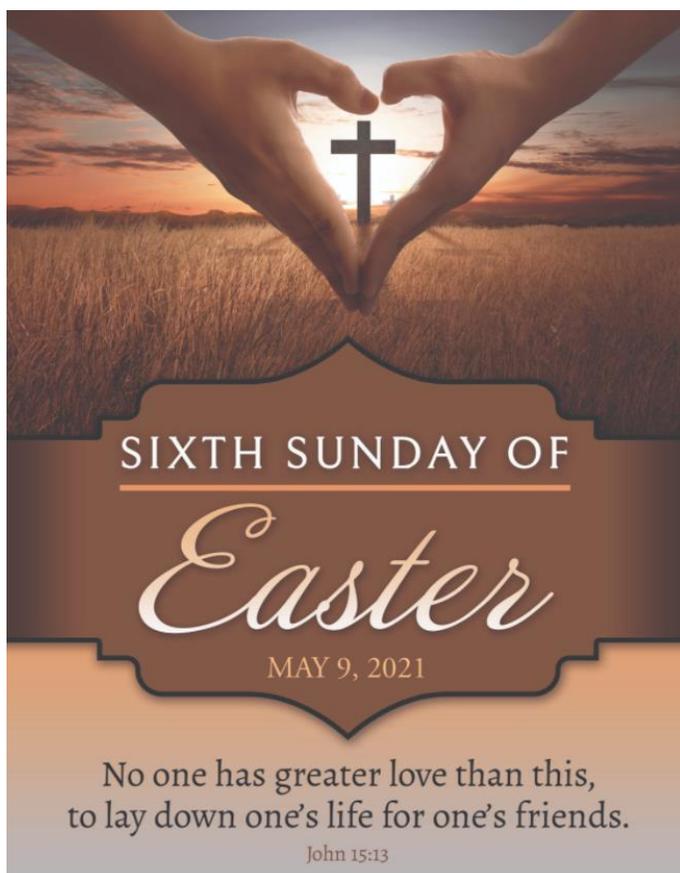


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Saturday, May 8, 2021

5:30p Mother's Day Novena

Sunday, May 9, 2021

8:00a Mother's Day Novena

9:30p Mother's Day Novena

Monday, May 10, 2021

7:30a Mother's Day Novena

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

7:30a Mother's Day Novena

Wednesday, May 12, 2021

7:30a Mother's Day Novena

Thursday, May 13, 2021

9:00a Anthony Jupa by daughter, Betty

Friday, May 14, 2021

7:30a James Palumbo by Donna Palumbo

FOR MASS READINGS & FEAST DAYS:

- uscgb.org/bible/readings/
- uscgb.org/about/divine-worship/liturgical-calendar/

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Sunday, May 9 (and Saturday Evening)

- Mother's Day Flower Sale at the doors of the church for the benefit of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. \$5 per plant.

Thursday, May 13, Ascension Thursday Moved

- The bishops of NJ have decided two weeks ago to move this feast to Sunday, May 16, in place of the 7th Sunday of Easter for this year.

Sunday, May 16

- Divine Mercy Mass, 2p, St. Dorothea's

Weekend, May 29/30

- Helping Hearts: casserole tray pick-up

Weekend, June 5/6

- Helping Hearts: frozen casserole collection

Weekends, June 11/12 & 19/20

- St. Dorothea Food Pantry collection

WEAR RED FOR PENTECOST

As a sign of our festive celebration of Pentecost, all are encouraged to wear red on The Feast of Pentecost, the weekend of May 22 & 23.

HELPING HEARTS

CASSEROLES FOR THOSE IN NEED

The pandemic had stopped the monthly donation of home-cooked casseroles last year. And now, we're starting it back up! Trays are available the last weekend of the month. And frozen casseroles are then due next weekend on the first Sunday of the month. Instruction sheets are also available next to the trays. The most important thing to keep in mind is that whatever casserole you make, it must be clearly labeled, with date and type of casserole, and be frozen solid.

BAPTISMS

We are indeed back to baptizing children but, we're doing them one family at a time. If you've been putting off baptism during the pandemic (understandably), consider now planning to celebrate the sacrament. Please call the parish office to coordinate.

UPCOMING WEDDINGS

5/14: William DelVecchio & Angelico Blanco
6/6: Christopher Robinson & Carlie Mazzucco
6/10: Drew Whitlock & Elizabeth Cantelmo
6/19: Jim Dolan & Gabrielle Lubischer
6/19: James Kohnke & Shannon Coolahan

OUR LITURGY, OUR PARISH, AND THE PANDEMIC PLEASE GET VACCINATED IF YOU ARE ABLE

Last weekend our bulletin had an article from me encouraging those who can, to please get vaccinated. There's good news on that front: The large distribution centers in NJ are now accepting walk-ins without having to first make an appointment. Many of the smaller and more local sites will do the same soon, if they haven't already done so.

Already, 68% of NJ residents 16 years and older have gotten at least their first shot. And cases since the peak of our 'fourth wave,' at the beginning of April, have been reduced to one fourth of its previous size; and the rate of hospitalizations has been declining for the past four weeks. Let's do our part, and especially help others who are hesitant or need extra aid to get the vaccine. *-Fr. Mike*

PARISH LIFE

The committees and ministries that had been active before the start of the pandemic are currently in the re-forming and re-starting phases (some have already been in action) so that when COVID protocols become more and more relaxed, we'll be able to hit the ground running. As we get ready to put out a call for volunteers and ministers, please start to prayerfully consider what sort of participation in the parish you'd be interested in.

EAGLES UP! DONATION

TO SUPPORT OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL Weekends of May 22/23 & 29/30

The *Human Concerns Committee* of our parish is working with *Eagles Up!*, a 501c3 organization that sends donations of morale-boosting and hard-to-obtain items to support and assist our military personnel, especially those wounded and the families of the fallen. This collection will take place, appropriately, on Memorial Day. The most requested items are:

snacks: bags of chips, nuts, granola bars, dried fruits, jerky, microwavable popcorn, gum, cookies, trail mix, etc...

over the counter medication: head cold remedies, pain relievers, antacids, allergy relief, etc...

hygiene products: (male & female): lip balm, moisturizers, tooth brushes and paste, mouth wash, sun block, Q-tips, shaving razors and cream, foot powder, bug spray, etc...

entertainment & communication: DVDs, comic books, magazines, accompanying letters or cards of support that say 'hello,' 'thank-you,' and 'God bless you.'

The most difficult part of this program is the cost of shipping. If anyone wishes to donate money to help with shipping, please make a check out to *Eagles Up!*

HELP WANTED

Gardeners: We are restarting the program of people or families adopting a patch of property to grow flowers or take care of the weeding (which last year's 'lock down' put on pause). We could also have a vegetable garden to grow food for the pantry.

Audio-Visual Operators: We're also looking for volunteers to operate the audio-visual slides at weekend and weekday Masses.

If anyone is interested in these tasks, please contact the parish office.