

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 05/10 (VI Easter Sunday - Mothers' Day) **Holy Mass** at 10am with special blessing for all mothers. Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the "Shrine of Mary" - outside (if weather permits). **Catechism Class** for kids after the Mass. Coffee hour (fellowship hour) in the church hall. *Mass intention: For all mothers of St. John's Church.*
- 05/12 (Tuesday) **First Confession** of Jasiu & Maverick at 4pm. All who wish to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation are warmly invited - Fr. Justin will be available and will make sure there is time for everyone.
- 05/16 (Saturday) **Cemetery Spring Cleaning** at 12pm. All volunteers meet at the Cemetery (Jefferson St., Manchester). Refreshments and pizza will be provided by the Church. If you have any questions, please contact Tim, our Cemetery Sexton.
- 05/17 (VII Easter Sunday) **Holy Mass** at 10am. Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the "Shrine of Mary" - outside (if weather permits). Coffee hour (fellowship hour) in the church hall. *Mass Intention: For + EDWARD ZAWISTOWSKI.*

- **Mass Intentions Announcement:** If you have a particular date in mind for a Mass Intention, please be sure to book it in advance, as we are able to schedule only one intention per Sunday. At this time, the first available Sunday with no intention is May 31, 2026. Please contact the parish office to reserve your date.

CHURCH NEWS

- Upcoming birthdays & anniversaries: KRISTA & JONATHAN COMTOIS (05/11). 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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May 10, 2026

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PARISH BULLETIN

VI SUNDAY OF EASTER MOTHER'S DAY

MASS INTENTION

For God's blessings upon all mothers 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.

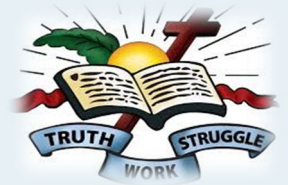
C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

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.*

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.

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

1 PT 3:15-18

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.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

In today's Gospel from the Gospel of John, Jesus speaks words of comfort and promise to His disciples before His departure. He reminds them that love is not merely an emotion or sentiment, but something expressed through faithfulness and obedience: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." True Christian love is shown not only in prayer or words, but in the daily decision to live according to the teachings of Christ. At the same time, Jesus understands the fear and uncertainty of His followers. Knowing they will soon face confusion, weakness, and trials, He promises that they will not be abandoned. He assures them that the Father will send the Advocate - the Holy Spirit - who will remain with them always and guide them in truth.

One of the most touching lines in this Gospel is Jesus' promise: "I will not leave you orphans."

These words reveal the heart of God. Even when Christ is no longer physically visible, He remains spiritually present among His people. Through the Holy Spirit, we are never alone, forgotten, or abandoned. The Spirit strengthens us, reminds us of God's love, and helps us remain united with Christ even in difficult times. In a world that often leaves people feeling isolated and spiritually lost, this Gospel reminds us that God dwells within us and walks with us. The more we open our hearts to His presence, the more clearly we begin to recognize that our lives are meant to be lived in communion with Him.