



THE WORKINGS OF THE SPIRIT As the readings of the Easter season progress, they focus more and more on the presence and work of the Holy Spirit. Like the believers in today's first reading, we oftentimes are surprised at how the Holy Spirit is made present in the world. Just when we were certain that we knew precisely who could receive the Spirit, we encounter a Spirit-filled presence elsewhere! The second reading and the Gospel passage today can serve as correctives to our tendency to try to control or predict the workings of the Spirit. We are called upon in these readings to live in love—the greatest commandment. From our daily experience of loving family or friends, we know how elusive it is to describe the workings of love, the demands that love makes on our lives, the unexpected rewards it brings. So, too, with the Holy Spirit. To live in love is to live in the Holy Spirit. This is the way that God, as the psalmist sings, will “reveal to the nations his saving power.”

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FAMILY PERSPECTIVE Memorial Day is a good day to remember family members who have gone home to the Lord. These memories are sacred moments. They rekindle our faith and hope. Today's gospel reminds us that we were born from love and return to love.

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who donated books for PTC's first ever gently used book sale. Last Friday students in grades K-6 purchased 1,000 books to enjoy reading over the summer. PTC was pleased to donate \$250 to the school library fund. We are hoping to make this book sale an annual event.

GIRLS CYO BASKETBALL There will be a mandatory meeting for all those interested in playing Girls CYO Basketball today from 6-7PM in the gym for players and at 7:00PM for all parents. Parental forms must be signed that day due to a Diocesan deadline. If you have any questions or for further information, please contact Tammy Achille at 866-8013.

BULLDOG BOY'S BASKETBALL CAMP will be held the week of June 9 – 13 for those boys entering 6th, 7th and 8th grade. For more information call Bob Achille at 833-7320.

CURSILLO NEWS Men's Cursillo #180 takes place this weekend at Our Lady of Mercy Church. Please keep all the candidates in your prayers. Any parishioner interested in making a Cursillo can get an application by calling our parish coordinators, Randy & Jeanne Crays at 835-9416. There is information about Cursillo in the vestibule of Church. Monsignor Magraw together with Father John Detisch will serve as Spiritual Directors in November.

WOMEN OF BLESSED SACRAMENT Ladies please join us on Thursday, May 29th at 7PM in the cafeteria for a scrapbook class. This is a great chance to get all those photos organized! The cost is \$10, please call Jan Peck at 866-3138, Barb Pronko at 868-2248 or Laurie Buzas at 866-1014 to RSVP. All ladies are invited to attend.

ATTENTION PARENTS If your child participated in the sports program during the 2002-2003 school year, watch for the letter coming home this week from the Ushers about the \$10 refund for fees that were paid.



PARISH PICNIC

Every household that is on our mailing list should have received a flyer this past week to make reservations for the upcoming Parish Picnic on Sunday, June 22nd following the outdoor Mass at 11:00AM. A picnic lunch, activities and entertainment on Bixby Field will follow Mass. Celebrate our 65th Anniversary and our Patronal Feast of Corpus Christi – the Body and Blood with us. We ask those planning to attend the picnic lunch to please send in their reservations so the committee can plan the food. We are in need of small canopy tents, if anyone has any we may use, please call the Parish Office. Anyone who is attending is asked to bring folding chairs with them for both the Mass and the picnic.



MEMORIAL DAY The location of the first observance of Memorial Day is in dispute. Some claim the custom of honoring war dead began in Boalsburg, PA. Others claim the custom was originated by some Southern women who placed flowers on the graves of both Union and Confederate soldiers after the Civil War. According to one writer, the first Memorial Day service took place on May 30, 1866 on Belle Isle, a burial ground for Union soldiers in the St. James River at Richmond, Virginia. The custom of placing flowers on the graves is an old one that exists in many countries. Today, almost everywhere around the globe, people have a special day to honor not only those who gave their lives in battle, but also family members and friends whom they wish to remember. The United States celebrates Memorial Day on the last Monday in May. This date was made a federal holiday in 1971.

Do not stand at my grave and weep.

I am not there, I do not sleep.

I am a thousand winds that blow

I am the diamond glints on snow.

I am the sunlight on ripened grain.

I am the gentle Autumn rain.

When you awaken in the mornings hush,

I am the swift uplifting rush

of quiet birds in circled flight,

I am the soft stars that shine at night.

Do not stand at my grave and cry,

I am not there, I did not die.

~Author Unknown

HOSPITAL AND NURSING HOME PATIENTS A recently enacted law has affected the longstanding practice of hospitals and nursing facilities to provide information to churches about parishioners who are patients/residents. Because of that new law, the priests and staff in the Parish Office may not promptly learn or may not learn at all, that a member of the parish has been admitted to a hospital (or nursing facility). If you, or a member of your family, are hospitalized (or enter a long term nursing facility) and you want the Parish Office to know, please personally contact the office promptly and identify the patient and the room number. Because not all area hospitals may have the same policy allowing the priests of the parish to know when members are patients, direct notice to the parish from you or your family is a better approach. If the Parish Office does not receive word, the priest will do his best to obtain information about parishioners, but hospitals are now limited in their ability to disclose information.

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**OUR PARISH FAMILY
ST. VINCENT**

Baby Boy Giusti, John McInchak, Rose Garofalo, Bert Copple,
Leo Mackowski, Dennis Zyskowski, Pearl Torrelli, Wendell Watters

HAMOT

Teresa Callaghan, Frances Huff, Joe Fedei



Congratulations to
Kathleen Santos and Louis Sitch
and to
Keri Bauer and Anthony Whatmore
who were united in marriage this past Saturday.

Baptized into the Christian Community
through the waters of Baptism:
LINDSEY NOELLE TROCKI
Daughter of Marc and Melinda [Barczynski] Trocki
JACK WALTER MALEC
Son of Christopher and Karen [Kruszewski] Malec
CALEB JONATHAN SAPIENZA
Son of Larry Sapienza



THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Schedule

Vigil -Wednesday May 28th @ 5:15PM
Thursday May 29th @ 7:30, 9:00, 12:15 and 5:15PM

The fortieth day after Easter Sunday, commemorates the Ascension of Christ into heaven, according to Mark 16:19, Luke 24:51 and Acts 1:2. The observance of this feast is of great antiquity. Although no documentary evidence of it exists prior to the beginning of the fifth century, St. Augustine says that it is of apostolic origin. This day is meant to celebrate the completion of the work of our salvation, the pledge of our glorification with Christ and His entry into Heaven with our human nature glorified.

CAFETERIA VOLUNTEERS

Mon 5/26 – NO SCHOOL
Tues 5/27 – Marie Elsesser, Michelle Perry, Mary Shaffer, Tom Gorny
Wed 5/28 – Joe & Barb McCormick, Dolores Allen, Joni Medvec,
Gina Lintelman
Thurs 5/29 – Barbara Burnett, Frank Sowieralski, Marianne Zimmerman
Fri 5/30 – Colleen Mezler, Linda Paterniti, Marilyn Balliett, Amy Patsy,
Tom Wilson

31 CLUB VOCATIONS – MASS REMINDERS

Monday 5/26 – Ann Anysz, Shirley Kiehlmeier
Tuesday 5/27 – Mary Maloney, Mary Zbach, Jim Zink
Wednesday 5/28 – Volunteer needed
Thursday 5/29 – Helen Felice, John Ungvarsky, Julia Parana
Friday 5/30 – Gerry Ward
Saturday 5/31 – Joan Shea
Sunday 6/1 – Sally McCallion

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE will burn this week before the Blessed Sacrament for Gary Gianoni from Mom and Dad Hoffman.



Monday, May 26 – Memorial Day

9:00 +Rose Marie Hayes / Mary Maloney [Wedding Anniv]

Tuesday, May 27 – St. Augustine of Canterbury

7:00 +Adam Czarkowski / Betty & Al Jarzomski [Anniv]

8:00 +Joseph Rosenthal / Wife

Wednesday, May 28 – Easter Weekday

7:00 +NO MASS

8:00 +Paul Krahe / Family [Birthday]

5:15 +Eleanor Senger / Family

Thursday, May 29 – Ascension of the Lord

7:30 +Winifred Niebauer / Son – Ted [Wedding Anniv]

9:00 +Palma Fronzaglia / Family [Anniversary]

12:15 +Gust Hardner / Daughter

5:15 *People of the Parish

Friday, May 30 – Easter Weekday

7:00 +Celia Jordano / Norma & Ernie Cavicchio

8:00 +Catherine Lariccia / Mr & Mrs Dan Lyons

Saturday, May 31 – Vigil: 7th Sunday of Easter

5:15 +Joseph Kuhn / Family

Sunday, June 1 – Seventh Sunday of Easter

7:30 +William T. Spaeder / Family

9:00 +Bednarowicz Family / Family

11:00 +Joseph Santone / Mr. & Mrs. Fiore Leone

7:30 *People of the Parish

SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT - May 18

Weekly Need:	\$ 11,400.00
Adult Offering:	\$ 6,420.00 – 412 envelopes
Loose Collection:	\$ 630.05
Youth Offering:	\$ 99.50 – 58 envelopes
Total:	\$ 7,149.55

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN REPORT

“Celebrating Yesterday, Creating Tomorrow”

\$519,196.06 Pledged to Date

\$242,705.31 Paid to Date

688 Pledges

Not equal gifts, but equal sacrifice.

With everyone’s help, we can make it.

CHILDREN’S CORNER

During the past week some of our children noted on the Church envelopes ways they shared their time and talents: “I helped Mom and Dad around the house and played with my sister and brother, I watched my brother at camp while Mom made dinner, I took Jessie for a ride on the golf cart, I made dinner for my Mom.” We thank them for sharing their time, talent and treasures by using their Church envelopes.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Jn 16:12-15
Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13];
Mk 16:15-20 (for Ascension) or Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20
Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23a
Saturday: Zep 3:14-18 or Rom 12:9-16b; Lk 1:39-56
Sunday: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; Ps 103; 1 Jn 4:11-16;
Jn 17:11b-19 or Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23 or
Eph 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]

SMALL TASKS Each small task of everyday life is part of the total harmony of the universe. —St. Thérèse of Lisieux