

# SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## May 17, 2020



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Daily Eucharistic Liturgy: Monday - Friday at 8:00AM

Weekend Eucharistic Liturgy: Saturday at 4:00PM  
Sunday at 9:30AM

Holy Days of Obligation: 8:00AM

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Weekend Eucharistic Liturgy: Saturday at 5:00PM;  
Sunday at 10:00AM

Holy Days of Obligation: Vigil at 5:30PM

TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED



# Saint Stanislaus & Holy Trinity

## Partners in Faith & Mission



**May 17, 2020**  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

We hope for many things: passing an exam, finding our true love, securing sustainable work, or surviving an illness. We often seek to have God be a part of what we hope for and desire, almost trying to convince Him that our agenda is what is ultimately important. While our particular hopes may appear to be what needs to be achieved in order for us to be happy, they really are not. Our lesser, more personal hopes can distract us from true hope.

When God became a human being, a powerful message was sent: all that is authentically human is found in the divine. As the human Jesus lived and died in order to show us that he truly is the universal Christ, we have to keep our sight focused on our eternal truth and destiny and who we truly are. We have to be careful when we allow our earthly concerns to distract us. True hope is found when we place our trust in Christ's promises and don't rely on our own strength. True hope focuses on striving toward the fulfillment of God's promises and not simply on achieving what we think we need in this life. Hope always travels with two friends — faith and love. These are God's greatest gifts, and they lead us to the fullness of His presence.

As with faith and love, we cannot see hope with just our human eyes. We don't carry this virtue within us to use solely for our own personal agenda. As with faith and love, hope is a gift that is given to us to draw us closer to our eternal truth. Faith, hope, and love are signs that there is something far greater going on in us and something greater to persevere in obtaining. The true divine gift of hope is what will endure any hardship we encounter, especially those that will come from authentically living the Gospel. With all that is happening in our lives, in our church, and in our world, what is the reason for our hope? Ask God for the fortitude to see His eternal gift as the reason we get up in the morning and do the things we do.

### WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

Readings for the week of May 10, 2020

Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21 [6th Sunday]  
Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1-9/Jn 15:26—16:4 [St. Pope John I]  
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-8/Jn 16:5-11  
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-14/Jn 16:12-15 [St. Bernardine]  
Thursday: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-9/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20 [Ascension of the Lord]  
Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-7/Jn 16:20-23 [St. Rita of Cascia]  
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-10/Jn 16:23b-28  
Next Sunday: Acts 1:12-14/Ps 27:1-8/1 Pt 4:13-16/Jn 17:1-11 [7th Sunday of Easter]

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Sacramental preparation is required of the parents who desire to share the Catholic faith with their children and are held monthly throughout the City of Erie. Call the parish office to register to schedule your preparation. Godparents must be Confirmed and practicing Catholics with a letter of recommendation from their pastor to serve as a sacramental sponsor.

**Religious Education, First Holy Communion, and First Reconciliation** programs are hosted at Saint Luke's Church for all eastside Erie parishes. Contact their parish office for more information and to register your child (814.825.7105).

**Confirmation** preparation for all eastside Erie parishes is hosted at Saint John's Church. Contact their parish office for more information and to register your child (814.454.2873).

**Sacrament of Holy Orders:** God calls all people to holiness. Some men are called to fulfill this vocation as priests. If you are interested in the priesthood, or have questions about it, please contact a parish priest or our Diocesan Vocation Director, Fr. Michael Polenik, at 1.800.374.3723.

**Sacrament of Matrimony:** Before a date can be scheduled, a priest must be contacted at least six months in advance to complete the required documents.

**Sacrament of the Sick:** Communal celebrations of Anointing the Sick are scheduled periodically. The sacrament can also be requested by any parishioner who is seriously ill or in danger of death. *Please note:* Federal law no longer permits hospitals or nursing homes to contact churches when a parishioner is admitted. It is important that family members notify the parish office if a loved one needs a visit, desires to receive Holy Communion, or needs to be Anointed.

**Leave A Legacy:** Consider Saint Stanislaus and Holy Trinity as you meet with your attorney or financial planner regarding your estate planning. Remember the needs of your parish family and leave a legacy of faith for future generations with your generous remembrance.

**Bulletin Information Deadline:** Please submit information to be included in the weekend bulletin by noon the Monday prior. Holiday bulletin announcements must be received by the parish office two weeks in advance.

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**“PRAYER, CARE, AND CONCERN” MINISTRY**

Those who participate in this ministry express the care and concern of our entire parish community to those who are ill, hospitalized, homebound, or in nursing facilities, through birthday and holiday cards, visits, and prayers. To request prayers, or to participate in this ministry, contact Rose Marie at 814.923.4438.

**“PRAYERLINE” MINISTRY**

These ministers devote themselves to prayer for any needs made known to them and any special intentions. To participate in this ministry, or to request prayers for a particular need, contact Kay (825-7328) or Shirley (452-3395) from Saint Stanislaus, or Kathy Benes (898-1091) or Kathy Smith (392-8974) from Holy Trinity.

**PCEP (Parish Catholic Education Program)**

Parishioners of Holy Trinity can receive a parish grant to assist with the cost of tuition for families who wish their primary or secondary school age children to have a Catholic education. To be eligible, families must participate in the program, attend Mass regularly, and be involved in the parish community. For more information, contact the parish office.

**LITURGICAL MINISTRIES**

Parishioners interested in serving our worshipping community as an altar server, lector, Eucharistic minister, or music minister, please let one of your priests know.

**“PRAYER SHAWL” MINISTRY**

The enjoyment of knitting, crocheting, and sewing are uniquely combined with prayer to offer a deeply personal and meaningful spiritual ministry. Shawls are prayerfully made and freely given away to those suffering bereavement, those recovering from illness, the elderly, homebound, and those in nursing facilities. To join us in this ministry, please contact Linda at 814.864.8476.

**THE “ZABAWA COMMITTEE”**

Held on the parish grounds of Holy Trinity, Zabawa is the largest Polish heritage celebration in the region, drawing tens of thousands of people to our neighborhood. The Zabawa Committee organizes the festival through food preparation, donation solicitation, food and beverage service, and so on. The committee always welcomes any help they receive. If you would like to offer your time, and experience hands-on learning about these rich cultural traditions, contact Ray Luniewski at 882-1032.

**PROLIFE COMMUNITY**

This ministry advocates through for the protection of all human life from conception until natural death through prayer, education, and action.

**ST. STANISLAUS / HOLY TRINITY INITIAL PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM**

(please circle which parish)

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Check:  New Registration  Change of Address  Change of Telephone Number

Change of E-mail  Moving out of Parish  Want Envelopes

*Place in offertory basket or mail to Parish Office. We will contact you to complete our Census Form.  
Welcome to our Parish Family!*

*A Community of Faith Built on Tradition, Where Everyone is Welcome*

# Saint Stanislaus Parish Community

## MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., May 18th, 8:00AM - Robert Justka (Family)  
 Tues., May 19th, 8:00AM - Special Intention (Ron & Mary Robaskiewicz)  
 Wed., May 20th, 8:00AM - Helen Jaworki (Family)  
 Thurs., May 21st, 8:00AM - Special Intention (D & E Anderson & Family)  
 Fri., May 22nd, 8:00AM - Doris Inter (Judy Miculandra)  
 Sat., May 23rd, 4:00PM - Steve Vargo (Family)  
 Sun., May 24th, 9:30AM - For the People of Saint Stanislaus (Pro Populo)

## LIMITED HOURS OF OPERATION

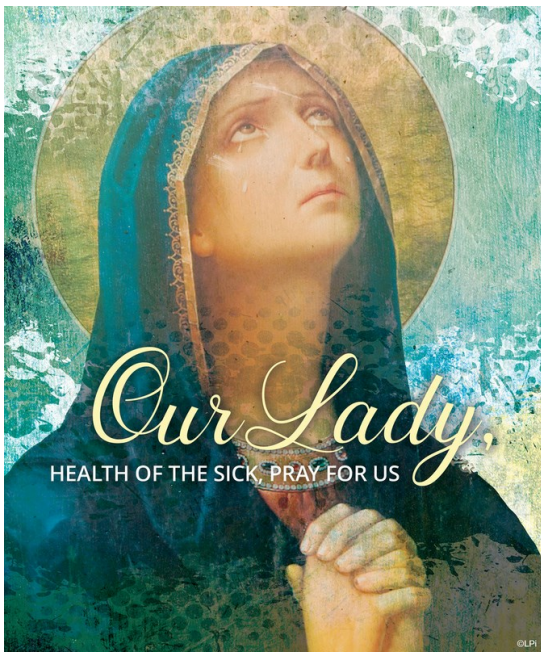
Our Parish Office is operating under limited hours. The Office will be open from 9:30AM - Noon. If you need to stop by, we ask that you call in advance. We are attempting to minimize interpersonal contact, as advised by the CDC. We prefer to conduct most business by phone, or by using the mailbox for pick-up or drop-off.



Our sanctuary candle burns in memory of **JESSE MOUNTAIN** as gifted from "Hey, Woman".

## SAINT HEDWIG'S DAY

It is with regret that we announce that Saint Hedwig's Day celebrations, originally scheduled for May 25th, have been canceled. The current Covid-19 restrictions limiting gathers to 25 people or less, and the uncertainty whether the Falcons will be functioning at capacity, necessitated this decision. We trust your understanding in these difficult times.



## Prayer During A Health Crisis

Compassionate and Loving Father, in the face of confusion and concern impart to us the calm of your presence. In You allow us to find hope and healing. Be with those who serve the sick and give them Your caring hands. Be with those who lead and give them Your Spirit of wisdom. Be with those who have fallen ill and give them Your comforting heart. Wrap your arms around our world and hold us in your love. Allow us at this time of trial to then serve as instruments of that love to all we meet. We ask this in Your Name. Amen.

**OMG where did you have your hair cut ????**



To fall in love with God is the greatest *romance*; to seek him the greatest *adventure*; to find him, the greatest human *achievement*.

- St. Augustine of Hippo -

**Me : Things can't possibly get any worse.**

**2020 : Release the murder hornets!**

## WEEKLY OFFERING (MAY 10, 2020)

	This Week	July 1 to date
Amount we need	\$4,156.00	\$187,020.00
Amount Received	\$2,213.00	\$132,406.00
Net over/under	(\$1,943.00)	(\$54,614.00)

Mass Attendance: N/A (Non-Public Mass Celebrated)



## CSA 2020: UPDATE

Parish Assessment .....	\$31,019.00
Pledges .....	\$27,875.00
Paid To Date.....	\$20,435.00

Thank you for the 82 families who have committed! Together, let us reach our goal so we can move forward on our improvement projects. If you haven't yet pledged, please prayerfully consider doing so.

# Holy Trinity Parish Community

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## MASS INTENTIONS

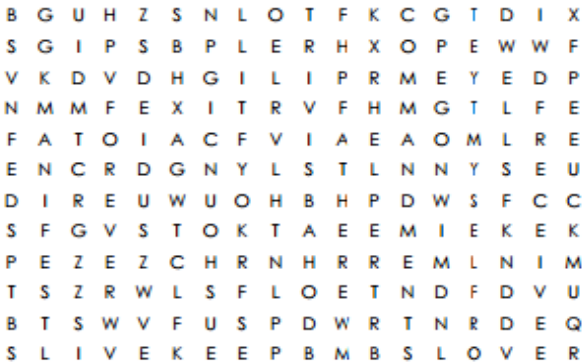
Mon., May 18th, 8:00AM - Special Intention for Fr. Bernie (52 Anniversary)  
 Tues., May 19th, 8:00AM - The Souls in Purgatory  
 Wed., May 20th, 8:00AM - Fall All Living & Deceased Mothers  
 Thurs., May 21st, 8:00AM - For Vocations to the Priesthood  
 Fri., May 22nd, 8:00AM - Msgr. John Daniszewski  
 Sat., May 23rd, 5:00PM - For the People of Holy Trinity (Pro Populo)  
 Sun., May 24th, 10:00AM - Special Intention (Czulewicz Family)



The sanctuary candle burns in memory of the **LIVING & DECEASED MOTHERS** of the Parishioners of Holy Trinity Parish.



May 18th - Erin Koszeigi  
 May 19th - Zachery Carpenter & Beverly Lazar  
 May 20th - Brian Meabon



Find the following words in the puzzle.  
 Words are hidden → ↓ and ↘.

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|--------------|----------|---------|
| COMMANDMENTS | KEEP     | ORPHANS |
| DWELLS       | KNOW     | RECEIVE |
| FATHER       | LIVE     | SPIRIT  |
| FOREVER      | LOVE     | TRUTH   |
| GIVE ANOTHER | MANIFEST | WORLD   |
| HELPER       | MYSELF   |         |

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - Everlasting Easter

The Easter season is almost over. This season is always a tougher one for us Catholics. We get Advent and Lent: preparation. We are on board with Christmas, mainly because we like to keep up our decorations until someone tells us the exact day we must take them down. But Easter as a season is a bit more difficult to observe. The rest of the world has moved on. There are no Easter eggs left in store windows and all those religious movies on television have given way to reruns or season-ending episodes. It just feels like Easter anywhere ... except in the Church.

The truth is that it should feel like Easter all year-round in the Church. Every Sunday, we celebrate a mini-Easter. Our Lord is ALIVE! He is risen and alive, and we need to celebrate. We also need to be about the work of the Lord. We are an Easter people who bear witness to his resurrection through our stewardship. If he had never risen, then we would be called to nothing by no one. But he lives! As this Easter season is drawing to a close, it is prudent to reflect on what his death and resurrection mean for each of us. How has it changed us? How does it motivate us? It doesn't look like Easter in most corners of the world, so it is up to us to bring a little Easter to every place we go and to everyone we meet.

## WEEKLY OFFERING (MAY 10, 2020)

Regular Offertory: \$1,855.00 (14/146 mailed)

	THIS WEEK	JULY 1 TO DATE
Dream Goal:	\$3,000.00	\$135,000.00
Budgeted:	\$2,365.00	\$107,475.00
Total Offertory:	\$1,855.00	\$107,086.00
Net (over/under):	(\$510.00)	(\$389.00)

## CSA UPDATE

Assessment: \$12,425.00  
 Pledges: \$22,647.00  
 Paid: \$20,252.00  
 Balance: \$2,395.00  
 \* 61 families have contributed to the 2020 CSA

**Reminder, if your state opens before you think it should, you can still stay home while others go out.**

**I ate 11 times and took 5 naps and it's still today.**

“I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you”

- John 14:20

## News for Our Partnership

**ALL PARISH MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND GATHERINGS ARE CANCELED OR POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. WE APPRECIATE YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND ENCOURAGE YOU TO LOOK AFTER ONE ANOTHER DURING THESE UNPRECEDENTED TIMES.**

During this time of social isolation and non-public celebration of the Eucharist, be aware that daily and weekend masses are televised on the following:

**Channel 3 - Sunday at 10:00AM**

**Channel 11 - Sundays at 8:00AM**

**Channel 16 - Sundays at 8:00AM & 12:00PM  
Daily (Monday - Saturday) at 8:00AM,**

**12:00PM, & 7:00PM**

**Or visit [www.TheSundayMass.org](http://www.TheSundayMass.org)**



### PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot receive you at this moment sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I

embrace you as if you were already there

and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

### SIGN BEFORE THE GOSPEL

*Question:* I have been going to Mass for years and have always wondered: why do we make the three signs of the cross before the Gospel?

*Answer:* Certainly, many people go to Mass or other devotions, doing and saying things out of habit or reverence and not really understanding the reasons behind some of these things. But everything we do has a meaning or purpose that helps us to worship better, proclaim our beliefs, or focus the attention of the people on something that has a greater importance or significance. A review of the meaning of various gestures and practices can help us have a deeper appreciation for what we do. There is a little prayer that goes with the three crosses before the Gospel: "May the words of the Holy Gospel be on my mind, on my lips and in my heart." In standing to hear the Gospel, we acknowledge that Jesus is present, and the words of the Gospel are addressed to us. All of the gestures and special postures we adopt before the Gospel are intended to help us prepare for hearing the Word as well as act on it. The incense, the Alleluia, the deacon or priest, and the special dialogue and announcement that introduces the Gospel help us focus our attention on the Good News we are about to hear. The three signs of the cross show our desire and good intention to hear and live the Gospel.

**BE THE CHURCH**  
Protect the environment.  
**Care for the poor.**  
**FORGIVE OFTEN.**  
**REJECT RACISM.**  
Fight for the powerless.  
Share earthly and spiritual resources.  
**EMBRACE DIVERSITY.**  
**LOVE GOD.**  
Enjoy this life.

**Hope this virus gets  
cleared up before tick  
season 🕷️ or else we'll be  
havin Corona with Lyme**



**The Flat Earth  
Society is worried  
that social distancing  
could push people  
over the edge.**

**When I am alone,**

God is my comforter.

When I am nothing,

God is my everything. When I

am sad and lonely, God is my

song and

my joy. When I am weak

and helpless,

God is my strength.

Amen

### THE 31 CLUB - PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

18) Pearl Wisniewski; 19) Bill Dyakon; 20) Michael Skrzypczak; 21) Darlene Vlahos & Dorothy Mielnik;  
22) Kathy Wisniewski; 23) Heidi Jankowski & Gina Lintelman; 24) Len Sebastian, Tom Widomski & Diane Valahovic

### PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

**Kevin Holland** and **Joseph Petrone** are to be ordained to the priesthood on May 29th. However, due to Covid-19 guidelines, the ordination will take place in private with only family in attendance. Please keep them in your prayers.

## Sunday, May 17, 2020

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### Hope is nourishing

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21

*"Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope."*

Especially in these trying times, we may be tempted to dismiss hope as something akin to wishful thinking. Yet hope is a theological virtue, along with faith and love. These three put us into position for personal union with God. Hope, in particular, orients us perpetually in a Godward direction no matter where life takes us. As Cistercian monk Aelred of Rivaulx declared: "What is hope but food for the journey to support us in the miseries of this life?" Cultivate hope by weeding out habits of negativity and cynicism.

## Monday, May 18, 2020

MEMORIAL OF JOHN I, POPE, MARTYR

### Lean on the Lord

Acts 16:11-15; John 15:26—16:4a

*"The Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, he will testify to me."*

Pope John I was frail when he was elected to the papacy in 523, and he did not survive imprisonment by a heretical king. From permanent disabilities to occasional illness, from aging to chronic fatigue to widespread viral infection, we all experience physical weakness at some point and know that it can feel like a prison. When we hit the limits of our bodies, our inner strength can wane too. At that time—and at any time—lean on the Lord to carry you through.

## Tuesday, May 19, 2020

EASTER WEEKDAY

### Always at our side and on our side

Acts 16:22-34; John 16:5-11

*"If I do not go, the Advocate will not come."*

When Jesus promised his disciples the Holy Spirit, he used an interesting word. He called their holy helper a "paraclete," the Greek word for *advocate*—literally "called to one's side." It was used in courts of law to describe an intercessor or counselor. From the Book of Job, we also know paraclete can mean "comforter." What a rich, meaningful name to give that Spirit who guides us still—by our side even when we're as clueless as can be.

## Wednesday, May 20, 2020

MEMORIAL OF BERNARDINE OF SIENA, PRIEST

### The best witness is a joyful heart

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; John 16:12-15

*"They were to seek God... though he is not really far from any one of us."*

Do you know of someone whose energy and joy attracts followers of all kinds? Franciscan priest and theologian Saint Bernadine of Siena (1380-1444), whose feast we celebrate today, was one of those people. He was a human dynamo whose preaching drew thousands of fans throughout Italy even as he challenged them to practice voluntary poverty and denounced the sins of the day. His joyful eloquence defined his ministry and was impossible to ignore. Can you bring others to God through a joyful spirit?

## Thursday, May 21, 2020

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

### This isn't goodbye

Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Matthew 28:16-20

*"And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."*

After listening to the nightly news, a friend recently (and understandably) gasped: "We need Jesus!" Most believers would agree. Which is perhaps why the Ascension doesn't feel like an event we're much inclined to celebrate. Jesus *departs*; this sounds like a terrible idea from every standpoint except the truth—because Jesus promises to send us his Spirit as an indwelling presence. If we still feel like orphans, remember Jesus' words: "I am with you always." See Jesus all around: in word and sacrament, in the assembly of faith, in the disadvantaged sister and brother.

## Friday, May 22, 2020

EASTER WEEKDAY

### Identify escape routes

Acts 18:9-18; John 16:20-23

*"No one will take your joy away from you."*

During stressful times and increased family togetherness, such as global "stay-at-home" orders, domestic abuse increases. Special hotlines and secret havens are set up to assist victims, and abusers are encouraged to seek help as well. Saint Rita of Cascia, whose feast we celebrate today, was mentally and physically abused by her husband for years. In the Middle Ages, she had little recourse. She chose to respond with kindness, patience, and humility. Her virtues did little to change her husband's behavior, but she did her best to escape her situation, at least spiritually. With the many resources available today, be aware of the signs of abuse and encourage loved ones to seek both physical and spiritual refuge.

## Saturday, May 23, 2020

EASTER WEEKDAY

### Here's to life

Acts 18:23-28; John 16:23b-28

*"For the Father himself loves you because you have loved me and have come to believe that I came from God."*

As we adjust to new ways of living, the Easter season offers much-needed hope. Resurrection changes everything, not only in salvation history but also here and now. Life coming out of death. That is the mystery of our faith, and the mystery of the world we live in. For every story of greed and ineptitude, there are many more stories of generosity and competence. Celebrate those victories. That is the life that comes out of death.

### Prayer in Time of Pandemic

Lord Jesus,

You came to bring salvation to our world.

You humbled yourself to accept death on a cross.

Be with us as we confront the spread of the coronavirus with courage and hope.

Be present to the sick and to those who accompany them in their suffering.

Strengthen our medical professionals and caregivers;

comfort families who are separated from one another.

Protect those who are at risk of the virus in their work.

Grant wisdom to our civic officials and perseverance to scientists.

Spare us from the ravages of this illness and console us in our uncertainty and fear.

Unite us in hope, enlighten us in faith,

and give us the grace as a Church to love one another as You have loved us.

Through the intercession of our Heavenly Mother,

we make this prayer as we place our trust in You.

Amen.

