

*Sixth Sunday of Easter*  
*May 25/26, 2019*

*Mass Intentions*



**Memorial Day**

**Saturday – Easter Weekday**  
 5:00 PM  
**Sunday of Easter Weekend**  
 8:00 AM  
 10:30 AM Living & Deceased Parishioners  
**Tuesday – Easter Weekday**  
 8:00 AM Communion Service  
**Wednesday**  
 8:00 AM Communion Service  
**Thursday – Easter Weekday**  
 11:00 AM Communion Service  
**Friday – Easter Weekday – The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
 8:00 AM Communion Service  
**First Saturday – Easter Weekday**  
 8:00 AM In Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary  
 5:00 PM

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK**

Kindly pray for our parish family and all those who are journeying in a special way with Our Lord, Jesus Christ.



**Parishioners:** Bob Caudill, Ginny Cook, June Henderson, Brad Jarveis, **Bill Johnston**, Judy Jordan, Monroe Matheny, Bob & **Margaret Nail**, Vera Patterson, Claire & Bill Patton, Mike Wilcox, David Woodford

**Homebound:** Juanita Baena, Loretta Roy, Dotsie Santa Cruz, Jo Flynn, Bob & Margaret Nail, George Schaff, Mary Smith, Charles "Buddy" Stempel  
**Assisted Living:** Allen & Gwen Dretzka, Paul Peschel

**Non-parishioners:** Diane Geiselman, Susan Henderson, Bud Kaechele, Mercedes Carol Knutson, Rev. David P. Carucci, Berkleigh Cirilli, Barbara Kuntz, Irene Lipscomb, Dan Mulroy, Bill Roman, Dan Smith, **Rosa Linda Torio**, Art Treinen

**~ Prayer Requests ~**

Terry Danson – 251-961-2165 or tsdanson@gmail.com

If you or someone you know is homebound, ill, due to have surgery or is in the hospital and would like a visit from the pastor or to receive the sacraments, please call the rectory or the office.

*First Friday Memorial Mass Association*

Our Loved Ones – Bob & Margaret Nail	† Jim & Mary Link	James D. & Mary Lou Chunn Partridge & Family
Living & Deceased Kaiser, Klein & Murphy Families	† Deacon J. Cretaro	Living & Deceased Lacey & Clancy Families
Living & Deceased Scott & Weiss Families	† Doris Mullek	Living & Deceased Kearns & Patterson Families
Living & Deceased Bush, Alvarez & McAleer Families	† Margaret A. Mullek	Living & Deceased Pope & Lang Families
Living & Deceased Mullek & McCandless Families	† Joe Lacey	Living & Deceased Altar Society Members
Living & Deceased Patton & Norton Families	† A.M.S. Warriner	The Baptized Who Do Not Practice Their Faith
Living & Deceased Shields, Self & Chambers Families	Mignon Kilday	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Living & Deceased Cretaro & Kilday Families	Jo Anne Cretaro	Intentions of the President of the USA
Living & Deceased Gardner & Donovan Families		

*This Week's Schedule*

Wednesday 9:00 AM Bible Study – IM Hall  
 Wednesday 10:30 AM Choir Practice – Church

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND**

5:00 PM = 53 8:00 AM = 53 10:30 AM = 56 Total = 162

**STEWARDSHIP for May 19, 2019**

Offertory = \$2,018.75

Maintenance = \$126.00

Renovation Project = \$2,196.00

**Special Second Collection ~ SVdP ~ TODAY – Thanks!**

**"Coffee with the Padre between the Masses"**



**HOSPITALITY SUNDAY**  
 ~ NEXT WEEK from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM ~  
 The hosts for June are the members of our Pastoral and Finance Councils. Everyone including our visitors, is invited to join us for good food and fellowship in Immaculate Mary Hall.

*"Do not neglect hospitality, for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels." —HEBREWS 13:2*

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS** ~ If you would like to offer flowers for our altar in celebration of a special event or in memory of a loved one, please call Hannah Gale at 850-766-1645.



**◆ MARK YOUR CALENDAR ◆**

**"The Changing of the Guards"**

**June 23** – 11:30 AM – "Farewell" reception for our pastor, Fr. Maria, as he continues his priestly vocation as pastor of St. Peter's Parish in Montgomery, AL, June 28.

**July 7** – 10:30 AM – Installation of our new pastor, Rev. Fr. James Singarayar, HGN, by Archbishop Thomas J. Rodi followed by a "Welcome" Pot Luck Luncheon.

*"It is not merely about renewing the old, but about letting the Holy Spirit create newness, making all things new." –Pope Francis*

Your prayers are a blessing to our pastors as they begin their new assignments. Bless their journey ... pray for their success.

**MASS INTENTIONS** in memory of or for the welfare of a loved one are available. To request a Mass, call the office at 251-961-3649 or drop a note in the collection basket.

*Gospel Reflections*

**THE WORKINGS OF THE SPIRIT** ~ Anyone who has seen a loved one off to a new adventure knows how difficult it is to rejoice, even when we are reasonably optimistic about their future. So we can imagine how difficult it must have been for the disciples to rejoice in Jesus' announced departure. Today's Gospel is part of Jesus' Last Supper discourse, recorded only by John. Jesus announces shocking news. He must go to the Father, and they should rejoice in this. To help them through this, Jesus gives his disciples his gift of peace and promises an Advocate.

From our privileged position in history, we can see that all that Jesus promises comes to pass. The Church has grown and still exists on this earth because of the abiding Spirit. But living by the Spirit and entering into the peace of Christ is no small task. Jesus doesn't promise the apostles a rose garden. He is realistic about the costs of discipleship. And mercifully, he is also clear about its rewards.

**A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT** ~ In today's Gospel we witness the last evening Jesus spends with his disciples before his death. He has already made it clear that his followers will show their love for him by serving others. To live that kind of love, they will need the active presence of God in their midst. Jesus tells his disciples that he and his Father will come and make their home with them. He also tells them that the Holy Spirit will be among them to teach them and remind them of all that Jesus had taught. Good stewards recognize that God is in their midst and that the Holy Spirit is guiding them. How often do we acknowledge God's presence in our lives? How often do we allow the Holy Spirit to guide us?

**CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES FOOD PANTRY**

**JUNE** is our month to provide nonperishable food items for the CSS Pantry in Robertsedale. Urgent needs: tuna fish and tuna helper, ramen noodles, chicken broth, dish soap, and hand sanitizer. They also ask for paper products and cleaning supplies because these expensive items are not covered by clients' food stamps. Bring them to the classroom in IM Hall or put them in the container provided in the vestibule.

**REMINDER** ~ **"Divine Mercy for America" Novena** begins on the first day of **every** month. Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Litany of the Saints for respect for the dignity of all life, sanctity of traditional marriage and families, and threat to our religious freedom – for the glory of God and salvation of souls.

<b>June 1/2</b>	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Ext. Ministers</b>	<b>Gift Bearers</b>	<b>Ushers</b>
<b>Sat:</b> 5:00 PM	Sarah Henkel	Pat Hilderbrandt / J. Caudill	E. & N. Fehn	F. Mullek / S. Pinzone
<b>Sun:</b> 8:00 AM	M. Handzus	B. & M. McCandless	S. McKinney / B. Bovat	P. Zaborny / Substitute
10:30 AM	R. Fortunati	B. & J. Johnston	M. & K. Cote	B. Jarveis / J. Hilderbrandt

**SAINT BENEDICT CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS**

What a great 2018-2019 school year! Much of our success is due to the support of such a large faith community. We sincerely thank you for all your contributions during our parish fund drives, all of which help defray costs to families. Most of all, thank you for helping to raise the next generation in the ways of Christ!

Looking ahead to the 2019-2020 school year, we have several employment opportunities: a Middle School Language Arts teacher; a Development Director who would manage all media presence including website, Facebook, Instagram, newspapers and parish bulletins; and a Music Teacher/Choral Director who would teach classroom music, direct school musicals, a performance choir and a Mass choir, play piano and plan liturgical music for school Masses.

If interested in any of these positions, call Dr. Kathy McCool at 251-986-8143.



**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Why is it still Easter? The lilies have long since faded. The roots of our tradition of fifty days of rejoicing from Easter to Pentecost lie in the seven-day rhythm of the Jewish week, drawn from the six days of creation plus a Sabbath day. A favorite name for the Lord's Day among our ancestors in the faith was "The Eighth Day," meaning that in Christ a breakthrough to a new humanity was achieved. With that inner architecture, it makes sense to see Pentecost as a week of weeks, forty-nine days plus one, again signaling that a new age has begun in Christ and the outpouring of his Spirit. The Jewish appreciation for Pentecost gave rise to the Jubilee year, the fiftieth year, when debts were released and prisoners set free. Today the character of our Easter Sundays is conveyed by joyful Alleluias and the rite of sprinkling at Mass. Long ago, people expressed this joy by suspending all rules of fasting and by never kneeling at liturgy.

These customs all point to our conviction that time is holy. There is an elegant balance to the Christian year: forty days of Lenten fast and discipline give way to fifty days of unrestrained rejoicing. That's why it is still Easter!

**June Church Cleaning**

Joe & Barbara Bennett, Sr. Thérèse West  
**More help is needed!** Call the office if you would like to help. Please check the schedule.