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Celebrating our 100th Year



EASTER 6
May 9, 2021
Mother's Day

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Christ Has Risen Christ Has Risen Indeed!



THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 9, 2021

Easter 6

Mother's Day

Holy Mass

9:00 A.M.

Prayers for all Mothers both living and dead

Thursday, May 13, 2021

Holy Mass

Ascension Day

10: 00 A.M.

Sunday, May 16, 2021

Holy Mass

Easter 7

9:00 A.M.

+ **Marianne Keith Int.** Mrs. Carol Davelli; +**Helen Rosso**
(30th Ann.) Int. Rosso Family

*Congratulations and best wishes to Marlene & Mike
Jobs who are celebrating their 45th wedding
anniversary.*

Mother's Day Flowers

The Frederic Chopin Choir and the Annunciation Bell Choir in honor of Mother's Day are giving flowers to all the women attending Mass. Please take one upon leaving the Church Building. Thank you, Choirs.

A reminder, please do not congregate in the Narthex before and after Mass. You can extend your greetings six feet apart outside keeping everyone safe. Thank You.

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.

PNU NEWS

New Polish National Union-Spojnja and Spojnja Credit Union information can be found on the Narthex Bulletin Board and Hall Bulletin Board downstairs. New programs and opportunities are available to fit your needs..

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

A Prayer for every Woman on Mother's Day

by Rachal Carr



On this day that often holds both joy and sorrow, expectations and longings, words spoken and much left unsaid, let's join in prayer for the women in our lives.

Heavenly Father, we come to You today especially grateful for each woman You've created. You created both male and female and called it very good.

On this Mother's Day, in the midst of a pandemic, we pause and pray.

We pray for those paralyzed with worry and fear, those who may be among our most vulnerable, or those who are mothering a high-risk child. Remind them that You will never leave or forsake us, that You are faithful, and You are Sovereign over all circumstances. (1 Timothy 6:15-16)

For the mother who unexpectedly is crisis schooling and managing her kids in quarantine, bumping up hard against her own humanity, may she experience Your tenderness. May she seek You and find Your grace sufficient for each moment. (Hebrews 4:16)

For the women whom we have never called mother but who have mothered us in a million ways, may they know how valued they are, that their faithfulness has impacted our trajectory forever. (Ephesians 4:16)

For the woman whose financial stability has just been through an earthquake, who is struggling to provide now, or whose future plans seem unsure, be to her Jehovah Jireh, her provider. May she have peace in uncertainty and strength to reach out for needed help. (Genesis 22:14, Matthew 6:25-34)

For the newest momma, with her tired eyes, whose joy is sometimes clouded by doubt, remind her that You are a good shepherd, leading her gently in peace, sustaining her. (Psalm 23)

For the women who are worn out from asking questions while answers elude, for those whose tears fall unending and are weak with sorrow, may You be their strength and sustenance. Bring healing, restoration and comfort to their souls. (Isaiah 43:1-2)

For the mother whose nest is now empty, whose porch lights are always on, who is trying to figure out what this next stage of life looks like, remind her that You have good plans and a future as she continues to seek You. (Jeremiah 29:11-13)

For the mothers who feel lonely and isolated, whose reality differs dramatically from their ideal, would you gently remind them that You haven't left us alone; You are Emmanuel, God with us. (Matthew 1:23)

For the woman whose heart is bursting with joy, may she celebrate wholeheartedly, may Your praise be on her lips. (Psalm 34:1)

Almighty God, we thank you for the gift of life. You are Sovereign, You are good, and Your faithfulness endures forever. We praise You for each woman in our life: for her faith, her courage, her creativity, her laughter and her leadership. May You bless each one with the joy, grace, wisdom and peace that can only come from You.

It's in the precious name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

There are two obvious themes to today's readings: Saint Peter summarizes many of the ideas of Easter - baptism, the name of Jesus, the pouring out of the Holy Spirit; the other readings talk simply of love, both God's love for us and our love for each other. Our Gospel is taken from the great discourse at the Last Supper and has at its center the New Commandment that Jesus gives his disciples - the commandment of love. This love has its origins in the love of the Father, manifested in the love shown by the Son (willing to die for his friends); we, like the disciples, are called to imitate the love we see in Jesus's life and death - not because we are servants, but because we are friends. In Saint Peter's own words: "God does not have favorites." Peter's short speech here is quite momentous: the idea of Israel as the only nation chosen by God was so strong, that for Peter to say that any nation can be acceptable to God would be very startling to his Jewish listeners. Don't forget the enormity of what he says when you proclaim his words. Emphasize the astonishment of the "Jewish believers" when the Holy Spirit is poured out on the listeners.

In essence our second reading is a very simple reading, with short phrases and a clear logic. But we should still be careful, because of the frequent repetition of certain words - mainly “love” and “God”. These words crop up so often that the reading can easily become garbled and confusing, with the listeners unable to keep track of the argument. Let each sentence stand almost alone, The key phrase in the middle of the reading is “this is the love I mean...God’s love for us...”: here Saint John is really trying to get the point across, because it is important.

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