

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 6, 2018

LIVING GOD'S WORD

Sometimes we may feel that we are not even capable of loving as Jesus loved. In today's first reading we see that God is so eager to enter our hearts and enable us to love that the Holy Spirit falls upon those listening, even though they have not yet been baptized. Ask God to help you love as Jesus loves.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK MAY 7, 2018

Monday, May 7
NO MASS
Tuesday, May 8
8:15AM Dorothy Niermann by Marvin & Gail Roy
Wednesday, May 9
10:30AM Roberta Jany by Loren & Peggy Jany
Thursday, May 10, St. Damien de Veuster
NO MASS
Friday, May 11
8:15AM Dean Lochhead by Friends
Saturday, May 12
5PM Ida Ann Sams by Bruce & Mary Brown
Sunday, May 13
9AM For the Parish

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK MAY 6 THRU MAY 13

Sunday	9AM First Communion Mass
Monday	NO MASS-Meeting in Belleville 11AM-1PM K of C Luncheon Hamburger Noodle Casserole/Chicken
Tuesday	8:15AM Mass (Grades 1-4) 6PM Honors Night
Wednesday	10:30AM Mass at Three Springs 8 th Grade Luncheon
Thursday	Fr. Gene's Day Off
Friday	8:15AM Mass (Grades 3 & 4 Liturgy) Field Day 1:30PM Dismissal-BUS SERVICE 6PM End of the Year Street Party
Saturday	5PM Kindergarten Graduation Mass
Sunday	9AM Mass

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR: Jesus' admonition to remain in his love can sound quite challenging to people whose lives are characterized by change and impermanence moving from one place to another, different states or even countries. The word "remain" is sometimes translated as "abide." The meaning of this invitation is to "take up permanent residence." Last week Jesus called us to "remain" in his word; this week, to "remain in my love" (John 15:9). Jesus tells us how to do this (by keeping his commandments), why we should do this (so that his joy might be in us and our joy complete), what specifically we should do (love one another as I have loved you, that is, by laying down my life for you), and what is to be gained by doing this (an ongoing friendship with him that bears fruit and gains whatever we ask the Father in his name). Not a bad exchange for settling down . . . in his love.

TITHE WEEK OF APRIL 29, 2018

Mary Help of Christians: \$6,427.00
\$401.00 Catholic Home Missions; \$960.00 Improvement Fund; \$65.57 Child Env.; \$4.00 Votives
WEEKLY Budget Need: \$7,000.00
YTD Average Weekly Tithes: \$6,693.00
Fiscal Year Week: 44
YTD Actual Giving: \$294,525.00
YTD Budget Need: \$308,000.00
YTD Budget Difference: (\$13,475.00)
YTD Weekly: (\$306.25)

SERVERS SCHEDULE for May 12 & 13: 5PM, Alex Embrich, Kolton Jany, Koby Jany; 9AM, Brock Vasquez, Reed Welborn, Madison Kribs

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: If it's hard to imagine that God loves you, just think of him as a parent.

DEAR FR. GENE & FRIENDS OF ST. MARY'S, Thank you for the check of \$344 which reached me yesterday. This will be another donation toward the Mission being planned for the rural Parish of St. James, Camata, for the month of June. Five very remote Christian communities will participate in this Mission. If all goes as Sr. Ann Fearday and her team have planned it, the Eucharist and other sacraments will be celebrated in these communities, along with workshops for all who wish to participate. The Parish of St. James is the "mother Church". How wonderful that the entire Church family is growing! Your donations will help pay for the expenses of catechetical materials, travel, food, and other expenses involved in the Mission where people have very little money. May the blessings of the Risen Life be felt abundantly in each one of you! Very gratefully, Sr. Anne Irose, ASC

THANK YOU for your generous support of last week's Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Your contributions will help strengthen the Church at home and throughout the United States.

BISHOP EDWARD K. BRAXTON will celebrate a Wedding Anniversaries Mass for couples who are celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries on Sunday, June 3, at 1:30PM in the Cathedral of St. Peter. If you would like to receive an invitation to this Mass, please call the rectory (826-2444). The deadline to request an invitation is Tuesday, May 8.

VETERAN'S BENEFITS BASICS: The Chester Senior Center will host an informational seminar for veterans on Thursday, May 10, from 11-11:30AM. Learn about local resources to assist you in obtaining your benefits.

END OF YEAR STREET PARTY: St. Mary's PTO is sponsoring an End of Year Street Party on Friday, May 11, from 6-9PM at the K of C Hall. There will be burgers, hot dogs, beverages, fun activities, and music to enjoy. NEW this year- Build Your Own Pixie Stix! Everyone is welcome to say "Good-bye" to the school year.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING will be held on Wednesday, May 23, at 7PM in the rectory.

CITY WIDE YARD SALE: St. Mary's PTO will rent spaces in the SMS Gym for Saturday, June 2. If you would like to reserve a space, please contact Dainelle Powell via Facebook, dpowell43011@gmail.com, or 618-559-0555. Pre-payment is required.

QUILTARAMA will be held on Tuesday, June 12, at Mary Help of Christians, Chester, from 8:30AM-3:30PM in the K of C Hall. We will host surrounding parishes and several Christian communities in the area. We need the ladies of the parish to bring casseroles, salads, desserts, attendance prizes, and assist with the lunch. All help will be greatly appreciated. Please contact Bonnie Todd at 618-340-5013.

MEET ME AT THE MUNY (AGAIN)! On Wednesday, July 11, we will travel to see Jersey Boys. Tickets are \$35 for all parishioners. Other guests will be required to pay an additional \$15 bus fee. We will stop at Lisa's in Prairie du Rocher for dinner. All money for tickets and bus must be given to Donna Ritter by Wednesday, June 13. For additional information, contact Donna at 826-3706.