

The Work of the People  
*Sixth Sunday of Easter*

We have come almost forty days into the Easter Season. This coming Thursday we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension. We have this special time of the Church Year to celebrate resurrected life and to celebrate the fact that when we die (to self) with Christ, we rise with Christ. We are called to live this new life always.

In the Acts of the Apostles this week we hear of the pivotal meeting in Jerusalem. This gathering does not put an end to the Mosaic Law; rather, it exempts the Gentiles from becoming Jews so that they may then become followers of Jesus Christ. This gathering is likely the one referenced in the second letter to the Galatians.

Once again in the Book of Revelation we hear of the passing away of the old order in creation, which is replaced by a new heaven and a new earth. This vision of Jerusalem is glorious, perfect, whole, and complete. The twelve tribes are represented by the Twelve Apostles, and the city does not need a temple, because the presence of God and the Lamb make the entire city a temple of the Divine.

In the Gospel of John today we hear part of the Farewell Discourse of Jesus. This section of that discourse emphasizes the sending of the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete that will remain with the community always. John's community had great faith that the Spirit was still with them. In receiving the Spirit, we receive the peace of Christ. There is a great deal in human life, then and now, designed to cause unrest and to even destroy the peace. The offering of the sign of peace in the Mass reminds us that we are given the peace of Christ and commanded to share it.

The reflection this Sunday is from Mary De-Turris Post who serves as director of communications for the Diocese of Albany, New York. She is a retreat and pilgrimage leader and the author of many books on Catholic Spirituality.

Transitions can be challenging. Even when we know a change is necessary and good, it can be difficult to embrace something new, something unknown. Like Jesus' disciples trying to wrap their minds around the prospect of life without him physically present to them every single day, we can get caught up in the "Whys" and "What ifs . . ." that taunt us and keep us from taking that next step forward. We forget that if we remain true to God, we will get to our destination, even when

it seems as though we are just feeling our way in the dark.

In today's reading from Revelation, we catch a beautiful glimpse of what that kind of trust looks like: "The city had no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gave it light." Where do we look for the light in our lives? As I journey through periods of transition, I find myself struggling daily to embrace my new normal. During the day, I'm pretty successful, but at night, when the house is quiet and the lights are out, fear starts to creep in. Suddenly I'm not so different from my ten-year-old daughter down the hall. The things that go bump in the night—and in my head—are much louder in darkness. Perhaps I need to turn and face the light that comes only from the glory of God, the Light that dwells within each one of us.

#### **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  
Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Jn. 16:20-23  
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Jn. 16:23b-28  
Sunday: Acts 7:55-60/Rv. 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/  
Jn. 17:20-26

#### **INTERNATIONAL NEEDS**

Thank you for your contributions last week to the Collection for the church in Central and Eastern Europe! If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give.

#### **DIOCESAN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

The 2022 Diocesan Anniversary Celebration Liturgies for couples celebrating 25, 40, 50, 60, or more years of marriage will be held at two locations in the diocese: Sunday, July 31, 2022 at 2:00 pm at St. Mary in St. Marys, PA and Sunday, August 7, 2022 at 2:00 pm at Holy Cross in Fairview. To register, please contact the parish office Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm.

*"Jesus,  
help me to put my faith in action  
by trusting in you."*

## WORSHIP

Monday, May 23

8:00 am + For the healing of

(Jack J. Webb) Horton by James Horton

Tuesday, May 24

8:00 am + Peggy Weidner

Ginger (Weidner) & Dick Kester

Wednesday, May 25

5:00 pm + AT ST. BERNADETTE MISSION

Living & Deceased Parishioners

Thursday, May 26 - ASCENSION OF THE LORD

5:00 pm + AT ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

Kathleen Nowak (Ann & Bob Tracey)

Friday, May 27

8:00 am + Jennifer Olon (Josie Osiecki)

Saturday, May 28

4:30 pm + Living & Deceased Parishioners

Sunday, May 29

8:00 am + AT ST. BERNADETTE MISSION

Mary Ann Zinchiak (Edward & Rita Kiter)

9:30 am + AT ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

Dec. of Graczyk, Harpula & Miller Families  
(Jeanne Miller)

## PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

Tuesday, May 24

After Mass - St. Anthony Novena

Saturday, May 28

3:30 - 4:15 pm - Confession

Sunday, May 29

AT ST. BERNADETTE MISSION

Before Mass - Confession

AT ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

After Mass - Confession

### ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, May 28 - 4:30 pm

Sydney Zilhaver

Sunday, May 29 - 9:30 am

Max Marteeny

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### COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICE

Community Worship Service

Sunday, June 26, 2022

11:00 am

Cambridge Springs High School Auditorium

Music by Vessels Collective

Speaker—Brandon Lenhart—

Lead Pastor North Main Street Church of God

Butler, PA

Sponsored by the Cambridge Springs Ministerium:

First Baptist Church of C.S., St. Anthony of Padua,

C.S. Presbyterian, C.S. First United Methodist,

First Church of God, Christian Missionary Alliance

and St. Paul's Churches

Everyone Welcome to Attend

### A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Today Jesus gives this advice: "Do not let your hearts be troubled." Worry and anxiety can consume our lives preventing us from seeing the love which surrounds us and binds us to one another.

### MARRIAGE MOMENT

Natural or national disasters can bring out the best in humanity as we rally to help those in need. A marriage crisis can also prompt a couple to sacrifice for each other or honestly deal with a recurring problem. Don't wait for a disaster, however, to test your love. Prevention is better.

### ST. BERNADETTE MISSION STEWARDSHIP

Offertory	\$466.00
Candles	6.00
International Needs	50.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$522.00</b>

### ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA STEWARDSHIP

Offertory	\$698.00
Maintenance	228.00
CSA	850.00
Candles	8.00
International Needs	167.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,951.00</b>

Catholic Services Appeal  
Pledged: \$29,048    Paid: \$19,645

**CHURCH NAME:** ST. ANTONY OF PADUA

**CHURCH NO.:**

**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

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