Phillip, it is through Him that we can know the Father, with His words, Whoever has seen Me has seen the Father. We are reminded that Jesus is God's word to us. The point is that we must be open to god's word. God's grace is freely offered but it must be accepted and used well.

NICENE CREED

I believe in One God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.

I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one being with the Father.

Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven; by

the power of the Holy Spirit He was born of the Virgin Mary, AND BECAME MAN.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day He rose again in fulfillment of the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son, He is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic church. I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

GENERAL INTERCESSION

Celebrant: Baptized, chosen as a priestly people, let us come to our Father on behalf of all our brother and sisters, praying through Christ, the Way, the Truth and the Life.

L: Out response is, “Lord hear our prayer”

L: For God’s chosen and consecrated people, that the Church may always offer prayerful and reverent worship, let us pray to the Lord.

L: For the leaders of nations, that they may recognize the service provided by the Church and so respect the Churches her rights and teachings, let us pray to the Lord.

L: For mothers the world over, we give thanks to those who nurture and care for us, remembering especially birth mothers, adoptive mothers, surrogate mothers, aunts, grandmothers, teachers, neighbors and all women who have shared their faith with us, let us pray to the Lord.

L: For people stumbling on their search for faith, that they may come to God through Jesus Christ, the only way to the Father, let us pray to the Lord.

L: For ourselves as living stones in a spiritual house that we may work with the energy and courage of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.

L: For the dead, that they may enter that place Christ has prepared for them, especially the deceased Mothers of our families and parish, let us pray to the Lord.

Celebrant: We thank you, Father most holy, for the wonders of your generous care. Show us again your love for us as we call upon you, through Christ our Lord.

OFFERTORY VERSE

For God Who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to bring to light the knowledge of the glory of God on the face of [Jesus] Christ. Alleluia. 2 Corinthians 4: 6

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord our God sanctify these gifts and purify our hearts. Placing our needs before You may we walk with the light of Your countenance. We ask this in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Amen.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Most loving Jesus, I adore You in the Most Blessed Sacrament, in Which You are truly present. I love You above all things and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot receive You sacramentally, I ask You to come spiritually into my heart and heal my soul. I embrace You and unite myself with You; may I never be separated from You. In flame my heart with the fire of Your love, my Lord and Savior.

COMMUNION VERSE

No one has ever seen God. The only Son, God, Who is at the Father's side, has revealed Him. Alleluia John 1: 18

PRAYER AFTER SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Let us pray. [*pause briefly*] Lord Jesus, You are the Word of God fully known, the mystery hidden for the ages, the cornerstone of our salvation, now revealed in the Holy Eucharist we have shared. Through Your Holy resurrection build us into a living temple to contain the glory of God. For You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

PRAYER IN TIME OF NATIONAL ANXIETY

Let us pray. I come to You, Lord, in this time of uncertainty and confusion that has gripped our nation. I pray that our leaders and representatives in government are filled with Your peace, strength and courage. May your gifts of wisdom and understanding, fortitude and counsel be sought and utilized by them for the well-being of our country. By their belief and trust in You may they provide capable leadership, promote unity and peace, and be attentive to the concerns

of our people. May Your Church provide support and comfort; and help strengthen our hope for peace through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE ANGELUS
ASKING THE INTERCESSION OF OUR BLESSED MOTHER



Hail Blessed Mary

Hail Blessed Mary, Virgin most holy We come before you, imploring lowly, Your gentle favor to help us wholly, Pray for us Mary, Mother of Jesus.

Mother, you nourished the world's salvation Keep us from hunger and deprivation, May we receive Christ with jubilation, Pray for us Mary, Mother of Jesus.

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary,

R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary ...

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

R. Be it done unto me according to your word.

Hail Mary...

V. And the Word was made Flesh.

R. And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary ...

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,

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

Let us pray. O Lord, we ask You, pour forth Your grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ, Your Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His passion and cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. In the name of the Father and of the Son of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

This Week

Sunday, May 10, 2020

Easter 5

Mother's Day

Holy Mass

9:00 A.M.

Prayers for the Mothers of our families both living and dead.

Sunday, May 17, 2020

Easter 6

Holy Mass

9:00 A.M.

+**Mildred Budziloski** Int. Terry Allen; +**Charles Korch**
(95th Birthday) Int. Rosemarie Korch & family.

These are the recommendations from the Prime Bishop and the Bishops of the church. The Church doors will be open for all the celebrations, but it is recommended to stay home or keep a social distance if attending the liturgy.

Until the sanctions from the Covid -19 Virus is lifted and we return to normal activities, there will only be one Sunday Mass to be celebrated at 9:00 A.M. The 11:00 A.M. will not be celebrated. Again, it is recommended to stay home.

Graduates

Although we are at a quarantine lockdown, Holy Family still wants to honor the 2020 High School and College Graduates. Please send Fr. Bruce your name and a list of awards and school achievements.



2020 Convo Update

Due to the uncertainty when Mercyhurst University will be reopened, it was decided during the organizing committee teleconference meeting last Sunday. that the 2020 National Youth Convocation scheduled this July will be postponed until next year.

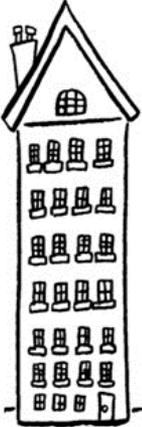
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Fifth Sunday in Easter Word Search

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The month of May is dedicated to our Holy Mother. May our Holy Mother during these trying times intercede for our families and parish. Pray this Litany each day during the Month of May in lieu of the Wednesday services.



Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary

C: Lord, have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord, have mercy; **R: Have mercy on us.**

C: Christ hear us. Christ graciously hear us. God, the Father of Heaven: **R: Have mercy on us.**

C: God, the Son, Redeemer of the world, God, the Holy Spirit, Holy Trinity, One God, **R: Have mercy on us.**

C: Holy Mary, Holy Mother of God, Holy Virgin of virgins, **R: Pray for us.**

C: Mother of Christ, Mother of divine grace, Mother most pure, **R: Pray for us.**

C: Mother most chaste, Mother inviolate, Mother undefiled, **R: Pray for us.**

C: Mother most amiable, Mother most admirable, Mother of our Creator. **R: Pray for us.**

C: Mother of our Savior, Mother of good counsel, Virgin most prudent, **R: Pray for us.**

C: Virgin most venerable, Virgin most renowned, Virgin most powerful, **R: Pray for us.**

C: Virgin most merciful, Virgin most faithful, Mirror of justice, **R: Pray for us.**

C: Seat of wisdom, Cause of our joy, Spiritual vessel, **R: Pray for us.**

C: Vessel of honor, Singular vessel of devotion, Mystical rose, **R: Pray for us.**

C: Tower of David, Tower of ivory, House of gold,
R: Pray for us.

C: Ark of the Covenant, Gate of Heaven, Morning star,
R: Pray for us.

C: Health of the sick, Refuge of sinners, Comforter of the afflicted, **R: Pray for us.**

C: Help of Christians, Queen of Angels, Queen of Patriarchs, **R: Pray for us.**

C: Queen of Prophets, Queen of Apostles, Queen of Martyrs, **R: Pray for us.**

C: Queen of Confessors, Queen of Virgins, Queen of all Saints, **R: Pray for us.**

C: Queen conceived without sin, Queen of our nation, Queen of peace, **R: Pray, for us.**

C: Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, spare us, O Lord, **R: Spare us, O Lord.**

C: Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, graciously hear us, O Lord, **R: Graciously hear us, O Lord.**

C: Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us, **R: Have mercy on us.**

C: Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, have mercy on us, R: **Have mercy on us.**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom comes. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who 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.

ANTIPHON: "Under Your Protection"

Under your protection, under your protection, we would refuge take, Blessed mother of our Savior. Mother we entreat you, Mother we entreat you, turn not from the need of your children. But from all evils about us, But from all evils about us, Mother ever protect us. Virgin most gracious, gracious and most blessed O Mother, O Mother, O Mother dearest, Mother who pleads for us, Thou who prays for us, Mother, our help and comfort. With thy Son, now pray, unites us, Unto thy Blessed Son, pray entrust us, Unto thy blessed Son, pray commit us, O Mother. O

Mother, O mother dearest, Mother who pleads for us, Thou who prays for us, Mother, our help and comfort.

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

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

Closing Prayer

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



Memorial Day

Memorial Day Mass will be celebrated on Monday, May 25th at 10:00 A.M. in the parish worship center instead of the parish cemetery this year.

Food For Thought

Since did not have the Palm Sunday Breakfast and we will not have our annual Mother's Day Breakfast and possibly Father's Day breakfast cancelled; maybe when we are all able to once again gather together as a Church family, a welcome back breakfast could be planned? Just a thought.

There are

Angels

God puts on this Earth

Who care for us and guide us.
You can feel their love and gentleness
as they walk through life beside us.

They do great things for us every day
they whisper in our ears,
they even hold us in their hearts
when we are filled with all our fears.

They are always there to give a hug
and try to make us smile.
They treat us with respect and love,
they treat us like their child.

God blessed me with an Angel,
I'm proud to call my own.
She's been with me throughout my
life, been with me as I've grown.

She's guided me the best she can,
she's taught me like no other,
and I'm thankful I'm the lucky one
who get's to call her...

Mother

