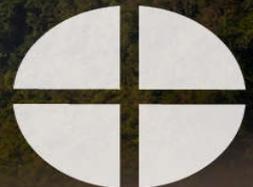


May 17, 2020

Sixth Sunday of Easter

“Father, during this time may
your Church be a sign of hope,
comfort and love to all.”

—Excerpt from *COVID-19: A Prayer of Solidarity*



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St. Stephen's Catholic Church

303 Lincoln Way East

McConnellsburg, PA 17233

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Pastor: Father Derek Fairman



Week of May 17, 2020



1st Reading:

Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8, 14-17

2nd Reading:

Peter 3:15-18

Gospel Reading:

John 14:15-21



- 5/16 For the People of St. Stephens
- 5/17 +Ray Treml req. by Millie Treml and Family
- 5/23 +Geri & Paul Petrosky req. by Arlene Babb
- 5/24 +Margaret Fleming req. by Estate

As a reminder you can still give to your Parish during the Coronavirus outbreak.

Mail your contributions to:

**St. Stephen Catholic Church
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Also, you may drop off your contribution at the church. Put your contribution in an envelope and put to the Attention of : Donna Fisher, Parish Secretary, insert your envelope in the mail slot of the front porch of the core building.

Any questions please email me at dfisher@dioceseaj.org

**Your generosity is greatly appreciated during this time.
God Bless!**

***Mass Intentions may also be dropped off at the**



A note of THANKS to Carol and Jim Babinsack and Sister Martha for helping to get the church ready for Parishioners to come in for private prayer.

May 15, 2020, Update from our Bishop

In Churches of the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese there will be STILL NO PUBLIC MASSES AT THIS TIME.

The Sunday Mass obligation is dispensed for everyone until further notice.

St. Stephen Church will be open for private prayer each day, including Saturday and Sunday, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Anyone who is ill or susceptible to illness should refrain from coming to the Church.

Requirements for Church visits are as follows:

-Physical distancing of at least 6 feet between non-household members must be observed.

-Those who enter the Church for prayer must wear a face shield or mask.

-The number of people in Church at one time must not exceed 25.

-Those who come in for personal prayer should wipe down the surfaces they touch, both before and after their visit. Disinfectant wipe and hand sanitizer is available in Church vestibule.

*****Please use the plastic chairs in front of Church and along aisles. The wood of the pews will be ruined by the use of disinfectant.**



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

TO PARISHOMERS

CELEBRATING THEIR

BIRTHDAY IN THE MONTH OF MAY

READINGS FOR SUNDAY MAY 17, 2020

READING 1 [ACTS 8:5-8, 14-17](#)

Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed the Christ to them. With one accord, the crowds paid attention to what was said by Philip when they heard it and saw the signs he was doing. For unclean spirits, crying out in a loud voice, came out of many possessed people, and many paralyzed or crippled people were cured. There was great joy in that city.

Now when the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent them Peter and John, who went down and prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit, for it had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. (1) **Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**

Shout joyfully to God, all the earth,
sing praise to the glory of his name;
proclaim his glorious praise.
Say to God, "How tremendous are your deeds!"
R. **Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**

"Let all on earth worship and sing praise to you,
sing praise to your name!"
Come and see the works of God,
his tremendous deeds among the children of Adam.
R. **Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**

He has changed the sea into dry land;
through the river they passed on foot;
therefore let us rejoice in him.
He rules by his might forever.
R. **Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**

Hear now, all you who fear God, while I declare
what he has done for me.
Blessed be God who refused me not
my prayer or his kindness!
R. **Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**

READING 2 1 [PT 3:15-18](#)

Beloved:
Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts.
Always be ready to give an explanation
to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope,
but do it with gentleness and reverence,
keeping your conscience clear,
so that, when you are maligned,
those who defame your good conduct in Christ
may themselves be put to shame.
For it is better to suffer for doing good,
if that be the will of God, than for doing evil.

For Christ also suffered for sins once,
the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous,
that he might lead you to God.
Put to death in the flesh,
he was brought to life in the Spirit.

GOSPEL [JN 14:15-21](#)

Jesus said to his disciples:
"If you love me, you will keep my commandments.
And I will ask the Father,
and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always,
the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept,
because it neither sees nor knows him.
But you know him, because he remains with you,
and will be in you.
I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.
In a little while the world will no longer see me,
but you will see me, because I live and you will live.
On that day you will realize that I am in my Father
and you are in me and I in you.
Whoever has my commandments and observes them
is the one who loves me.
And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father,
and I will love him and reveal myself to him."

