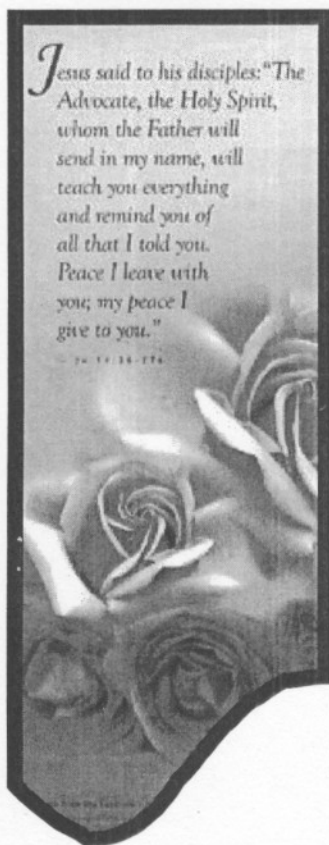


6th SUNDAY OF EASTER
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Jesus said to his disciples: "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you."

— Jn. 14:26 —



In the early days, the church faced great challenges, (nothing like today!). The first Christians were Jewish Christians, formed by the story of Israel's relationship with the god of the Mosaic covenant. But before long, Gentiles accepted Jesus as Lord. The gift of the Holy Spirit was essential to holding the church together, as it still is.

Forming a community is never easy. This is true whether the community is made up of family members, citizens, or believers. Diversity can both enrich and divide. Today's readings from the Acts

of the Apostles, witnesses to the role of the Holy Spirit in helping to navigate a way through very sensitive issues, which dealt with maintaining traditions of customs of a Jewish way of life while deciding how to form a new way of being as Jewish Christians.

When we gather to celebrate Eucharist, we call on the same Holy Spirit both to open our minds to Jesus' word and to transform bread and wine so that we become more fully the body of Christ and the living temple of the Holy Spirit in the world.

We pray that God will continue to send the Holy Spirit so that we might retain what is life-giving from the past and be open to any new initiatives that our loving God may offer in days ahead. We pray that our community may see in diversity a gift that can enrich, not a burden that will divide.



This past week you should have received a book of "Lazy Days of Summer" raffle tickets. I ask that if you are able, to purchase and/or sell these tickets. Three lucky winners will have a nicely enhanced vacation this summer. Good Luck!

Our Italy trip is fast approaching. Please join us for another information meeting on June 1st at 3 pm or 7 pm. Mr. Dave Wendt will be available to answer any questions you might have. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please call the rectory.

Happy Mother's Day

Mother's Day Prayer

Loving God,

you wrap your arms around your people and show your everlasting love in the same way a mother loves her children.

We are grateful for the love you have taught us through the mothers in our lives: our own mother who brought us into this world, the mothers of friends who have welcomed us into their homes and families, our grandmothers who took time for us, and the mothers who have helped us even though we were not their children.

Bless all the mothers of this world today. May they know the fullness of love they have shared and be blessed every day of their lives.

Amen.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

WEEK OF 5-2-10 — \$7,361.95

**Budgeted Collection Amount
\$8,100.00**

Thank you for your sacrificial offering to your parish.

*Have a Blessed Week.
Sister Dorothy*

SCHOOL NEWS

Progress Reports Due Back

Signed progress reports are due back to the school on Tuesday, May 11th.

Ascension Thursday Mass

Please join Mrs. Eggan and our 6th graders for Mass on Thursday, May 13th at 10 AM. Our students have worked very hard to prepare for this special mass.

Kennywood Tickets



Students will have the opportunity to purchase Kennywood tickets at school on Friday, May 14th. Representatives from Kenny wood will be in Room #122 to sell tickets to our students at 8:45am. Students must bring cash or money orders ONLY!


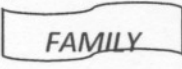
SERRA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Located just 11 miles from Penn Hills, Serra Catholic High School in McKeesport offers an outstanding college preparatory program, small class sizes, and a wide variety of extra curricular opportunities. Due to an increase in enrollment of students from the Penn Hills School District, Serra will offer school bus transportation starting in the 2010-2011 school year. There is limited space available in the freshman and sophomore classes. If interested in applying or scheduling a visit, please contact Mrs. Bethany Loy, Admissions Director at 412.751.2021 ext. 327 or at loyb@serrahs.org

International Day of Families

Families come in all shapes and sizes- and that's not just describing the people that make them up! There are small families and very large ones.

There are families that have only one parent, and then there are families with several generations all in the same house. Not every family gets along all the time. And some families must deal with severe illness or mental or physical handicaps.

There are families that are homeless, some that live all together in a single room, and others that dwell in a  house that has more rooms than 

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there are individuals in the family.



But in the end, every family is the basic unit of society, the group that forms ever more complex communities on which humankind depends.

The International Day of Families celebrates every family on the globe.

MAY 9, 2010



**St. Bart's
60th Anniversary
Pilgrimage to Italy**

Air space has been confirmed for our exciting 10 day "Journey to Italy"

October 11-20, 2010.

Wendt Touring will guide us through Rome, Assisi, Florence, Padua, Venice & Milan.

Journey includes:

Round-trip Airfare
Motor Coach Throughout Italy
Breakfast and Dinner Daily
Eight Nights Lodging
All Sightseeing, Admissions & Baggage Handling
Professional Tour Manager

Fare is :

\$3299 per double occupancy
\$3799 per single occupancy

Your deposit of \$300 to save your space is due no later than May 15, 2010. After this date, we will open the trip to our Cluster Parishes, if space is still available. We are asking that if you are truly interested that we receive your deposit as soon as possible. We want to assure that all interested St. Bart's parishioners and their family and friends have a chance to join us before we open an invitation to the cluster.

If you are interested please call Sister Dorothy or Bess at 412-242-3374.



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



**MONDAY, May, 10
Easter Weekday**

10:00 AM Kaib & Mulach Families
(Marie Mulach)

**TUESDAY, May 11
Easter Weekday**

8:00 AM St. Irenaeus
9:00 AM St. Gerard Majella, St. Susanna

**WEDNESDAY, May 12
Vigil, The Ascension of the Lord**

8:00 AM St. Irenaeus
9:00 AM St. Gerard Majella, St. Susanna
1:30 PM Quest Bible Study
6:00 PM Special Intention

**THURSDAY, May 13
The Ascension of the Lord**

10:00 AM Edith & Anthony D'Andrea
(Margaret D'Andrea)
6:30 PM Quest Bible Study

**FRIDAY, May 14
Saint Matthias**

10:00 AM Isadoro Porco (Marie Ciccotelli)

**SATURDAY, May 15
Vigil, 7th Sunday of Easter**

4:00 PM Confessions
4:00 PM Holy Hour
5:00 PM Andrew Lew (Rosemary Lew)

**SUNDAY, May 16
Seventh Sunday of Easter**

8:00 AM People of the Parish
10:30 AM Frank Sonetti, Jr.
(Parents, Frank & Lena Sonetti)



The Sanctuary Candle is lit this week in memory of Corrado Calvano from Granddaughter Pat & Family