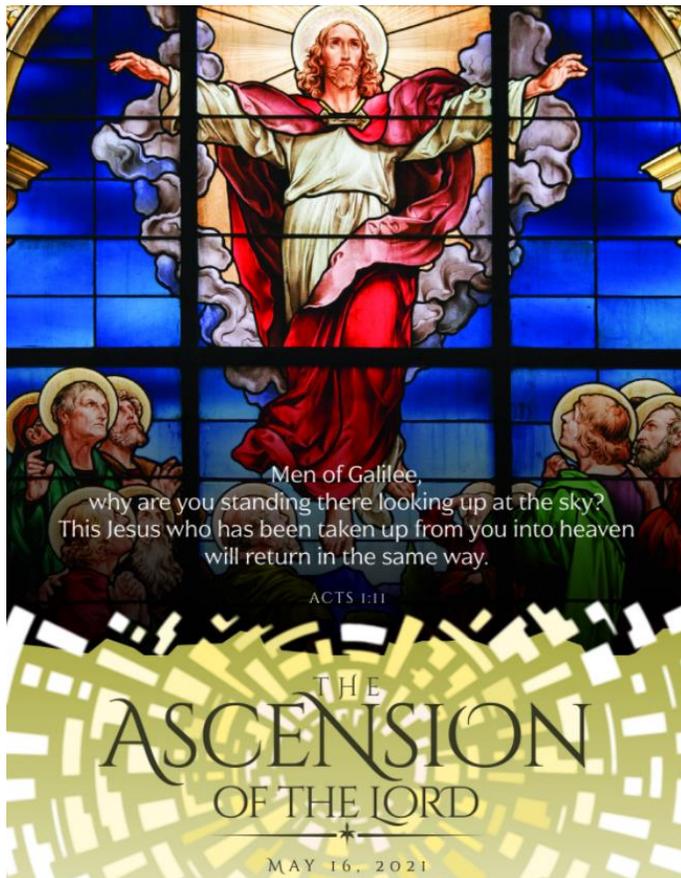


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Saturday, May 15, 2021

5:30p Marie Petrone & Kathleen Tocci
by Tocci Family

Sunday, May 16, 2021

8:00a Molie Tober req. by Tober Family
9:30p John Sheedy by Tom Sheedy

Monday, May 17, 2021

7:30a People of the Parish

Tuesday, May 18, 2021

7:30a deceased members of our parish family

Wednesday, May 19, 2021

7:30a deceased members of our parish family

Thursday, May 20, 2021

7:30a deceased members of our parish family

Friday, May 21, 2021

7:30a deceased members of our parish family

FOR MASS READINGS & FEAST DAYS:

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Sunday, May 16

- Feast of the Ascension (moved from Thursday by the bishops of New Jersey for this year)
- Divine Mercy Mass, 2p, St. Dorothea's

Sunday, May 23,

- Pentecost (wear red!)
- 3 PM – Bilingual Mass Celebrated in Filipino & English, St. Dorothea
- Eagles Up! donations accepted

Weekend, May 29/30

- Helping Hearts: casserole tray pick-up
- Trinity Sunday
- Eagles Up! donations accepted

Monday, May 31, Memorial Day

- No daily Mass at St. Dorothea.
- 7:30 AM Mass at Precious Blood
- Offices closed

Friday, June 4

- First Friday Exposition, 8:00a – 12:00p

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 next weekend, 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.

PARTICIPATING IN THE CHURCH FROM HOME

Keep in mind that we live-stream all Masses (barring any occasional technical glitch). Go to our parish website, and from there, there is a link on the front page to Precious Blood's YouTube channel which has Masses celebrated by the priests of our parish. Masses stream live, and then shortly afterwards, appear in the channel list of videos.

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. Welcome to our newest members baptized this past year and a half:

Claire Osgooby	1/12/2020
Benjamin Carter MacKay	1/26/2020
Charlotte May MacKay	1/26/2020
Dylan Patrick LaPorta	1/26/2020
Kayler Marie Mahoney	1/26/2020
Angela Riley Geroni	1/26/2020
Mia Julia St John	1/26/2020
Paul Vince Leunes	1/26/2020
Adeline Yankanich	2/23/2020

Arron Yu	2/23/2020
Joseph Mario Valentini	3/7/2020
Max Christopher Karagianakis	3/8/2020
Layton Claire Novak	3/8/2020
Weston Frank Liberatore	3/8/2020
Charlie Mae Petrone	6/20/2020
Cailin Toni Lavoie	7/9/2020
William Jungfer	7/11/2020
Kenzie Marie Schoch	8/1/2020
Charles Raymond Pakalik	8/6/2020
Leighton Anne Vogelzang	8/12/2020
Maddalena Louise Marucci	8/13/2020
Henry Cole DeAngelis	8/15/2020
Catherine Clepper	8/22/2020
Lucia Scarlett Pollard	8/29/2020
Elle Caroline Troy	8/30/2020
Olivia Rose Powers	10/3/2020
Addison Mae Cooney	10/4/2020
Abigail Brooke Greene	10/11/2020
Domenick Christopher Bellia	11/1/2020
Scarltte Elizabeth Zotti	11/4/2020
Jax Alexander LoMedico	11/7/2020
Ava Jean Carbone	11/8/2020
Russell William Guaimano	11/14/2020
Mia Rose Ebert	11/22/2020
Robert John McCall 111	12/15/2020
Shane Keating	12/20/2020
Jonathana Deo	1/30/2021
Van Arthur Aldridge	2/6/2021
Connor Patrick Quigley	2/21/2021
Olivia Lynn Lubischer	2/21/2021
Maria Grace Scarpati	2/28/2021
Harper Jade Ryan	3/7/2021
Austin Indiana Papp	3/13/2021
Annabelle Karlinski	3/29/2021
Cora Elizabeth Guerrero	4/11/2021
Mila Grace DeLusant	4/17/2021
Connor Benjamin Appleby	4/18/2021
Cameron Justin Metz	4/24/2021
Kyle Chistopher Campbell	5/2/2021

UPCOMING WEDDINGS

6/6:	Christopher Robinson & Carlie Mazzucco
6/10:	Drew Whitlock & Elizabeth Cantelmo
6/19:	Jim Dolan & Gabrielle Lubischer
6/19:	James Kohnke & Shannon Coolahan

CONFESSIONS

Confessions are on Tuesday and Fridays after the daily Masses at Precious Blood and St. Dorothea. For the rest of May, the Friday Confessions will be in the sanctuary, face to face in order to be "open air" for those not vaccinated yet. Starting in June, all Confessions will be in the Reconciliation Chapel (Confessional). Anyone at that point who can't get vaccinated yet, can make an appointment for Confession.

Precious Blood

Tuesdays & Fridays, after the 7:30a Masses

St. Dorothea

Tuesdays, after the 7:00 PM Mass

Fridays, after the 12:15 PM Mass.

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!*.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THANKS

Thanks to all who purchased flowers on Mother's Day last weekend. The proceeds go toward the charitable work of the Society of St. Vincent in helping those in need.

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.

OUR PARISH AND THE PANDEMIC

VACCINE NEWS

Both the FDA and CDC have just recently approved the Pfizer vaccine for children ages 12-15. (Children ages 16+ were already approved for the Pfizer vaccine weeks ago.) CVS is ready to vaccinate teens aged 12+ at their stores. Online reservations are needed to make sure the particular CVS has the Pfizer vaccine available. Other sites should also start becoming available very soon.

PANDEMIC PROTOCOLS AT CHURCH

The CDC just put out an updated recommendation based on the findings that outdoor transmission of the virus, and transmission by those already vaccinated, is very, very low (but not non-zero).

The CDC's recommendations are just that... recommendations. It's up to state and local leaders to make decisions based on those recommendations and their local situation.

The update this week came as a surprise, with no heads up to local leaders. For some states that had already dropped many of their protocols, the recommendations changed nothing. Some states acted on the recommendations immediately. And some states, like ours, is in the process of considering them before making any decisions.

Once those decisions are made, it's up to the bishop to decide what safety protocols we'll be following in our churches.

According to health officials, spending time indoors with people from many households is one of the riskiest things one can do to spread the virus. This is because the virus is not only in droplets, but airborne ("aerosolized"). The most important things we can do when together inside is:

- reduce the time together (which is why Mass is abbreviated)

- have proper ventilation (we have a ventilation system which draws in outside air)
- and, keep masks on.

With the discovery of how the virus particles can be aerosolized, distancing isn't much of a factor as once thought.

It is the bishop who took the state laws and the health recommendations and mandated that we follow those safety protocols in our parish. These included among others:

- no congregational or choral singing
- no 'passing the basket'
- no bring up the gifts
- no processions
- cordoning off every other pew
- continuing the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass

It will be the bishop's decision as to when any of these protocols are rescinded.

The difficulty will be in implementation. For example, the CDC has recommended that choral singing can return, if and only if, all the members of the choir are vaccinated. Also, they say that fully vaccinated (two weeks past the last shot) people can be unmasked indoors. But, how do we enact that? Do we ask for proof of vaccination? Do we go by an honor system even though there are so many people who think masks are somehow harmful or a scam and they'll jump at the chance to go maskless even though they're not vaccinated?

And even though more than half of people have gotten their first shot, there is still more than half the population who haven't been fully vaccinated.

These are tough decisions that our governor and bishop will have to make. In the meantime, until new instructions are given, we will continue to follow the current protocols.