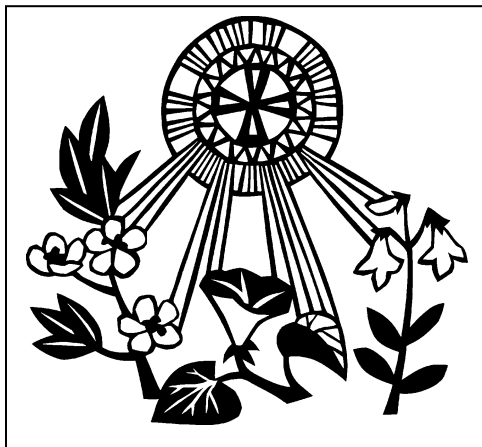


May 17, 2020 – Sixth Sunday in Easter

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please continue to support the ministries of Zion with your offerings and prayers. Financial contributions can be mailed to the Parish Office at P.O. Box 41, Oldwick, NJ 08858.
- Tune in daily (except Sunday) for Pastor May's 11 a.m. broadcasts on Facebook Live! These sessions are recorded for replay and can be found on both our Facebook and YouTube pages.
- The Social Ministry committee continues to collect donations of non-perishables for the Flemington Food Pantry. Donations can be left in the CEB entryway.
- Our 2020 Military Recognition effort has begun. Please submit names of friends or family members currently serving in the military to the Parish Office so that we may thank them for their service.
- Need a new copy of the bible while you are staying at home? Please pick one up in the entryway of the CEB, which is always unlocked.



SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading: Acts 17:22-31

²²Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

'For we too are his offspring.'

²⁹Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:13-22

¹³Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Gospel: John 14:15-21

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please continue to pray for all who are working essential jobs during the COVID-19 pandemic, especially those who are in direct contact with infected patients.

Members

- + **Linda Herder**, *who is undergoing treatment for breast cancer.*
- + **Bonnie Summer**, *who has moved from rehabilitation to Mark & Bonnie's apartment and is continuing to improve.*
- + **Ted Talis**, *who is recovering at home.*
- + **Tim Vorwick**, *who has pneumonia.*
- + **Paul Zerfas**, *who has been diagnosed with multiple myeloma.*

Friends and Family

- + **Bill**, *nephew of John & Sandy Matsen, who is at home with COVID-19.*
- + **Carl Evans**, *friend of Arlene Martin, who has been diagnosed with liver cancer which has spread to a tumor on his pelvis.*
- + **Bill Gibbs**, *relative of the Formalarie family, who has ALS.*
- + **Nathaniel Gilmartin**, *grandson of Steve & Margaret Griggs, who is thriving at home but still has health issues that will be of concern for a long time. Continued prayers are requested for eventual successful resolution of these ongoing challenges.*
- + **Rita Gorky**, *mother of Paul Gorky, who is recovering at home from a stroke and remains unable to communicate.*
- + **Jeff**, *brother-in-law of Robbin Lamo, who has been diagnosed with esophageal cancer.*
- + **Kaden**, *20-year-old nephew of John & Kathy Rustwick, who has a brain tumor and is undergoing testing.*
- + **Nancy Kastrup**, *friend of John & Kathy Rustwick, who is recovering from brain tumor surgery.*
- + **Sally Kohl**, *mother of Stacey Rothermel, who suffered a fall and is recovering at home.*
- + **Martin Simon**, *friend of the Kunkel and Wintemute families, who suffered a stroke on Easter Sunday.*
- + **Mary Ann Wilmoth**, *relative of Judy Formalarie, who has been diagnosed with Lymphoma.*

Those in the Armed Services

Lindsay Carrick, Christopher Grinnell, Robert Heinke, Heidi Kunkel, Hunter MacKenzie, David Maravel, Cody McAleer, Gilbert Mercedes, Patty Oelschlager, Kurt Rossi, Elizabeth Snyder, Daniel Wort, Joshua Wort