

# COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

05/18 (V Easter Sunday/Mothers’ Day) **Holy Mass** at 10am. **Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary** at the Shrine (outdoor) after the Mass. **Catechism Class** for kids after the Mass. Coffee hour (fellowship hour) in the church hall.

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- Thank you Magda for all the beautiful garden work you’ve done in front of our church. The last step—raising the church board by one foot—will complete the project, but already it looks wonderful.

- Renovation of women’s restroom in the church hall—concluded!
- Upcoming birthdays & anniversaries: N/A

*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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# BEHOLD

PARISH BULLETIN

## V SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASS INTENTION - 10am

*For the benefactors of St. John’s Church - both living and deceased.*

INTROIT

C: I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. Alleluia.

**R: This is how all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another. Alleluia.**

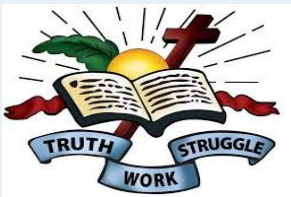
C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**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.

After Paul and Barnabas had proclaimed the good news to that city and made a considerable number of disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch. They strengthened the spirits of the disciples and exhorted them to persevere in the faith, saying, “It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God.” They appointed elders for them in each church and, with prayer and fasting, commended them to the Lord in whom

ACTS 14:21-27

they had put their

faith. Then they traveled through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. After proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia. From there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now accomplished. And when they arrived, they called the church together and reported what God had done with them and how he had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles.

GOSPEL

JN 13:31-33A, 34-35

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

*Glory be to You, Lord.*

When Judas had left them, Jesus said, “Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and God will glorify him at once. My children, I will be with you only a little while longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 145

„I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.”

READING 2

A reading from the Book of Revelation.

Then I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, God’s dwelling is with the human race.

REV 21:1-5A

He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them as their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away.”

The One who sat on the throne said, “Behold, I make all things new.”

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

In today’s Gospel, Jesus begins His final discourse (John 13-17) with His eleven disciples on the night of His hour of glory. This is the climax of His mission on earth. He has come to give glory and honor to His Father and His Father will glorify Him as He suffers, dies, and rises. Jesus’ words to His disciples are those of establishing a new commandment. Yes, it is patterned on words from the Hebrew scriptures, but there is a new emphasis. The new commandment is Love. They are called not simply to show a deep liking for those who are nice to them, but to love (αγαπατε – agapate) each other just as Jesus has loved them. Jesus has told them about this love and has given them examples of His love. He, their Master and Teacher, has just finished demonstrating His willingness to serve them by washing their feet (John 13: 1-20). Later in His final words He will proclaim, “No greater love does anyone have than to lay down one’s life for another” (John 15: 13). And the final act of His love will be demonstrated within a few hours as He dies on the cross (John 18-19). And the culmination of His loving service will be His resurrection and ascension, and His giving of the Holy Spirit on Easter Sunday (John 20).