

# SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 24, 2020

		†	MASS INTENTIONS	†
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	
Mon.	5/25	7:00 PM	Elaine Gazick by the Capozzelli Family	
Tue.	5/26	7:00 AM	George Gyurko by M/M Gary Paulshock	
Wed.	5/27	7:00 AM	Father Richard Zavacki by Mary	
Thur.	5/28	7:00 AM	Andrew, Raymond, and Joseph Ambrose by Maureen	
Fri.	5/29	7:00 AM	Michael and Mary Yenko by Their Family	
Sat.	5/30	4:00 PM	Anna & Andy Prokopovich by Michalene & Jim Eisenhart	
Sun.	5/31	11:00 AM	Judith, Andrew, and Joseph Breznitsky by the Breznitsky Children	



## Weekly Offerings:

Sunday \$2,815.00; Dues \$912.00; Care and Education of Priests \$67.00; Holy Thursday \$4.00; Good Friday \$10.00; Easter \$80.00; Easter Flowers \$22.00; Catholic Home Missions \$58.00; Catholic Communications \$26.00; Catholic Relief \$12.00; Holy Father \$7.00; Ascension \$45.00; Poor Box \$73.00

**CANDLES ON THE ALTAR** are in Memory of Andrew, Raymond, and Joseph Ambrose by Maureen



**SANCTUARY CANDLE** is burning this week in Memory of the Brave Men and Women who gave their lives in service to our country - a debt we can never repay.

**JUST A REMINDER:** Memorial Day Mass will be available for viewing on Monday, May 25th. The mass was taped earlier this week.



## FIRST COMMUNION UPDATE INFORMATION FROM FATHER MIKE -

I know you are all excited about the Sacrament of First Communion. In this time period we are faced with new challenges on how this is to take place. The directors, Deacon Jim, Fr. Arun and myself have been meeting discussing just when and how this important sacrament will take place. At this point, while we are in the Red Phase, no sacrament will happen. Once we go to the Yellow Phase, a decision will be made as to the how and when the sacrament will take place in the parish and we will let you know. I thank you in advance for your patience. May the Holy Spirit lead and guide you and your family during this difficult time in the world.



**PENTECOST SUNDAY IS NEXT WEEKEND** - Normally we would come to church wearing red to honor the Holy Spirit. As you tune in to mass, why not keep the tradition and wear something red.





In this weekend's Gospel, Jesus prays for His disciples. He's worried about them. Jesus knows that He will be soon taken up to heaven. He has spent three years with them and now it's all up to them. And just look at those He picked. One betrayed Him. One denied Him. Most of them fled when He was arrested and scattered because they were afraid. These were common working men with very little education. You would think that Jesus could have done a better job picking His followers. Here's the BUT! Jesus also knew He would not leave them alone; the Holy Spirit would come and lead them and the growing church. I think that if Jesus were on this earth today, He would make the same prayer for US! We are going through a difficult time period with the pandemic (I don't know about you, but my new favorite color is YELLOW). Jesus knows we will get through this. He will not leave us alone. In spite of the empty churches we will come back and the churches will be filled. Have FAITH, the Holy Spirit will continue to guide us!



**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-



Come and Join Us!

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.

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

