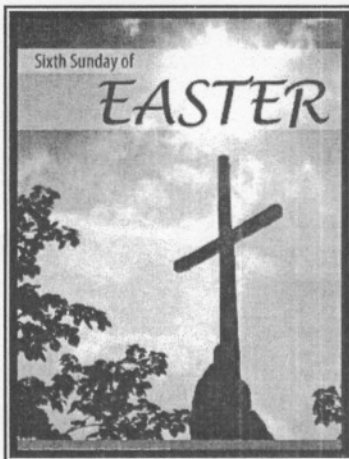


SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 29, 2011



Christian life is not simply a matter of following commands from the Bible. At the heart of responding to Jesus is the decision to open our hearts to receive the Spirit of truth, allowing the Spirit to take up permanent residence within us. By doing this, we live in com-

munion with God and with Jesus.

The Easter season keeps offering us pictures of what happens when the power of resurrected life, given by Jesus to his disciples, enters the world. Sometimes it led to a recognition that one group should not be favored over another, whether they were widows or Samaritans. All were to be served; all were to receive the gospel.

The Holy Spirit continues to bring the truth of who God is and the strength to help us live in that truth, fully revealed in Jesus. Because of the Spirit, we dwell with the Father and the Son. Jesus' promises come to fulfillment in us; we are not orphans but beloved sons and daughters, the divine life of the Trinity flowing in us. In the Eucharist Jesus comes to be with us, and brings the Father, for he is the Father and we are in Him and He in us.

We ask the Holy Spirit to be with us always, so we may live more fully in an awareness of the truth that is Jesus Christ, beloved Son, who came to teach us what it means to be children of God. Pray to be more aware of your intimate communion with the Father and the Son.



**A PRAYER FOR OUR TROUPS**

As we remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom, we think of how they have followed in the footsteps of your son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Please hold our service men and women in your strong arms. Cover them with your sheltering grace and presence as they stand in the gap for our protection.

We also remember the families of our troops, and ask for your unique blessings to fill their homes and your peace, provision and strength to fill their lives.

May the members of our armed forces be filled with courage to face each day and may they trust in the Lord's mighty power to accomplish each task. Let our military brothers and sisters feel our love and support.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**HOLY DAY SCHEDULE**  
**The Ascension of the Lord**

**Vigil—Wednesday, June, 1<sup>st</sup> — 6 PM**  
**Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> — 10 AM**

**WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION**  
**WEEK OF 5-22-11—\$6,700.89**  
**Budgeted Collection Amount \$8,100.00**



*Have a Blessed Week*  
*—Sister Dorothy*

## SCHOOL NEWS



### NO SCHOOL

Students will have no school on Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup> in observance of Memorial Day. There will be no extended care offered. We pray that you have a safe holiday weekend.

### 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE MASS

Please join our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students as they celebrate their last student mass at St. Bart's. Mass will be held on Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10 AM.

### LAST DAY OF PRE-SCHOOL

Pre-school will celebrate their last day of school on Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Good Luck next year in Kindergarten!!

### 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE TRIP

Please keep our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students in your prayers on Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Students will be enjoying a fun filled day at Cedar Point.



## The Carlow University Women of Spirit<sup>®</sup> Institute

...presents 3 Summer Workshops for high school girls who have completed 8th-12th grades as of June 2011.

The 3-day workshops run from 8:30 AM.-4 PM, and includes breakfast, lunch, T-shirt, journal and all transportation to off-campus sites.

Cost: \$225.00 each. (\$25.00 discount if paid in full by June 1<sup>st</sup>). Space is limited. Need-based financial aid and flexible payment plans.

Register online at [www.carlow.edu/summerworkshops](http://www.carlow.edu/summerworkshops)  
For additional information please contact Laurie Petty- at 412.578.8851 or Email: [ljpetty@carlow.edu](mailto:ljpetty@carlow.edu)



## Remembering

They were three brothers, born just a year apart. They grew up on the edge of a Midwestern city, graduated from high school, and had all of life ahead of them. Then the war came. Frank, the oldest, the one with the poor eyesight, managed to talk his way into the Air Corps as a technician. He was good with wires at a time when radios were tubes and coils.

Fred was in the Army and served on the west coast and then in the Pacific -a place he never even dreamed of seeing when he was in school.

John ended up becoming a mechanic in the Air Corps and was shipped out to England and went on to serve at bases in the Netherlands and France.

Frank was killed in a storm during a training mission over Kansas. Fred and John returned at the end of the war, married, started families and lived a long life. They, along with other buddies, started a VFW post named after Frank and two other high school friends who had died in service.

A year after John died, his son found a trove of letters written by the three brothers to relatives and sent during the war. Letter after letter from each of the brothers always ended with "I hope I'll be seeing you soon"-the constant refrain of a soldier or sailor overseas-"***I hope I'll be seeing you soon.***"

Reading all the letters on Memorial Day again was a reminder of how much they had given, even the ones who survived the war and returned home.

Their words find an echo today as we honor the fallen who have given their all. In hope and remembrance we can say to them, "***I hope I'll be seeing you soon.***"

**MAY 29, 2011**

**GOLDEN AGERS**



The Golden Agers will meet on Friday June 3, 2011 at 1:30 PM, in Helzsouer Hall. A light lunch will be served. New members are always welcome to attend.

*HEALING MASS WITH  
REV. WILLIAM J. KIEL  
AT*

*ST. GERARD MAJELLA CHURCH  
PENN HILLS  
121 DAWN DRIVE  
412-793-3333  
THURSDAY, JUNE 9TH, 6:30 PM*

**A FAMILY  
PERSPECTIVE**



In today's gospel Jesus prepared his disciples for his departure. Family life is a series of departures. As we mature and grow older we constantly transition from the familiar to the new unknown. Today Jesus assures us we are not alone in these transitions. "I will not leave you orphans. I will come to you."

**MARRIAGE MOMENTS**



To serve country, spouse, or God is to give your life because of your love. Dying for country, spouse, or God is a great sacrifice, but sacrificing time and spending energy in the service of your beloved counts too. Serve your spouse in an unexpected way today

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**MONDAY, MAY 30, 2011**

**Memorial Day**

9:00 AM MASS @  
ST. GERARDS & ST. JOSEPH

**TUESDAY MAY 31, 2011**

**The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

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

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 2011**

**Vigil, The Ascension of the Lord**

1:30 PM **QUEST BIBLE STUDY**  
6:00 PM Joseph Sepe (Gil & Ann Ruffing)

**THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 2011**

**The Ascension of the Lord**

10:00 AM Dominic Angelo Nigro  
(St. Bart's Bulletin Assemblers)  
6:30 PM **NO QUEST BIBLE STUDY**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 2011**

**Saint Charles Lwanga**

10:00 AM Frances, Joseph, Sr., Joseph  
Jr. Triolo (Triolo Family)

**SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 2011**

**Vigil, Seventh Sunday of Easter**

4:00 PM Confessions  
5:00 PM People of the Parish

**SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2011**

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

8:00 AM Mildred & John Gilmartin  
(Lisa & James McKenna)  
10:30 AM LaFrance & Damico Families  
(Kay & Emma)



*The Sanctuary Candle is lit  
in memory of  
Josephine Colapietro  
from the  
Colapietro Family*