

May 31, 2020 – Pentecost Sunday

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THEME

When Jesus, on Easter Sunday, met his followers in the upper room, he conferred to the Church, the power to forgive sins. We rejoice in this power. We approach this time of worship with gratitude for this great gift of healing.

Holy Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 30

8:00am Birthday Intentions of Jim Powell
5:00pm People of St. Isaac Jogues

Sunday, May 31-Pentecost Sunday

8:00am †John Puk
10:30am †Helen Cummings
12:00pm †James Bard
5:00pm †Joan Colby

Monday, June 1-The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

8:00am †Joseph Cadonic
12:05pm †Robert Crowell

Tuesday, June 2

8:00am †M/M Anthony Loreto
12:05pm Intentions of Meg Price

Wednesday, June 3-St. Charles Lwanga, Martyr

8:00am †Steven Siter
12:05pm †Catherine Tuso

Thursday, June 4

8:00am †Tom Schreiber
12:05pm †Michael Monastero

Friday, June 5-St. Boniface, Bishop

8:00am †Jim McBryan
12:05pm †Jamie Panetta

Saturday, June 6-St. Norbert, Bishop

8:00am †Jeanette Flynn
5:00pm †L. A. O'Donnell

Sunday, June 7-The Most Holy Trinity

8:00am People of St. Isaac Jogues
10:30am 50th Wedding Anniversary Intentions of Wade & Margaret Stallard
12:00pm †Louis & Philomena Paschall
5:00pm †Jim Bard

Statement from the Archbishop Nelson Perez Regarding the Projected Resumption of the Public Celebration of Mass in the Five-County Region

In mid-March, the celebration of public Mass was suspended in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and the obligation for the faithful to attend Mass was dispensed. Those decisions were not made lightly and were always intended to be temporary measures.

They were made out of necessity for the common good and in recognition of the fact that all of us share a responsibility for the preservation of public health, especially in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. During this unprecedented time, the Archdiocese has made every effort to provide for the spiritual needs of the faithful as well as the temporal needs of those who benefit from its many charitable works.

It is important to note that Catholic churches in the Archdiocese have never been closed. Local parish churches have remained open for private prayer as well as the celebration of the Sacraments Baptism, Penance, Matrimony, and funeral Masses at the discretion of the local pastor and with respect for guidelines from public health officials as they have evolved over time.

Based on recent statements from government officials at the state level, it is anticipated that the five-county region comprising the Archdiocese of Philadelphia will move into the “yellow” phase of the statewide re-opening plan by Friday, June 5th. As such, it is projected that the celebration of daily and Sunday Masses will resume beginning on Saturday, June 6th.

The administration of the Archdiocese has been working in consultation with public health officials to ensure that such a resumption takes place within the context of state approved guidelines and is actively working to provide appropriate guidance to its clergy so that all will be as prepared as possible when the public celebration of Mass begins again. All of us are eager to open the doors of Church wide for the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

The Readings for the Weekend of June 6 & 7

First Reading – Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9 (16A)

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55

Second Reading – 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Gospel – John 3:16-18



THIS WEEK AT ST. ISAAC'S

Pentecost is a special day of worship. The feast marks the end of the Easter season for Christians and commemorates the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the early followers of Jesus. The Church of God, which began on Pentecost which we read about in Acts 2 is given the mission of preaching the Good News of the Kingdom of God.

THE GIFT OF THE SPIRIT – I have learned and am continuing to learn that with communication Spirit is (almost?) everything. The spirit with which something is given and/or the spirit with which something is received are pretty good indicators about the possibility (or not) of cooperation. That said, I have learned and am continuing to learn that while we can contribute something to the Spirit being present in a relationship or in a group, the presence and action of the Spirit is mostly (almost entirely I am coming to believe) a Gift. Something beyond our capabilities. Something Other. Someone Holy. We do not ascend to the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit descends to us.

The Adoration Chapel is now closed until further notice.
The main Church will be open daily to visit the Most Blessed Sacrament is in the tabernacle for private prayer from 9 am to 5 pm.


Confessions will be heard on Saturday only from 3:45 pm to 4:45 pm in the Church.

The Mass intentions will continue to be published in the bulletin. These intentions will be fulfilled in a timely manner at the private Masses of the Pastor and other priests until the regular Mass schedule returns.



Pray for the Sick
Roberta Adams, Bobbie Bauer, Bernie & Catherine Brill, David Rayl, Roger Burgess, John Deenis, Michelle Evans, Tahlia Fernandez, Michael Fullam, Bud Gosnell, Farzan Hafezi, Pary Hafezi, Patricia Kaine, Francesca Monastero, Jeanette and Patrick Muldoon, Annette McCauley, Mary McNabb, Charles McKeough, Jacob Nichols, Ken Osisek Jr., Steve Pannella, Elaine & Jim Pizzo, David Rothhaar, Elizabeth Spillane, Maureen Travagline, Kenneth Turley, Alicia Uribe, Joan Williams, Brian Wood and all our homebound, parishioners in nursing homes and hospitals.

Remember the members of our Military:
TSgt. Megan Burton, US Air Force
Sgt. Ryan Burke, US Marine Corp
Sgt. Bruno Sicilia, US Army, Iraq
Capt. Adam Bouvier, US Army, Iraq/Kuwait
Maj. Katherine L. DePaul JA, US Army
Lt. Colonel Patrick Mulloney, US Army
1st Lt. Joseph C. Toole, US Marine Corp
Commander Brian M. Lauber, US Navy
1st Lt. Daniel Door, US Army



We know our prayers are heard and answered. Please call the Rectory when the individual's health improves or they have returned home from service duty so they can be removed from the list.

Pray for our Government and Church Leaders in this time of crisis.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Please remember to use your envelopes. If you do not use them please call the Rectory Office so that we can discontinue them thus saving printing and postage.

Dear Creator of the World,

We come before you asking your mercy on us to halt the spread of the coronavirus.

We pray for those already infected with coronavirus that they may receive prompt, effective and compassionate medical care that will restore them to health.

We pray your protection and grace for all medical professionals who are courageously treating those infected with coronavirus. May they be shielded, strengthened and guided as they administer healing treatments and care.

We pray your protection over those most vulnerable to disease, for our babies, our children, our elders, our poor, disabled and those weakened by other health conditions.

We pray for those under quarantine that they might be comforted by your presence and protected from disease, anxiety and fear.

We pray for our public healthcare leaders and government agencies that they might be informed and well prepared as they deal with the coronavirus. Grant them the resources and manpower they need to use their wisdom in the best interest of public health.

We pray for the researchers who are tracking the course of the coronavirus. May they uncover patterns that will help us understand how to stay healthy.

We pray for those searching for treatments, cures and vaccines. May you guide them, reveal new ideas and accelerate their discoveries to fight this disease.

We pray for the communities, areas and countries hardest hit by coronavirus. Restore their sense of wellbeing and community. Sustain them, comfort them and give them hope.

We pray for all whose lives are disrupted by the coronavirus. We pray for families who have been separated and for those whose livelihoods have been jeopardized.

We look to you, Oh God, praying that the spread of the coronavirus will be halted and that many lives might be spared.

We pray that through this crisis you may draw us closer to you, grow our compassion and increase our knowledge.

Thank you that you are the Great Physician who not only heals us but who is a very present help in our time of need as the Bible tells us that you "Took up all our infirmities and carried our diseases." (Matthew 8 :17 NIV)

Thank you for hearing our prayer.

Amen.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

WHAT DRAWS PEOPLE INTO THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

While there are many different circumstances that lead a person in the direction of Catholicism, the simple answer is, "Because God has called them."

Most often, God calls to us through the people closest to us, through our families and friends. Most who have entered the Church have been influenced by a Catholic spouse, fiancé, or close friend. For many of these people, a desire to raise their children in the knowledge of God spurred them to action. What is this if not the action of the Holy Spirit?

If you, or someone you know, is interested in learning more about Catholic Faith and Worship contact Louis Valenti at 610-687-2481 or email SJJDRE@gmail.com.

YOUTH MINISTRY

St. Isaac Jogues Youth Ministry offers the unique opportunity for youth, grades six through twelve, to fully immerse themselves in the Catholic Faith. Activities within the community, socials, spiritual and service events, worship services and athletics provide the means for the youth to establish and strengthen relationships with others. At the heart of this group is the mission of realizing God's significance in the world and to live as Christ in word and deed.



Parishioner Maria Schubert



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