

Weekly Newsletter

Sixth Sunday of Easter May 14, 2023

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MASS TIMES:

MONDAY-SATURDAY: 12:10 PM SATURDAY VIGIL MASS: 5:30 PM SUNDAY: 9:00 AM/ 11:30 AM/ 6:00 PM

CONFESSION:

MONDAY-FRIDAY: 11:30 AM-12:00 PM SATURDAY: 11:30 AM to 12:00 PM | 4:30 PM to 5:15 PM SUNDAY: 8:30 AM to 9:00 AM | 11:00 AM to 11:30 AM | 5:30 PM to 6:00 PM

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A Word From Our Pastor

Sixth Sunday of Easter 5/14/23

Dear St. Joseph Parish Family,

Happy Mothers' Day! Let us make sure to be good to our mothers today. God gave us our mothers to love us in the unique way only a mother can; today let us give them thanks for that love.

This week we celebrate **Ascension Thursday**, when Christ ascended to His Father in heaven. It falls 40 days after Easter, the span of time that the resurrected Christ stayed with His apostles and disciples before ascending to heaven. Nine days after Ascension we celebrate Pentecost, when Christ sent the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and His Church. Those nine days are the origin of novenas, i.e. prayers for nine consecutive days, because the first novena was a prayer for the coming of the Holy Spirit during the nine days between Ascension and Pentecost.

Most dioceses in the US move Ascension Thursday to the following Sunday, but in New York we're lucky to have it on the day the Ascension took place. It is a **Holy Day of Obligation**, so we'll have a Vigil Mass the day before, Wednesday at 7pm, the normal 12:10pm daily Mass that Thursday, and an evening Mass at 7pm on Ascension Thursday.

God Bless,

Fr. Boniface Endorf O.P.

Mass Tidbit:

At the end of the preface there is usually mention of the various **choirs of angels**. Often prefaces mention the praise of 'thrones' or 'powers' or 'cherubim and seraphim,' as well as 'angels' and 'archangels.' These words reference specific choirs of angels. Traditionally, theologians have held that there are nine choirs of angels, or types of angels. They have different roles. Below is a quote from Peter Kreeft's book "Angels and Demons" (reformatted to make it a list):

"The first three levels see and adore God directly:

[1] the **seraphim**, the highest choir, comprehend God with maximum clarity, and therefore their love flames the hottest. ("Seraphim" means "the burning ones.") Lucifer ("Light-bearer") was once one of them. That's why he's still very powerful and dangerous.

[2] The **cherubim** contemplate God too, but less in himself than in his providence... ("Cherubim" means "fullness of wisdom.")

[3] The thrones contemplate God's power and judgments. (Thrones symbolize judicial, juridical power.)

The next three choirs fulfill God's providential plans for the universe, like middle management personnel:

[4] The dominations or "dominions" (..." authority"), command the lesser angels below them.

[5] The virtues receive their orders from the dominations and "run" the universe, so to speak, especially the heavenly bodies. ("Virtue" used to mean power, might, or energy.)

[6] The powers serve the virtues by fighting against evil influences that oppose the virtues' providential plan.

The last three choirs directly order human affairs:

- [7] The **principalities** care for earthly principalities, that is, cities and nations and kingdoms.
- [8] The archangels (such as Gabriel) carry God's important messages to man.
- [9] Ordinary angels are the "guardian angels," one for each individual."

Weekly Collection

April 30th - May 7th

Regular Collection - \$27,949.92

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Second Collection

Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe

Your gift to the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe makes a difference for those living in former communist countries. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection this year.

2023 Cardinal's Annual Stewartship Appeal

CONSIDER YOUR GIFT

The Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal has served the people and parishes of our 10 counties for 40 years. To date our parish has received: 38 pledges, totaling \$46,393.82 towards our goal of \$66,100.

Giving Fire

We are fully on board with our new online donation system Giving Fire. If you have not registered, please do so at your earliest convenience. We are no longer sending preprinted giving envelopes. If you would like to have cash offerings tracked for tax purposes, there are envelopes available in the narthex. You may also contribute online using the QR-code in your pew or the link on our website.

Giving Fire Direct Link

https://stjosephgv.givingfire.

Thomistic Institute Returns in June

Friday, June 16, 2023 | 6:00pm McGuire Hall

Moral Limbo in the Workplace: How Low Can I Go?

Have you ever been asked to engage in something at work that you found morally compromising? Join Fr. Thomas More Garrett, O.P. and the NYC Young Professionals Thomistic Institute Chapter for a discussion on how to navigate some of the traps set along the path of career development.

Golden Jubilee Wedding Mass

Sunday, June 4, 2023 at 2:30PM
Saint Patrick's Cathedral
His Eminence, Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan
Celebrant

The Golden Jubilee Mass is for couples celebrating 50 years of marriage during 2023.

All those who wish to attend need to contact their parish secretary to register.

Pews will be reserved for *Golden Jubilee* couples **only**. Up to **four (4)** additional family and friends will be accommodated in pews outside of the reserved section in general seating. All *Golden Jubilee* couples will receive a commemorative certificate. Couples who are unable to attend the Mass can request a certificate through their parish. Registration will close on **Monday**, **May 15**th at **5PM**.

Mass Intentions
Saturday, May 13
12:10 pm Kha Pham
5:30 pm Charles E. Holder
Sunday, May 14
Sixth Sunday of Easter
9:00 am Angela Stacy and Vincenza Visconti
11:30 am John Welch
6:00 pm People of the Parish
Monday, May 15
12:10 pm Ethan, Lavina, and Family (Living)
Tuesday, May 16
12:10 pm Joseph DeFeo
Wednesday, May 17
12:10 pm Joon Song
7:00 pm Sarita U. Comyns
Thursday, May 18
The Ascension of the Lord
12:10 pm Colleen Carney
7:00 pm People of the Parish
Friday, May 19
12:10 pm Francisco Roman
Saturday, May 20
12:10 pm
5:30 pm Rene Wuillermin
Prayer Requests

Please pray for:

| Walter F. Rummenie | Moriah Sterling | Rhe Kennedy | Josephine Santamaria |

If you would like to include someone on our prayer list, please call the church office to submit their names. Names on the prayer list will remain for four (4) weeks. If you wish to leave them on longer, please call the church office, weekdays 8:00am-4:00pm

This Week at St. Joe's

Sunday, May 14th
In Vino Veritas (Young Professional Meeting) | 7pm

Monday, May 15th
Men's Group | 7pm

Tuesday, May 16th

Jesus in the 21st Century | 7pm

Mother's Group | 7:30pm

Wednesday, May 17th
Book Club | 7pm
Vigil Mass | The Ascension of the Lord | 7pm

Thursday, May 18th

Mass | The Ascension of the Lord | 12:10pm

Mass | The Ascension of the Lord | 7pm

