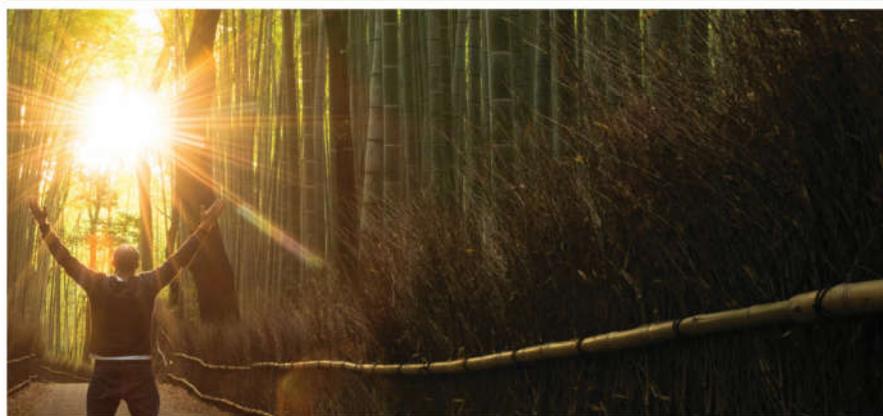


MAY 24, 2020 | SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



REJOICE TO THE EXTENT THAT YOU SHARE
IN THE SUFFERINGS OF CHRIST, SO THAT WHEN HIS GLORY IS REVEALED
YOU MAY ALSO REJOICE EXULTANTLY.

~ 1 Peter 4:13

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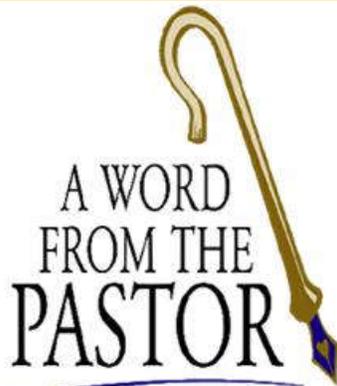
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Dear Parishioners,
We are celebrating the Sunday after the Ascension of Jesus and before Pentecost. Waiting for the coming of the Holy Spirit, the first Christian community in Acts *“devoted themselves with one accord in prayer.”* Gathering together, they pray! This communal prayer creates loving unity and genuine care and concern for one another. This is *how* Christians are to be as the body of Christ on earth.

Along with the emphasis on prayer and community we have another important characteristic of Christian life. This life often entails suffering and conflict with the *“powers that be”* in the world. And it may be hard to grasp but this can be a blessing. We are told in 1Peter, *“If you are insulted for the name of Christ, blessed are you.”* Whoever suffers as a Christian glorifies God.

With this perspective on our readings today we can say that they teach us two important aspects of the Christian life: the need for prayer both individually and in community --- and the inevitability of suffering if we strive to live our lives guided by the example and teaching of Christ. These passages are not just interesting stories about the early days of the Church. Their meaning is relevant for us today. If we take them to heart we will receive the grace of the Spirit to help us as we strive to live out our lives as followers of Christ.

Blessings



Offering Totals:
Sun. Offering 5/17/2020 \$5488.00
April Online Giving \$10,778.00.

As you are aware, we are **totally dependent on your generosity in our weekly Offertory to meet our financial obligations. Without that income we cannot pay utility and other maintenance bills; pay our staff who are needed to keep the parish operating; or meet our need to keep our parish functioning. Therefore, we, the Parish Finance Council have to plead with you to please continue to support our parish by mailing in your weekly offering, dropping it off to the mail slot at the Parish Office door or setting up electronic giving at osvonlinegiving.com. Without your continued support, our parish cannot sustain itself.**

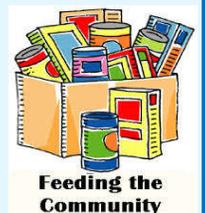
With God's help, the Lord's love for His Church, our Blessed Mother's constant intercession on our behalf, and the Holy Spirit's encouragement of your generous hearts, we are confident that we will continue to grow as the Eucharistic People of St. Teresa of Avila Parish.

In Christ,

**Fr. Jerry Wild and the
STA Parish Finance Council (Deacon Frank Lally, Rick McDonald, Kathleen Jackson, Neil Cain, Kate Smith, Gina MacDermott)**

NON-PERISHABLE FOOD DRIVE

Members of STA Youth Ministry Program will be collecting nonperishable food items through **JUNE 3rd** in support of the **Patrician Society of Greater Norristown**. During this time of uncertainty and economic hardship in our country, we join our efforts with others in supporting those in need.



Food items may be left in a designated box in the vestibule of the Church, or can be brought to the STA Parking Lot **on Wednesday, June 3rd** between 11:30 AM and 1 PM and 6:00 PM and 7:30 PM.

Thank you for supporting our youth as they "love our neighbors". Monetary donations are also accepted (*checks only made payable to The Patrician Society*). Any questions, contact Deacon Dave or Sue Matour at stavilayouth@gmail.com.

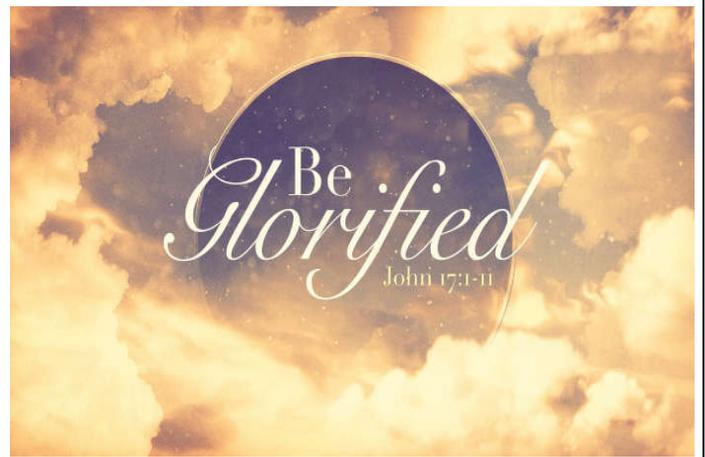
May 24, 2020
Seventh Sunday of Easter

First Reading — The Eleven and the women devoted themselves to prayer (Acts 1:12-14).

Psalm — I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living (Psalm 27).

Second Reading — Glorify God if you suffer for the name of Christian (1 Peter 4:13-16).

Gospel — The Son will give eternal life to all those who are given to him by the Father (John 17:1-11a).



Mass Intentions, Saints and Special Observances

Sat. May 23	Vigil Mass
4:15 PM	Eleanor McDevitt
Sun. May 24	Seventh Sunday of Easter,
9:00 AM	Theresa Widmer
11 AM	Bernie & David DiSimone
Mon. May 25	Memorial Day
10:00 AM	Joseph Long
Tues. May 26	Dt. Philip Neri
7:00 AM	Michael Lombardo
Wed. May 27	St. Augustine of Canterbury
7:00 AM	Katie O'Hara
Fri. May 29	St. Paul VI, Pope
7:00 AM	Robert Miles
Sat. May 30	Vigil Mass
4:15 PM	Leon Mankowski
Sun. May 31	Pentecost Sunday
9:00 AM	Joan Laydon
11:00 AM	Chester Zack

Dear Parishioners,

I would like to remind you that to allow for you to have opportunity to pray, the Church has been opened every day since March 18. The Church is open, Monday to Friday, from 9 AM to 3 PM, and on Saturday and Sunday, from 9 AM to 4 PM. The Blessed Sacrament will remain reposed in the tabernacle. By direction of the Archbishop the chapel is to remain closed.

If coming to Church, please wear a facial covering and allow for the social distancing that is needed and required by the CDC. Confessions will be heard at the usual time of 3:15 PM on Saturdays. However, the sacrament will be celebrated in the Church and not in the chapel.

Consider stopping by for a visit for prayer for God's healing and comfort in this time of the Covid-19 Pandemic. Please pray also for me, your pastor. I need your prayers.

Blessings,

Fr. Jerry Wild

During the pandemic when you are prevented from receiving the Eucharist at Mass, the Church encourages us to make an act of "spiritual communion," where we unite ourselves to God through prayer. It is a beautiful way to express to God our desire to be united with him when we are unable to complete that union in the reception of Holy Communion. The prayer of Spiritual Communion can be prayed not only if you are unable to attend Mass during the coronavirus but even in the midst of your daily work.

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my life & soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally at Mass, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.



Announcement:

As the **June 2 primary** approaches, we are all reminded of the importance of performing our civic duty by voting. This year, the State of Pennsylvania is encouraging people to vote safely by mail. To start the process of signing up for "Vote by Mail" go to www.votespa.com and follow the directions. If you do not have access to the Internet, you can also get a paper application for "Vote by Mail" by calling the PA Department of State at **1-877-868-3772**.



Please Note: The Parish Office will **closed** on Monday May 25 in observance of Memorial Day.

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DEVOTED TO PRAYER

Today, as we await Pentecost, we come to the end of the baptismal homily from Peter that we have heard over the past few weeks. This homily was written by a realist who knew the joy and the glory of a Resurrection faith, but also knew that the strength of that faith would be put to the test and tried in suffering. Earlier this year we heard Jesus preach, "Blessed are you when they insult you . . . because of me" (Matthew 5:11) and this is echoed today by Peter. These words are also formed in the image of Christ who prays to the Father in heaven today, a prayer that is placed in John's Gospel right before Jesus endures his suffering and death. Our awaiting the Spirit, awaiting our mission for Christ means that we are, most likely, awaiting some sort of trial and suffering. We don't endure the same degree of persecution that Peter and John knew, but each of us has our faith put to the test eventually. And it is for this reason that we, like Jesus and like those faithful followers gathered in the upper room, devote ourselves to prayer. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Covid-19: A Prayer of Solidarity

For all who have contracted coronavirus,
We pray for care and healing.
For those who are particularly vulnerable,
We pray for safety and protection
For all who experience fear or anxiety,
We pray for peace of mind and spirit.
For affected families who are facing difficult decisions
between food on the table or public safety,
We pray for policies that recognize their plight.
For those who do not have adequate health insurance,
We pray that no family will face financial burdens
alone.
For those who are afraid to access care due to
immigration status,
We pray for recognition of the God-given dignity of
all.
For our brothers and sisters around the world,
We pray for shared solidarity.
For public officials and decisionmakers,
We pray for wisdom and guidance.
Father, during this time may your Church be a sign of
hope, comfort and love to all.
Grant peace.
Grant comfort.
Grant healing
Be with us, Lord
Amen.



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Around the Archdiocese & Local Area

Find a Mass livestreamed at this link:

<https://catholicphilly.com/2020/04/news/local-news/find-a-mass-livestreamed/>

Evening Rosary - Nightly at 8 PM
phillyevang.org/rosary.



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IN THE CLASSROOM AND VIRTUALLY!

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Praying With Our Parish

Please pray for all our recently deceased.

Eileen Murphy

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Please pray for the healing of:

Andy Capone, Edward Hartman, Owen Connor, Nino Gulotta, Sarah Hughes, Doris Diconcini, Joan Schaffer, Frank Gallo, Diane Bentola, Eugene Yanity, Sue Perrachia, Chip Fulmer, Jimmy Siravo, Roy Sullivan, Teresa Vesey, Mary Gruber, Elise Pancio, David Bydalek, Baby Lucas Coll, William Brown, Fr. Sam Kelly, David Titanich, David Dolga, Leo Corcoran, Anne Marie Garraty, Marcia Prester, Robert Perkins, Ed Wallace, MaryAnn Dayoc, Deacon Michael Dayoc, Suzanne O'Brien, Cynthia Fish, Frances Rutlo, Julia Adams, Margaret Miller, A.J. Mc Gee, Nicholas Cruciani, Teresa Garate, Peter Mulligan, Marguerite McCutcheon, Beverly Zapata, David & Samantha Roberto, Alessio Gentile, Betty Lee Horst, Anndreana Picard, Viola Clark, Joan Moore, Jane Miecowski, Jeanette Mallon, Raoul Garcia, Joe Lehman, Heather Bollinger, Sarah Neve, Eileen Swiech, Pat Leberman, Shannon Austin, Barrie Gehrlein, Max Maertzig, **Don Pell**, Eli & Ella Vivian, Eduardo Rojo, Michael Semach, Jean Broso, Jeanette Collins, Tamara Proietto, Ron Roberts, Jack MacDonald, Marilyn Keis, Jean Butera, Brooke Weidenfeld, Julie Noble, Lahra Birmingham, Ralph Pettine, Lauren Mendez, Anthony Jacquin Mendez, Mary Snyder, Barbara DeSantis, Diana Rava, Baby Alayna Lihn, Christine Tasker, Jonathan Auris, John Witlin, Baby Brock Immel, Barbara Tassoni, Melissa Williamson, Donna Hicks, Kristine Schafer, Chip Capinski, Janice Gilpin, Sr. Dorothy Sullivan, RSM, Domenic DiPaolo, Alyssa Lackner, Gilbert Martinelli, Tina Moyer, Margaret Cesare, Lawrence Reynolds, Jim Uckele, Jennifer Owens, Jack Walsh, Peggy Walsh, Terry Strainick, Debbie Scott, Bill O'Neill, Butch Cunningham, Barbara Breitbarth, Steven Kehoe, Rosemary Schlichtig, Diane Benton, Tony Polvin, Diane Haws, Margaret Bosler, Scott Little

Please pray for all those who serve our country:

Army Spec. Anthony Chiaravalloti, Vincent Bergardino, MGySgt Darin Chinavare; Cm dr. David L. Cute, Jr. USN; John Doran; Lance Hecker, Sp.Op; Cmdr. Matt Kosnar, LCPL Mikey Kirkpatrick; Capt. Thomas Larner; Captain Valerie Smith; Msgr. Timothy R. Whalon; Capt. Jaysen Satterwhite.

The Rose of Life for this week
is requested by
Tom & Anne Whalon
in memory of
Adelaide Santoleri & Mary Whalon.



Parish Information

A warm greeting is extended to all who have come to worship with our community of faith. We are grateful for our faithful parishioners who are here every week. We also welcome all our visitors and invite you to consider joining our parish. If you are not Catholic, we encourage you to contact our Parish Office for information about becoming a member of the Church.

PARISH REGISTRATION is held in the vestibule of the Church after all Masses on the 1st and 3rd weekends of the month. You may also register at the Parish Office on weekdays during business hours.

BAPTISM is usually celebrated on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 12:00PM. Please call the Parish Office at 610-666-5820 for upcoming baptism dates. Parents must attend our Pre-Jordan Class prior to their child's baptism. Due to the COVID pandemic please call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

MATRIMONY: Couples must make arrangements for matrimony in person with the Pastor at least six months prior to date of their anticipated wedding ceremony. One of the parties must have family registered in the parish at the time the couple comes to make arrangements. Please call the Parish Office for an appointment with Father Wild.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Parishioners who are seriously ill, weakened by advanced age, or entering the hospital for surgery are encouraged to request the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Homebound sick and elderly may receive Holy Communion in their homes on a regular basis. Please contact the Parish Office to arrange for a home visit or to request an anointing.

MOVING? Please let us know by calling or emailing the Parish Office so we can update our records.

Growing in *FAITH*

Why is Mary pictured with a blue mantle?

In the Old Testament, the Ark of the Covenant was covered in blue (or "violet") fabric for traveling (Numbers 4:5-6). God's Presence would "rest" on the Ark as a king sits on his throne (Exodus 25:22). When Mary agreed to be the Mother of Jesus (i.e. God), she became his living "resting place." In art, Mary's blue mantle signals she is the new Ark of the Covenant. Blue also indicates Mary's royal status. Jesus is the King of Heaven making Mary the Queen Mother. In Biblical times, the mother (not the wife) of the king was the queen. She wasn't as powerful as the king, but her intercession with him had significant influence. Mary is not God, but her intercessory prayers for us are powerful because she is Jesus' mother. When we consider that Mary is also our mother by grace, her blue mantle invites us to entrust our concerns to her. Rather than an obstacle to Jesus, Mary leads us directly to him by a sure, safe path.

