

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 05/14 (Today) **Holy Mass** at 10am. Special blessing for all women. Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the "Shrine of Mary" - outside (if weather permits). **Mothers' Day breakfast** follows the Mass for everybody - no sign-up required!
- 05/20 (Saturday) Free Lunch 11am - 12.30pm.
- 05/21 (VII Sunday of Easter) **Holy Mass** at 10am. Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the "Shrine of Mary" - outside (if weather permits). Coffee hour in the Church hall as usual.

- **THANK YOU Linda and Diane** for running yesterday's Polish Food Sale.
- **POLISH FOOD & HERITAGE FAMILY FESTIVAL** is planned for **June 24, 2023** (rain date: June 25) **12-6pm**. This will be an event open to the public and it's a part of *Manchester Bicentennial Celebrations*.

CHURCH NEWS

- Upcoming birthdays & anniversaries: TIMOTHY&CORI WROBEL (05/29), DAVID GREGORSKI (05/30), JEFFREY LUKAS (05/31). Happy anniversary! Happy birthday!

If you have any information for the „Church News Column”, please inform Fr. Adam by email or phone no later than Friday afternoon.

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PARISH BULLETIN

VI SUNDAY OF EASTER MOTHER'S DAY

MASS INTENTION - 10am

For all the women of St. John's Church.

INTROIT

C: He presented Himself alive to them by many proofs after He had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. Alleluia.

R: **Blessed be the Lord day by day, God, our salvation, Who carries us. Alleluia.**

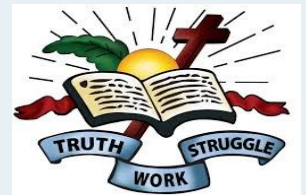
C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

R: **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**



HOLY MASS

. 10.00 am



MASS
INTENTIONS

If you would like to have a Mass said for a particular intention, you must stop by the Parish Office or the sacristy in the Church before/after Sunday mass. Masses can be said for a deceased person or as a special intention for the living. You may reserve a Sunday of your choice, and your intention will be published in the parish bulletin.

We encourage you to offer a Mass on the occasion of a birthday, anniversary or special personal (family) need.

READING 1

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed the Christ to them. With one accord, the crowds paid attention to what was said by Philip when they heard it and saw the signs he was doing. For unclean spirits, crying out in a loud voice, came out of many possessed people, and many paralyzed or crippled people were cured. There was great joy in that city.

ACTS 8:5-8, 14-17

Now when the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent them Peter and John, who went down and prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit, for it had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

„Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.“

PS 66

READING 2

A reading from the First Letter of St. Peter.

Beloved:
Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts. Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope, but do it with gentleness and reverence, keeping your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who defame your good conduct in Christ may themselves be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be the will of God, than for doing

evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

1 PT 3:15-18

GOSPEL

JN 14:15-21

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory be to You, Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples:
"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him. But you know him, because he remains with you, and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Jesus, in our Gospel, reminds His disciples that just as He has come to instruct and teach His followers, another "Paraclete" will come after He is gone. Paraclete (παράκλητος - paracletos) means "advocate" or "instructor." Advocates had two roles in ancient times: first, to defend and help those who were facing trial; and second, to instruct their clients in the matters at hand. Jesus was the first Paraclete for His followers. The Holy Spirit is the "other" Paraclete Who will continue to defend, strengthen, help, and instruct those who have been marked by the Spirit.

In the Catholic tradition, the further outpouring of the Holy Spirit is celebrated in the Church in many ways: in the feast of Pentecost (in two weeks), in the constant guidance and outpouring of the gifts of the Spirit, and in the second of the three sacraments of initiation (Confirmation).