

## COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.*

05/24 (Solemnity of Pentecost) Solemn **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 + RENA GERVAIS.*

- We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all volunteers who came yesterday for our **Spring Cemetery Cleaning**. Your hard work and dedication helped prepare and beautify our cemetery for the season ahead. A special "thank you" goes to our Cemetery Sexton, Tim, for coordinating and organizing the event. Your time and generosity are appreciated by the church family. God bless you all!
- **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.

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PARISH BULLETIN

VII SUNDAY OF EASTER

### MASS INTENTION

*For + EDWARD ZAWISTOWSKI (Mass after the funeral)*

### INTROIT

C: Commit your way to the Lord; trust that God will act and make your integrity shine like the dawn, your vindication like noonday. Alleluia.

**R: I wait with longing for the Lord, my soul waits for His word. Alleluia.**

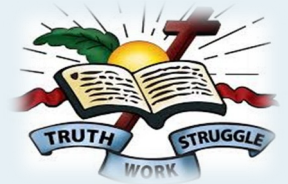
C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**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 Jesus had been taken up to heaven the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away.

When they entered the city they went to the upper room where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James.

## ACTS 1:12-14

All these devoted themselves with one accord to prayer, together with some women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

### The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

## PS 27

*„I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.“*

## READING 2

## 1 PT 4:13-16

### A reading from the First Letter of St. Peter.

Beloved:  
Rejoice to the extent that you share in the sufferings of Christ, so that when his glory is revealed you may also rejoice exultantly. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. But let no one among you be made to suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as an intriguer.

But whoever is made to suffer as a Christian should not be ashamed but glorify God because of the name.

### The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

## GOSPEL

## JN 17:1-11A

### A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

*Glory be to You, Lord.*

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you, just as you gave him authority over all people, so that your son may give eternal life to all you gave him. Now this is eternal life, that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ. I glorified you on earth by accomplishing the work that you gave me to do. Now glorify me, Father, with you, with the glory that I had with you before the world began. "I revealed your name to those whom you gave me out of the world. They belonged to you, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you gave me is from you, because the words you gave to me I have given to them, and they accepted them and truly understood that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for the ones you have given me, because they are yours, and everything of mine is yours and everything of yours is mine, and I have been glorified in them. And now I will no longer be in the world, but they are in the world, while I am coming to you."

### The Gospel of the Lord.

*Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.*

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

In today's Gospel, Jesus lifts His eyes to heaven and prays to the Father just before His Passion. These words allow us to hear the heart of Christ. He speaks not only about glory, but about love, obedience, and eternal life. Jesus reminds us that eternal life is not simply something that begins after death; it begins now through knowing God and living in relationship with Him. Christ fulfilled the mission given to Him by the Father completely and faithfully, even when that path led to the Cross. In a world that often measures success by power or recognition, Jesus shows us that true glory is found in love, sacrifice, and faithfulness to God's will.

This prayer is also deeply comforting because Jesus prays for His disciples - and for all who belong to Him. He knows that they will remain in the world facing struggles, fears, and temptations, yet He entrusts them to the Father's care. We too are included in this prayer of Christ. Even in moments when we feel weak or uncertain, we are not abandoned. Jesus continues to intercede for us and calls us to remain faithful to His word. Our task is to live in such a way that Christ may be "glorified in us" through our faith, our love for others, and our witness to the Gospel in daily life.