
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Sun May 31 Pentecost



Monday, June 1 Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

†A. Louise Conrad (*Lorie Dell*)

Tuesday, June 2 Ss. Marcellinus and Peter

†Nancy M. Fiore (*Vince Frank*)

Wednesday, June 3 St. Charles Lwanga and Companions

†Gene Stoltz (*Bob & Dee Cree*)

Thursday, June 4

Health & Welfare of Mary Ann Neil (*Nancy & Ernie Erickson*)

Friday, June 5 St. Boniface

†Rev. Anthony Legarski (*Deacon Jim & Kathy Woomer*)

Saturday, June 6 St. Norbert

†Dorothy Eichenlaub (*Family*)

Sunday, June 7 Most Holy Trinity

Mass For the People
†Julia Longo (*Bill Longo*)

PASTOR'S CORNER

Pentecost marks the occasion of God sending the Holy Spirit upon Jesus' disciples after his Resurrection. The book of Acts describes how the disciples were gathered together in one place on the day of Pentecost. The Jewish feast of Pentecost (Shavuot or the Feast of Weeks) was the day that commemorated the giving of the law to Moses, a day soon marked as well by the giving of the Holy Spirit. On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit gave the disciples the strength to fulfill their commission to spread the Good News of Jesus. The Solemnity of Pentecost, which crowns and fulfills the Easter season, is a good time to pray for a deeper indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.
And kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.
And you shall renew the face of the earth.

Died circa 304

**Saints Marcellinus
and Peter**

Feast Day – June 2

Marcellinus was a priest and Peter an exorcist in Rome's Christian community. They were arrested and imprisoned during a persecution by Emperor Diocletian. In prison, they converted many people, including their jailer and his family. They were condemned to death and beheaded, supposedly in secret, in a nearby wood. But their executioner disclosed the deaths after his conversion. Pope St. Damasus I wrote an epitaph for their tomb, over which Emperor Constantine later built a church in which he buried his mother. This pope also reported that he learned the details of their martyrdom from the executioner himself. Marcellinus and Peter are among the saints named in the Roman Canon of the Mass.

PENTECOST

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING-MAY 23-24, 2020

Regular	\$5338.10	Christmas	\$ 24.00
Bricks	\$ 150.00	Ascension	\$ 155.00
Rose	\$ 10.00	Holy Land	\$ 20.00
Catholic Comm.	\$ 60.00	Home Missions	\$ 20.00
Memorial	\$ 100.00	Candles	\$ 10.00
Easter	\$ 100.00	Masses	\$ 10.00
		Total	\$6000.10

Deacon Jim's "A Moment with Our Lady"

On the topic of the consecration to Mary, Saint Louis de Montfort, in his Treatise on True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, recommends "beginning, continuing and finishing all our actions through her, with her and for her, so as to do them through Jesus Christ, in Jesus Christ, with Jesus Christ and for Jesus Christ our last end" (#115). And a little further (#120), he says:

"Mary being the most conform to Jesus Christ of all creatures, it follows that of all the devotions, that which consecrates and most conforms a soul to Our Lord is the devotion to the Most Holy Virgin, his holy Mother, and that the more a soul will be consecrated to Mary, the more she will belong to Jesus Christ. That is why the perfect consecration to Jesus Christ is nothing but a perfect and complete consecration of oneself to the Most Holy Virgin, which is the devotion I teach."

The purpose of the consecration to Our Lady is therefore to go to her Son. This is the teaching of Our Lady in Fatima. On June 13, 1917, she said to little Lucia: "My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the way that will lead you to God."

Get closer to Mary and her Son by attending one of our Legion of Mary meetings here at St. Rose each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Spend some time and come closer to Our Lord and his Mother.

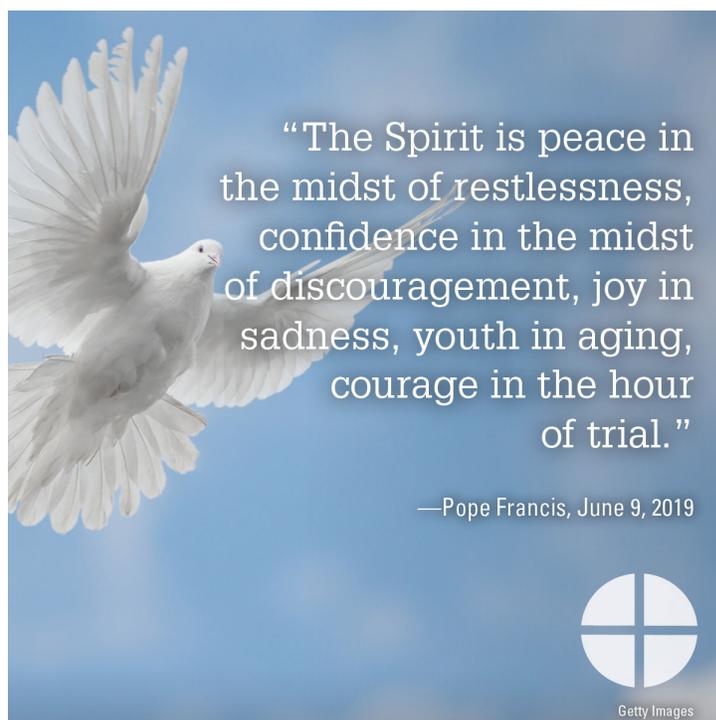
Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church June 1st

The Marian title of "Mother of the Church," was given to the Blessed Mother by Blessed Pope Paul VI at the Second Vatican Council and today's memorial was decreed by Pope Francis in 2018.

The placement of the feast marks Mary's special role from the very birth of the Church at Pentecost.

*"O happy Virgin, you gave birth to the Lord;
O blessed mother of the Church,
you warm our hearts with the Spirit of your Son
Jesus Christ."*

In 2018, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments inscribed the Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church in the General Roman Calendar to be observed on the Monday after Pentecost, taking precedence over any obligatory Memorial that coincides with it.



May 31, 2020 Pentecost (JN 20:19-23)

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Like the disciples in today's gospel, there are times we shut the doors of our hearts to people or events. It's how we create emotional distance. Permanent distancing is lethal and prevents the PEACE Jesus offers you today.

**St. Rose of Lima Parish, Altoona presents...
England's Treasures.**

Join Fr. Brian Saylor April 21-May 2, 2021 on a tour of England. Visit Liverpool, the home of the Beatles, and spend three nights in the Georgian town of Bath with its 2000-year-old Roman spas. Explore the monastic ruins of Glastonbury Abbey and the mystical, ancient Stonehenge. See the sights of London with a local guide and savor a traditional English roast. Cost: \$4,499 (Double) includes Round trip Air from Pittsburgh, taxes and fees/surcharges, hotel transfers.

**For information or a brochure please call/
email Fr. Brian at 814-944-8509/bsaylor
@dioceseaj.org or Collette 844-218-2148
(refer to Booking #987192.**

CANDLES:

Special Intention by Susan Trout.

**Alert to Congress on Further COVID-19
Actions**

Concerted, valiant efforts by the American people, elected leaders, and medical and health professionals nationwide have helped to slow the spread and mitigate the impact of COVID-19 in many places in the United States. Nonetheless, COVID-19 continues to devastate our nation's health and economic well-being. The United States has the highest number of COVID-19 casualties and the U.S. economy is in a dire situation with millions unemployed.

While thankfully Congress and the President have moved forward on legislation to help slow the spread and mitigate the impact of the COVID-19 global pandemic in the United States, there are still many people who have been left out of safety and welfare. We must do more to ensure that no one is left behind and that everyone is safe.

As Catholics, we are called to be a Church for all God's children. We affirm the inherent dignity of every person and our duty as Christians to work for the common good of all God's people during this pandemic, while paying particular attention to the most vulnerable.

Take action!

Visit www.justiceforimmigrants.org
A **webinar** on COVID-19's Impact on Migrants
is also available for viewing.

Newlyweds in the Time of Coronavirus by Theresa Lewis

Here we sit, nice and cozy on a rainy spring morning, laptops out, sipping tea, and working from home. Like most Americans, our home – a one-bedroom apartment – is now acting as our temporary office, school, and even church. Unlike most people, though, Eric and I were just getting the hang of living under the same roof! We have been married for just over four months. There are still boxes to unpack, thank you notes to send, and we are still figuring out our daily rhythm as a married couple. Now we have every waking and sleeping moment together for what looks like at least a month; it's a perfect opportunity to grow together as a couple.

We are thankful for this extra time together. It is the most quality time we have been able to spend with each other since our honeymoon. So far, it has been a time of renewal, almost like a newlywed bootcamp/retreat. We both work full time, so, until now, being at home together was only a few precious hours before it was time to crawl into bed. But, since we have been home, we have enjoyed taking long walks in the beautiful spring weather. These walks offer an opportunity to reconnect – reflecting on our marriage thus far and talking about our dreams for the future.

It is also a time for us to reconnect on a spiritual level. Like most people, in addition to our closed offices, we are unable to attend Mass until further notice. For the first time in our lives we are not able to go to Mass on Sunday. This unusual circumstance has given us the opportunity to come to a more profound understanding of our identity as a domestic church. About a month ago, I unpacked enough boxes to find and hang some of our sacred art in a place of prominence in our living room. Underneath is a trunk to act as our altar, adorned with flowers, candles, and sacramentals. Our little prayer altar has assumed a new special meaning at this time.

Another blessing of spending more time at home is the opportunity to re-engage in those creative activities and hobbies that easily get pushed aside on our busy normal days. Eric has picked up his trumpet again (practicing with the mute on so as not to disturb our neighbors!) and I have dusted off my watercolors and picked up embroidering. Both of us are reading for pleasure again and we even have designated time to read together.

Obviously, quarantine also has its share of challenges. When people are in the same place together for an extended period of time, there is going to be friction. What would be small disagreements, misunderstandings, and frustrations can get blown out of proportion when we are in close quarters. But even these can be blessings because we have nowhere to go and no choice but to work through them! We are learning to communicate better and to love in difficult moments. We each have plenty of opportunities to grow in the virtues of patience and compassion towards the other.

So, there it is, we are taking life one day and one step at a time, as I am sure you all are, too. As I write, I'm reminded of Matthew 6:25-34, most specifically verse 34, "Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself." Each

day is filled with a blessing from God. As of now, neither of us is sick, but if that happens, we're prepared to make good on that vow to be there for the other in sickness and in health.

We pray this will be a time of growth for us in every way, but especially in our faith, our identity as a domestic church, and in our ability to love one another with the selfless love which our vocation calls us to. God bless you all. You are in our prayers in these uncertain but grace-filled times.

St. Rose of Lima's St. Vincent de Paul Conference Weekly Reflection for May 31: Pentecost

Today as we celebrate Pentecost, Jesus says to his disciples: "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul has been able to continue to bring the love and care of Jesus to the poor by assisting them with food and financial support.

Thank You and God Bless!

If you know of someone in need, please visit our website (<http://strosesvdp.org>) to inform us of their situation. We will do our best to help out in any way we can. We encourage all parishioners to use our website to help us help those in need. Thank you!

NOTE: The SVDP Thrift Store, located at 1215 7th Avenue, Altoona, will open again on June 2nd. Now more than ever we need your help to get the store back on track, as well as to refill our Conference's Food Pantry located at the store. Any donations for either the store or the pantry would be greatly appreciated. Donations for the store can either be dropped off at the store or at the designated location in the Maria Parish Center. Donations will be accepted once public Masses start on June 14th.

**Thank you.
Stay well and God Bless!**