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5:00 pm - Fred Tonnos, Joe Attard, Bill VanRuyven 9:00 am - Joe Gatt, Lisa Shibley, Dan Tonello 11:00 am - Sam Zuvie, Albert DeLaat Dave Bilodeau

The 6th Sunday of Easter - Year B

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5:00 pm - Claudette Miller 9:00 am - Linda Sardella 11:00 am - John Sneek

May 9, 2021 A.D. The 6th Sunday of Easter - Year B



Lord may the request of our people rise before you like a fragrant offering

Tues	May 11	6:00 pm +For the repose of the soul of Dino Dante Sicoli	by Dino &
Wed	May 12	8:30 am +For the repose of the soul of Suzanne Stoop	by Norma
Thurs	May 13	8:30 am +For the repose of the soul of Suzanne Stoop	by Jackie &
Fri	May 14	St. Matthias	

8:30 am +For the repose of the soul of Antonio Tamburri Sat May 15 The Ascension of the Lord

> **4:00 pm** For the health and healing of Fr. Christopher Gillen 5:00 pm +For the living and deceased members of St. Patrick's Parish

May 16 9:00 am +For the repose of the soul of Luciano Armenti 11:00 am +For the repose of the soul of Innocenzo Ferrara & Lily Sicoli a Midena Alfred Marinelli

by Tony & Jane D'Uva

by Dino & Lily Sicoli

by Flora Armenti & family by Tony & Jane D'Uva

fact of the matter is, as our love for Christ increases, so TO LOVE AS CHRIST LOVES too does our capacity to love others.

To love as Christ loves is no small endeavor. It is something we must work at every day in every moment. When we put it at the fore-

front of our minds and hearts, and strive to live it out each day, it will transform our lives and impact others.

As St. John tells us, it is "not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins." Recall that God loved us first, not because of what we do for Him, but because He created us out of love. His love for us is pure and radical.

Jesus says, "Love one another as I have loved you." The ways Jesus has loved us and continues to love us are endless.

Jesus has loved us by dying for our salvation; by giving His entire Self to us in the Eucharist; by sending forth His Spirit to be with us always; He loves us through the sacraments, pouring out His never-ending grace and mercy; He loves us as we are, despite any faults and shortcomings; He loves us through the many blessings He bestows on us and even the trials we endure. His love for us is deeply personal, boundless, and always selfless and sacrificial.

We are called to imitate this love. And He tells us the greatest way to do this when He said, "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."

It is difficult to live that out in our humanity. Yet, it is made much easier when we faithfully love Christ. The

There are countless times throughout each day when we can do just that - giving up time each morning that we spend listening to the news and instead spending it in prayer; waking up Saturday morning to attend daily Mass instead of sleeping in; talking to God in the

car on the way to work; regularly going to confession. These are simple ways to express our love for the Lord by laying down our lives for Him.

The more we find ways to love the Lord, the more we will find it easier to lay down our lives for others - for instance, by responding to your spouse with kind words in their moment of weakness, anger or frustration; driving your kids to another event or activity after you have been in the car all day; saying prayers for the slow person on the road instead of mentally attacking them. These are the small ways that we can emulate Christ, put aside our selfishness and serve others.

Christ's command to "love one another as I have loved you" may seem daunting. Yet, Christ would never ask something of us that we cannot live out. All we need to do is take baby steps. Look at each moment and think, "How can I better love Jesus right now?" or "How can I lay down my life in this moment?" for it is in loving Christ that we will better love others, and it is in loving others that we love Christ Himself.

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COVID LOCKDOWN CHANGES APRIL 19, 2021

The Stav At Home Orders has been extended with tighter restrictions. This means that we are restricted to 9 people at any one Mass, Funeral or Baptism. We will be adding a one Mass Saturday at 4 pm. The dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days will continue. All Masses will be on a first come, first serve bases. These changes will continue until further notice.

All Ministry Schedules are currently invalid except 1 Usher/Mass.

Contact Tracing lists are still in place. Please make sure your name and phone number is on the list for every Mass you attend.

I hope you understand that this is an extremely difficult time for all of us.

Please be patient and kind to one another. **********

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

We have witnessed the generosity of our parishioners since this pandemic came into our lives. So many have continued to support the church by dropping off, mailing in and e-transferring your weekly support. We are extremely thankful. We don't doubt that our regular parishioners and those who use our offertory envelope system will continue to support us financially.

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CONGRATUALTIONS AND WELCOME

Baptism is a wonderful blessing that God has given to His church! It's a means by which He gives us faith and forgiveness of sins. It's our new birth into the Family of God! But it's also more than just a momentary event in the life of a follower of Jesus. It's a lifelong journey of growing in that faith and taking next steps with Jesus!

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Alexis & Brooklynn McCooey - May 16 Rowlen O'Sullivan - TBD Please keep these children in your prayers.

A PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

Where would we be without our mother's love? Lord, bless our mothers with wisdom to teach and guide their children in a way that will help them to follow You and to become men and women who will be pleasing in Your sight.

Give all mothers the patience to deal with the difficulties of their job and, most of all, give them a special blessing as they care so lovingly

for the gifts that You have allowed them the honor of raising. Amen. – Author Unknown

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

PRAYER TO LOVE

Lord, Make me an instrument of your love. May I see each circumstance in my life as an opportunity to grow in your love. May I see my environment as a place to grow in your love.

> May I then take this love to other people... When I am tempted to become impatient, help me to be patient.

When I am tempted to become unkind, help me to be kind. When I am tempted to become jealous, help me to be tolerant. When I am tempted to become boastful or proud,

> help me give you the glory. When I am tempted to be rude or selfish, give me the gift of gentleness.

When I am tempted to take offense, help me to let go. When I am tempted to become angry with someone, give me the gift of forgiveness. When I am tempted to become resentful,

give me your power to love.

Lord, grant that I may take no pleasure in criticizing others, but that I may see good in them, as you do. When I begin to concentrate on the faults and failures of others, give me courage to praise their accomplishments.

Help me be loyal to those you give me to love.

Help me to believe in them, even when they do not believe in themselves.

To expect the best from them, but accept the best they can give.

May I always defend them, as you always defend me.

All gifts and powers come from you. All will come to an end. With one important exception, the gift of love!!! Lord, when I was a child, I thought like a child, I acted like a child, and I reasoned like a child. Now that I have become an adult, I release my childish ways. Amen