



7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



"I do not ask that you take them out of the world but that you keep them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth." - Jn 17:15-17

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MASS:

Wednesday 9:00 a.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Parish Pastoral Council:

Chris Bonacci; Shawna Bonacci; Andrea Neff; Eddie Odom; Amy Pollice; Joe Vivacqua; Tony Winterburn

What's In The Mailbox?

I know I am an incurable optimist when it comes to the morning mail, but I still love to stroll out to the mailbox at the end of the driveway and see if there are any nice surprises awaiting me to start the day.

Some days there's a lonely utility bill or a couple of flyers, and inevitably there are one or two catalogs with "Last Chance!" emblazoned across the front page. About twice a month I do get an automotive magazine that makes for some nice leisure reading.

But today there was, at first glance, a veritable wad of promising material wedged in there. So I brought it into the house with high hopes. Perhaps a letter from a long-lost cousin? Maybe a note from the IRS telling me there was a miscalculation and they have enclosed a huge check to rectify my putting the zeroes in the wrong place? No such luck.

Putting down my cup of Earl Grey, I sorted through the pile. A couple of catalogs for the wife from places she stopped ordering from even before the pandemic; three or four requests for donations from charities, both secular and sacred; a utility bill announcing yet another rate increase. Also, a flyer from a "new retirement facility" operated by a Protestant denomination. As of this morning I am not aware that I need a retirement home, although no doubt that train is heading towards me at full speed as well.

In one sense, of course, going to the mailbox and hoping to find something interesting there is an anachronistic exercise. With hundreds of post offices being closed and merged, I have no illusions that the U.S. postal system as we know it will be around for long.

Still, while it lasts, getting mail delivered to one's home is a welcome vestige of a world that is passing away. That's why I still enjoy writing letters and, even better, receiving letters. While I get plenty of e-mails with necessary information, few induce the emotional response of a letter from a relative or friend.

And mail, after all, does have one clear Catholic connection. St. Paul's letters to various faith communities of his time still hold a fascination in our era. I for one am glad that he was not around to compose an "An E-mail to the Ephesians." It just wouldn't be the same.

— Lou Jacquet

Pray For Our Faithful Departed **Nancy D'Amico**

'Brunch with Brendan' Set 5/19

We will celebrate the Feast of St. Brendan the Navigator on Sunday May 19 with "Brunch With Brendan" in Maxwell Hall following our 9 a.m. Mass.

Breakfast meat will be provided by the parish. You are asked to bring a favorite breakfast casserole, fruit, bread or a baked item to help enlarge the menu and make the feast extra special.

The most important thing to bring is yourself and your family. Hope to see you there to enjoy your company.

Services for Miscarried, Stillborn

In an effort to help families mourn a child lost through miscarriage or stillbirth, the Diocese of Youngstown is offering three Memorial Services for Miscarried or Stillborn Children on Sunday, May 19, at 2 p.m. in the chapels of Calvary Cemetery in Youngstown, Calvary Cemetery in Massillon (3469 Lincoln Way E.) and 4:30 p.m. in the chapel at All Souls Cemetery, Cortland (3823 Hoagland Blackstub Road).

Parents, grandparents, and others are encouraged to attend. Sponsored by the diocesan Office of Worship, Office of Pro-Life, Marriage and Family Life, and Catholic Funeral and Cemetery Services. Information: 330-744-8451.

Sunday, May 12

9:00 a.m. Mass for all Mothers

Wednesday, May 15

9:00 a.m. George Kinnick

by Annette Carano and Family

Sunday, May 19

9:00 a.m. Charles and Mary Niznik by Family

Please Pray For Our Sick

Sr. Marjorie Haidet, Frank Lightner, Michelle Smith, Ken Mains, Judy Lazar, David Deihl, Barbara Bonninsegna, Sherri Creech, Mary Beth Celio, Fr. Richard Brobst, Charles Slivkoff, Harold and Debra Brown, Rita Thomas, Christine Kalhoun, Blanche Ruggiero

May Crowning Held May 5 During Mass



Longtime parishioner Deborah Zalovcik places the crown on the statue of Mary, recognizing her as Queen of Heaven and Earth, during the May 5 May Crowning Ceremony at the 9 a.m. Mass. With Zalovcik is parishioner Indiana O'Leary, who carried the crown forward. The event is coordinated by the Altar/Rosary Society, of which Zalovcik is a member. Behind them are Deacon Ron Layko and Father Bob England, parochial vicar. Parishioner and Society member Amy Kernan made the crown.



First Communicants Indiana O'Leary and Liam Carney pose after Mass and the May Crowning. The boys are classmates at St. Christine School and attend Mass at St. Brendan's. The beautiful statue, from Italy, was a gift to the parish from the estate of late parishioner Jean McGonnell. Photos by Debora Flora

Sunday's Scriptures: The Spirit Guides the Early Church

Today's readings are from Acts 1: 15-17, 20-26; 1 John 4: 11-16; Gospel of John 17: 11-19.

All through the Easter season we have been reading about the development and growth of the early Church in the Acts of the Apostles. One emotion we may have experienced as we examine these Scripture passages is amazement.

The growth of the Church from a very small group of Jesus' disciples to a large religious movement in many countries within a few short years is monumental, especially considering that the world of Palestine in which they were preaching was aware that this person called Jesus had been crucified, died, and was buried.

One factor of enormous importance is the action of the Holy Spirit in the common life of the Apostles. These men have seen and lived with the Risen Lord for 40 days following His resurrection. As He is about to ascend to His Father, Jesus gathers them and tells them, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem,

throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1: 6-9). Following the Ascension, they retreated to the Upper Room and "devoted themselves with one accord to prayer."

In our Scripture passage today, they discuss what needs to be done to bring the apostolic number back to 12. Judas betrayed the Lord and had committed suicide. "Therefore it is necessary that it be one of the men who accompanied us the whole time the Lord Jesus came and went among us, beginning from the baptism of John until He was taken from us...they proposed two, Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed, 'You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this apostolic ministry...'" Then they cast lots and the lot fell upon Matthias.

The apostles were all chosen by Christ, and this new apostle will also be chosen by Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.

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SVDP Volunteers Needed

St. Brendan's next turn to staff the Dining Hall run by the Mahoning County St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVDP) will be the week of June 10-14. We need four to six volunteers per day.

We will help serve meals that week from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the hall below the former St. Cyril & Methodius Church. Most days about 200-300 persons, many with small children, come for the free hot meals.

Sign-up sheets will be posted on bulletin boards in the school hallway outside the side entrance to St. Brendan's and in our vestibule.

Sunday's Scriptures

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A few days later they will receive the out-pouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost.

It is through dependence on prayer and the fire of the Holy Spirit that a small group of weak men spread the message of Jesus to the ends of the earth.

— Geri Jacquet

Mooney Summer Camps Offered

Cardinal Mooney High School is inviting area grade school students to register for their summer camps.

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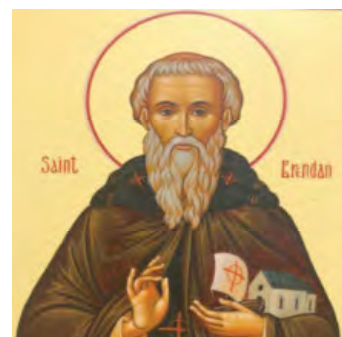
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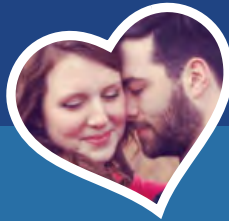
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