

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 21st, 2017

In the Old Testament's Book of Exodus, Moses asks God: "Show me your glory!" (33:18). God answers: "My face you cannot see, for no human being can see me and survive" (33,20).

The Father cannot be shown. God lives in inaccessible light (1Tim 6, 16). "Nobody has ever seen God" (1Jn 4, 12). And yet Philip asks: "Show us the Father, and then we shall be satisfied!" (Jn 14:8). Jesus answers, "Those who accept my commandments and obey them ... I shall love them and reveal myself to them" (Jn 14:21).

God the Father reveals himself and his glory through the love of Jesus. Jesus reveals himself through his loving service to the plan and purpose of God. Any person who observes the commandment to love his neighbor (Jn 15,17) shows his love for Jesus and, therefore, the Father. The Father manifests himself in love.

The manifestation of the Father occurs in the heart of humanity. The person who practices love transforms his or her life into a gift for others. That person may espouse any religion, belong to any class or race. The practice of love gives each one a profound peace. In love, they exude a great joy as they succeed in living and bearing their neighbor's and their own pain and suffering. Those who practice love reflect their Creator, the Father. Those who love are "the image and likeness" of God. Jesus explains, "I and the Father will come to him and make our home in him."

In the popular Broadway play, *Les Miserables*, Jean Valjean has converted his life, formed his conscience and found an orientation for the problems that plagued him. Valjean sings his commitment to his way of life and the wonderful consequence. His words are a paraphrase of John 14. "*To love another person is to see the face of God.*"

Father Ricardo

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord A Holy Day of Obligation

This Thursday is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, a holy day of obligation. Masses in observance of the Holy Day will be celebrated in the Church. The schedule of Masses for this holy day of obligation is: Thursday, May 25th at 8:45 am (as usual) and 7:30 PM.

From Father Ricardo's Desk:

Congratulations and thanks to Patrick Kimball who was just awarded a Certificate of Evangelization by Joseph William Cardinal Tobin at Sacred Heart Cathedral on May 7th. Mr. Kimball, one of our Youth Ministers and Lectors, attended Seton Hall University's program in Evangelization, at St. Paul inside the Walls. This three-year training seeks to enhance the knowledge and practice of the faith in response to Pope Francis' call to "take the faith out into the streets." We are so grateful to have Pat in our parish community.

FATHER'S DAY

The names of both our living and deceased fathers may be enrolled in the Book Remembrance in celebration of Father's Day on June 18th. Envelopes are available in the back of the church. Please return the envelope clearly printed with the name of your father to the collection basket or the parish office by JUNE 11th. Our fathers will greatly benefit from the prayers and masses offered for them during the months of June and July.

2017-2018 CCD REGISTRATION

Registration forms and fees are due no later than May 31st. Please return your form and fee to the Parish office as soon as possible. For your convenience a registration table will be set up in the Church hall after all the Masses on May 20 and 21.

SPECIAL THANKS

Thank you to all who participated in our celebration of Our Lady of Fatima at the 5:00 Mass on Saturday. It was a beautiful evening.

R.I.C.A

Our Adult Program for the preparation for the Sacraments (RICA) is open, please contact our CCD office, or Father Ricardo directly.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

The Peter Pence Collection supports the work of the Holy Father, Pope Francis. This collection will be taken up the weekend of May 25-26. Your contributions will assist the Holy Father in carrying out the ministry as Supreme Pastor of the Universal Church.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

The Gifts or Bread and Wine for this week are offered in Memory of Anna Sanchez , requested by Pauli Delgado

SUNDAY – MAY 21

8:00am +Margaret Schneider req. by Mary Beth and Bob Mabey and Family
9:30am +Theresa Neubauer req. by Corbutt Family
11:00am + Nicholas Chciuk by Josephine Donahue
1:00pm MASS IN SPANISH

MONDAY - MAY 22

8:45am - Intentions of Father Bob req. by Donna and Tony Macerino

TUESDAY – MAY 23

8:45am - +Robert Helmrick req. by Joey Helmrich

WEDNESDAY - MAY 24

8:45am +Patricia Mongiello req. by Debbie and Don Ventriglia

ASCENSION THURSDAY – MAY 25

8:45am +Thomas Cahill req. by Brian and Paula Kloza
7:30pm +Louis P. Amari req. by Mackwell Family

FRIDAY - MAY 26

8:45am +Kathleen Warguska req. by Ann Klimek

SATURDAY -- MAY 27

8:45am Intentions of Beata and Jerzy Chcuik
5:00pm +Dick McCrum req by Virginia and Pat McNulty

SUNDAY – MAY 28

8:00am- +Lou Hart req. By Marilyn and Frank Turansky
9:30am +Jim Talt req. by his Family
11:00am + Christopher Norton req. by Norton Family
1:00pm NO SPANISH MASS

PLEASE PRAY FOR PEACE IN THE WORLD AND PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY

This Week's Events

Sun 11:00am - Gather the Children
12:15pm - Religious Ed. Volunteer Lunch
Tue 6:30pm – Community Rosary
7:00pm – Holy Hour
Wed 7:30pm – Choir Practice
Thur 10:00am – Legion of Mary
6:30pm – Legion of Mary

**Gather the Children will stop for the summer on May21st
The Program will resume in the fall.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROUS
SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH. GOD BLESS YOU.
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**1ST COLLECTION \$ 3820.50
DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT \$ 1025.00**

**The next Maintenance collection will be
June 24-25. Thank you for your continued
support.**

**LEGION OF MARY: Thursdays at 10:00am & 6:30pm
ROSARY SOCIETY: Tuesday after First Sunday – 7:00pm
PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: Second Tuesday**

FAITH FORMATION

On Friday, May 19th at 6:30, the Faith Formation group with Deacon Bill will begin viewing *Bishop Robert Barron's series, "The Pivotal Players: St. Francis of Assisi"*. The film runs an hour, followed by a short discussion. Everyone is welcome. Future Players are: St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Catherine of Siena, Bl. John Henry Newman, G.K. Chesterton and Michelangelo.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday, May 21st, we will be selling hot pretzels and taking orders for the RELAY FOR LIFE luminaries, which benefit the American Cancer Society. The cost is \$10. This year's walk is dedicated to Vinnie Ventriglia.

THE LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary members are available to bring Holy Communion to those people who are not able to attend Mass. They are also available to bring people to Church, or Doctor's visit. Call the parish office.

PLEASE REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Aidan Alvarez, Scott Anderson, Baby Grace Andrews John Appar, Robert Aquino, Artie, Jude Basso, Ray Bonomini, Tina Brightly, Janet Brunke, Rose Bruno, Roberta Busch, Jerry Calcagno, Jerzy Chciuk, Carolina Chmarney, Louis Cimaglia, Teresa Contento, Aibhlinn Coyle, Elizabeth Copeland, Patricia and Paul Corbutt, Doug Crum, Joan Dahl, Nathanael Davenport, Jean Marie Day, Alice DeLorenzo, Robyn DelMonte, Catherine Dimino Allie Dignan, Eileen Donahue, Josephine Donahue, Katie Drago, Roseann Dundon, Jim Ecker, Barbara Etzel, Eva Ferlauto, Debbie Fuentes, John Gonzalez, Florence Guilfoyle, Barbara Hellwig, Tom Hibbits, Jean Jones, Julianna Klinger, Carly Kosen, Brian Linke, Henry Mancuso, Rose Martis, Fran and Larry Marsh, James McAlary, Kathy Nestico, Jennifer Oldham, Janis O'Neill, Theresa Orso, Joan Queft, Maura Reagan, Mary Reynolds, Ron, Shelly, Lou Pra Sisto, Kateri and Sam Sullivan, Alexander Truong, Father Matthew Twiggs, Mary VanDyke, Pat and Jim Van Gorder, Vincent Ventriglia, Mark Verrico, Russy Wright,