Readings for the week of May 21, 2023

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**May 21, 2023**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday:** Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:12-14/Ps 27:1-4, 7-8 (13)/Jn 17:1-11a

**Monday:** 8:00AM John Hallinan (Family)
10:00AM Mike Kling (Family)
5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People

**Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30 AM**

**May 22, Monday, Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious**

**Tuesday:** Holy Trinity Catholic School will have their graduation Mass at the cathedral on Tuesday, May 23, at 6:00 P.M.

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**Wednesday:** 12:00PM Special Intention Pete & Sally Colledge

**Wednesday:** 5:00PM Special Intention Brian & Amy Colledge

**Thursday:** 12:00PM Special Intention John Hallinan (Family)

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**Friday:** 12:00PM Special Intention Charles Yanchik, Anniversary (Family)

**Friday:** 5:00PM Special Intention Tammy & Mike Yanchik, Anniversary (Family)

**Saturday:** 12:00PM Special Intention Ron Sheehan, Ann. (Wife Jean)

**Saturday:** 5:00PM Special Intention Ron Sheehan, Ann. (Wife Jean)

**Sunday:** 12:00PM+Mary Alice Plummer (Dr. Joseph & Rebecca Clark Family)

**Sunday:** 5:00PM+Ron Sheehan, Ann. (Wife Jean)

**Reading for the week of May 21, 2023**

**Offertory Collection**

**Sunday, May 14, 2023, $9,364.33**

**Thank you for your financial and spiritual support.**

**Graduations**

The following parishioners graduated from Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School:

- Sante Bambocci
- Michael Campbell
- Max Kirkpatrick
- Lidia Simanski

**Holy Trinity Catholic School**

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**PRACTICING CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

By Colleen Jurkiewicz-Dorman

Seizing Christ in One Another

The funeral luncheon, the Irish wake, the vigil at an ailing one’s bedside: in times of crisis, people gather. In moments of sadness, fear, and confusion, we gravitate toward one another. For some reason, the feelings are so much more bearable when we are not alone.

I’m sure that the disciples and their companions, gathered in the upper room after the Lord’s Ascension, did a lot of the things we typically do at these functions. I’m sure they hugged and talked and shared food, processing together the remarkable events they had witnessed. But we don’t hear about any of that. We hear only that they prayed — fervently, and together.

Saint John Paul II famously said that “it is Jesus that you seek when you dream of happiness; He is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies you.” And I think that, whenever we gather, in good times or in bad, we think we are seeking companionship — but we are actually seeking God.

As I think back on the last few crisis-gatherings my family has had, I try to remember when we have stopped everything to pray together. I can think of a few times, but to be honest, they are too few. We are usually occupied with more practical tasks: planning the funeral, talking to the doctor, making the decisions, ordering the food. Just trying to survive through it. But this is the busywork of sorrow, and it is a waste of our time. God does better to follow the example of the disciples and remember that, in these dire moments, God is waiting for us. (C) LPI

**Stewardship Reflections**

The Ascension of the Lord must have been an extraordinary thing to witness. The apostles were not permitted to simply bask in the moment for very long, “these men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, ‘Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky?’ In other words, ‘Don’t just stand there, do something!’

This is a call to each Christian steward. We have been given every grace and blessing through the Mass and all the sacraments, through the Word of God, the rich teachings of our faith, and even our talents and our material possessions. We are not meant to just stand here but to do something with these gifts, in love and gratitude to the One Who gave them to us. We are called, just as much as the first apostles. What are you doing? (www.CatholicSteward.com, 4/14/2023)

**Outdoor Sunday Evening Mass**

All the faithful of the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese are invited to our outdoor Masses every Sunday evening at 7:00 PM at the beautiful Shrine of our Lady of the Alleghenies. The first Mass of the season will be celebrated May 28th! Outdoor Masses will continue through Labor Day weekend – September 3, 2023. Please bring a lawn chair. In the event of inclement weather, the Mass will be celebrated in the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel.

**Christian Mother’s Meeting**

The Chapel House of Father Demetrius Gallitzin is open for family and personal tours. However, we will be open for visiting hours this summer. The hours that one may visit the Chapel House are: June 11, June 25, July 9, July 23, August 6, and August 20 from 3:00PM to 6:00PM.

**Council Meetings**

April 27: Council Meeting
May 25: Council Meeting
June 29: Council Meeting
July 13: Council Meeting
August 10: Council Meeting
September 14: Council Meeting
October 12: Council Meeting
November 9: Council Meeting
December 7: Council Meeting

**Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30 AM**

**Upcoming Christian Mother’s Meeting**

Thank you to all the women who joined us for our “Spring Tea” last Sunday. It was a beautiful day of friendship and sharing. If you are interested in what we are planning next or want to know more about the organization, please join us at our next meeting. All women of the parish are welcome to attend. The next Christian Mothers’ meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 24th at 6:00pm in the Cathedral Seton Suite. Rosary will be recited at 5:30pm. For more information, contact Mary Boslet (814-944-8988) or Carol Galietta (814-946-3769).

**An Automated External Defibrillator**

located in the hallways/ambulatory near the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. A First Aid Box is also available at that location.
Why Are There Liturgical Cycles?

Question: Why Does the Church Have Different Liturgical Cycles?

Answer:

While most Catholics know that the Church Year is divided into various seasons (e.g. Advent, Christmas, Ordinary Time, etc.), many are unaware that the one Church Year is not like the one that follows. While the main seasons and feasts are the same from year to year, the 3-year cycle for Sundays and the 2-year cycle for weekdays means that, as a general rule, the readings in the Lectionary that we hear at Mass will change from year to year, helping us to have a richer encounter with Sacred Scripture. Each new cycle begins with the beginning of the liturgical year, the First Sunday of Advent.

The reasoning behind this innovation is outlined in Sacerdotal Concilium, the “Dogmatic Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy” of the Second Vatican Council: “The treasures of the bible are to be opened up more lavishly, so that richer fare may be provided for the faithful at the table of God’s word. In this way a more representative portion of the holy scriptures will be read to the people in the course of a prescribed number of years” (no. 51). This was fully achieved in 1969 when the new cycles of readings were approved by Pope Paul VI. To learn more about the Liturgy of the Word within the Mass, visit: www.usccb.org

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:
The process of formation for those seeking God through membership in the Catholic Christian community.

INFANT BAPTISM:
Arrange in advance for pre-baptismal instructions.

MARRIAGE:
Arrange nine months in advance. Couples expected to participate in pre-marriage preparation program.

DEVOCTIONS:
Eucharistic Adoration - First Wednesday - 12:30 PM - 8:00 PM
Eucharistic Day - Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM:
September through April: Pre-Kindergarten thru 12.
Sunday morning 8:30 AM - 9:45 AM
Pre-Kindergarten thru 8.
Sunday Evening 6:15 PM - 8:15 PM
Grades 9 thru 12.

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