

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 17, 2020

† MASS INTENTIONS †

Sat.	5/16	4:00 PM	Robert Hludzik by Mary Ann
Sun.	5/17	11:00 AM	Leonard Solarek by His wife Carol and Her Daughter Bernadette
Mon.	5/18	9:00 AM	TV Mass Martin "Chip" Makowiec by Joe & Ann Marie Shema
		7:00 PM	John B. Capozzelli by the Capozzelli Family
Tue.	5/19	7:00 AM	Joseph Breznitsky by Tony and Carol Dorse
Wed	5/20	7:00 AM	Ascension Vigil Rita Ferko by Agnes Nicastro
Thur.	5/21	7:00 AM	Ascension Colleen Donlin by the Sabo and Donlin Families
Fri.	5/22	7:00 AM	Frances Kislán by Joe and Madelyn Chuckra
Sat.	5/23	4:00 PM	Emil P. Wish by Veronica Wish and Debbie and John Uhrin
Sun.	5/24	11:00 AM	Adam and Helen Kisatsky by Bernadine and Robert Kisatsky



Church Offerings:

Sunday \$2,656.00; Dues \$898.50; Care and Education of Priests \$98.50; Holy Thursday \$21.00; Good Friday \$21.00; Easter \$160.00; Holy Land \$1.00; Catholic Home Missions \$17.00; Catholic Communications \$50.50; Ascension \$59.00; Poor Box \$36.00

CANDLES ON THE ALTAR Are in Memory of Emil P. Wish by Veronica Wish and Debbie and John Uhrin



SANCTUARY CANDLE is burning this week in Memory of Robert Baran by His Wife Mary Baran and Family



MEMORIAL DAY MASS -- There will be **NO PUBLIC MASS** celebrated in the cemetery for Memorial Day for

health and safety reasons. Mass will be available for watching and participating on the usual mass link that you use for the weekly livestreamed masses. It will not, however, be livestreamed. You can view it whenever you wish.

VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION: in the interest of health and safety, all persons entering the church **MUST WEAR A MASK. NO EXCEPTIONS!**



ASCENSION THURSDAY MASS will be available for watching and participating on the usual mass link that you use for the weekly livestreamed masses. It will not, however, be livestreamed. You can view it whenever you wish beginning Wednesday evening.



This weekend's Gospel begins with Jesus saying: **"If you love Me, you will keep my commandments."** Many folks look at the Commandments and see a great deal of: don't do this and don't do that! The Commandments are expressions of love, not a series of "you better not do that!". I don't know about you, but this pandemic has taught me more about the Commandments and Love. I have found that keeping the Commandments means reaching out to people in a whole different way. I do a lot of early morning texting. It has also taught me to love better. I appreciate the people in my life, such as family, friends, and parishioners much more. They are right: distance DOES make the heart grow fonder. SO, the challenge this week is: pick a Commandment and ask yourself how that Commandment encourages you to LOVE more.



A VIEW FROM THE PEW, ADJUST THE SAILS.

It's really frustrating to watch parts of the state open up while we're stuck in the red. But eventually our county will open as well, and we'll start to do things we haven't done for a while including attending mass. The problem is it will not be the same and probably not what everyone would expect. There will be issues to work through and things probably will not go smoothly at first.

So, as we prepare to eventually return to church keep this in mind, "The pessimist complains about the wind; the optimist expects it to change; the realist adjusts the sails." William Arthur Ward. Are you ready to adjust the sails?



Remember Your Offerings

WHAT TO DO WITH YOUR CHURCH ENVELOPES - Many people have asked how they can turn in their church envelopes. There are several ways to do this. You can drop them off in the parish office Monday - Thursday from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. There is a box right inside the door. You can also drop them in the mailbox right outside the office door. Or you can mail them to our address at 898 Centre St. We sincerely thank you all for continuing to support your parish during these difficult days.

PARISH CEMETARIES - Volunteers for the parish cemeteries ask parishioners to please remove all Christmas and Easter decorations as soon as possible from family plots in order to prepare for the upcoming Memorial Day and summer season



PARISH CLEANUP - We have a strong history of groups working each spring and fall on the parish grounds. You all do a great job! With the pandemic we need to change things up a bit. Since we are still on a lock down until at least the 4th of June, we cannot do anything until June 6th at the earliest. In an effort to balance working on the grounds and keeping proper social distancing, we will ask folks to sign up for two-



hour slots with no more than 6 people working at one time. The times will begin at 8:00 AM on the 6th of June and continue every two-hours. We ask that you contact the rectory and let us know what hours you are available. Of course, this is all contingent on Luzerne County going yellow on the 4th of June. Be assured of my prayers for you and your family.



Come and Join Us!



CRUISE UPDATE: Due to the Corona Virus Pandemic, the parish cruise to Alaska has had to be postponed until next year. The good news is that your reservation will remain. Anyone who would like to make a new reservation to join us in 2021 should call the parish office at 570-636-3035.