

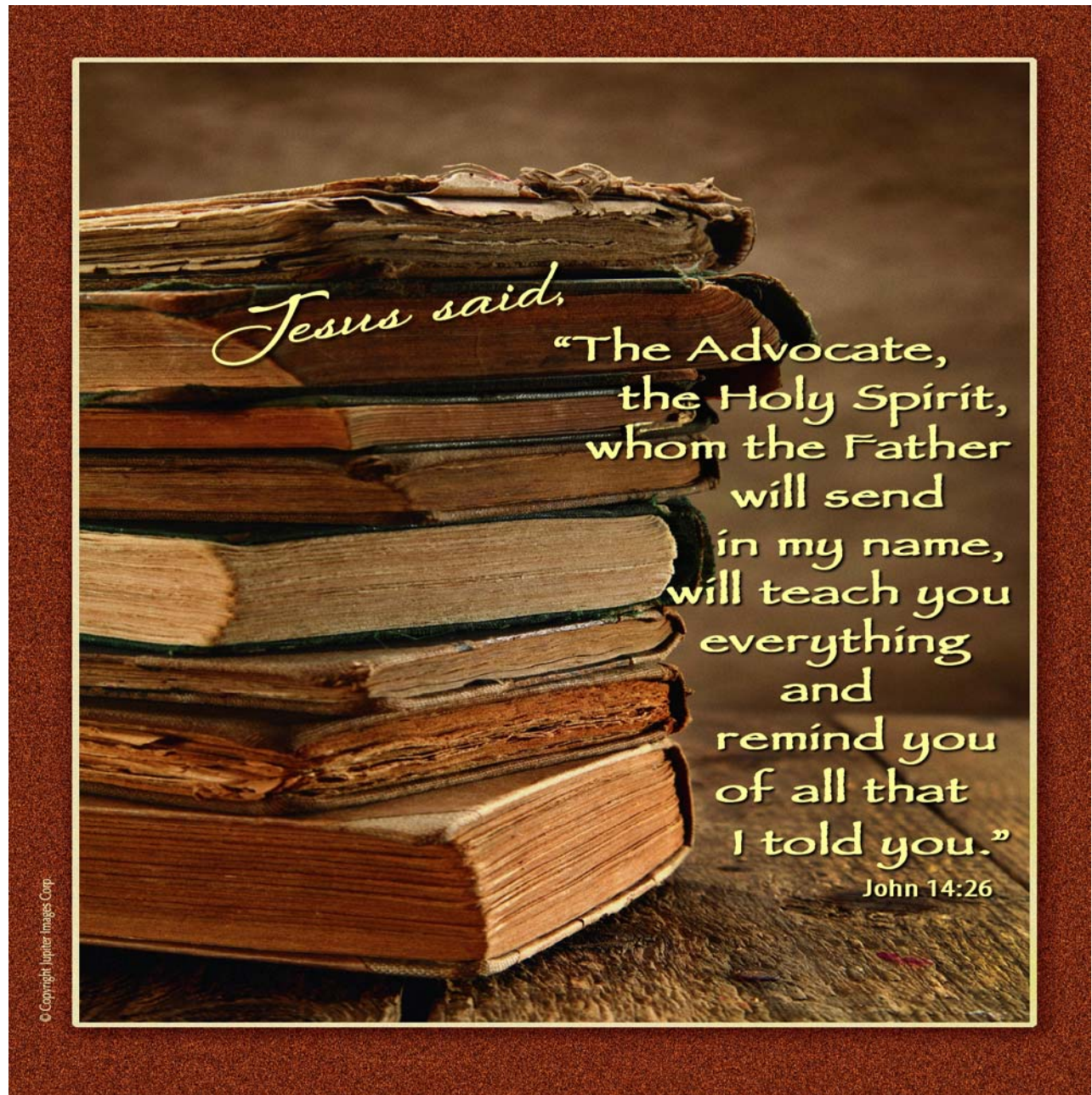


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May 22, 2022 Sixth Sunday of Easter



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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

*Family Mass Every Sunday at 9:00AM.
Adoration Every Monday 6:00PM - 8:00PM*

Daily Mass

Monday, May 23

7:00 AM† Joan Gardella
5:30 PM† Maria & Raffaele Longo

Tuesday, May 24

7:00 AM † Ellen Morrone
5:30 PM † Janina Stachurska

Wednesday, May 25

7:00 AM † Roger Festa
5:30 PM † Margaret Deignan

Ascension Thursday, May 26

7:00 AM † Walter Leoffler
5:30 PM † Margaret & Harold Trezzini

Friday, May 27

7:00 AM † Holy Souls in Purgatory
5:30 PM † Ryan Dudek

Sunday Vigil, Saturday, May 28

5:15 PM† Nicholas, Lillian, & John Morrone

Celebrant
Fr. Mirek

Sunday, May 29

7:30 AM†	Cecilia David	Fr. Mirek
9:00 AM†	Ryan Dudek	Fr. Mirek
11:30 AM	Intentions of Daniel Prorokowic	Fr. Mirek
5:00 PM †	For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased	Fr. Mirek



*The Sanctuary Candle burns
May 22nd through May 28th
for Roger Festa.*

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord, and
Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them.
Please remember in your prayers:
Michael Magee
We extend our sympathy to his family & friends.

We welcome the newly Baptized into the
Parish Family of St. Thomas the Apostle.
Byrnn Emerson Avery
Congratulations to her parents, family & friends!

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Rev. Ralph Segura
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	2022	2021
May 15		
Collection	\$2,975.00	\$2,653.00
On-Line	\$2,275.00	\$2,413.00
Diocesan Assessment	<u>(\$1,636.00)</u>	<u>(\$1,869.00)</u>
Net Retained	<u>\$3,614.00</u>	<u>\$3,197.00</u>
Votives	\$ 111.00	\$ 104.00

Diocesan Assessment

The assessment is used to cover the cost of Diocesan operations and schools. The formula is based on all gross receipts. For our 2022 fiscal year, the annual Cathedralium Assessment is \$85,072. This equates to a weekly payment of \$1,636. This represents an annual decrease of \$4,633.00 from the prior year.



The Parish Offices will be closed
Monday, May 30th, in honor of
Memorial Day. The Food Pantry & Thrift
Store will be closed on Saturday, May 28th,
and the Food Pantry will also be closed on
Tuesday, May 31st. There will be one Mass at
7:00am. No 5:30pm mass and Novena.
**PLEASE SAY A PRAYER FOR THOSE
WHO DIED IN SERVICE
TO OUR COUNTRY!
GOD BLESS AMERICA!!!!**

**Feast of the Ascension
Holy Day of Obligation
Thursday, May 26
Mass Time 7:00am 5:30pm**



**MAY IS THE MONTH
OF MARY
PRAY THE ROSARY!**



JOIN THE SCOUTS! SCOUT TROOP 222

We welcome new members age 11 -17. Meetings are Thursdays, 7pm - 8:30pm, in the Parish Center gym. We need a minimum of 5 girls in order to have girls at the meetings. For more information about Scout Troop 222, please go to their web page: troop222norwalk.scoutlander.com.

TRUE FRIENDSHIP

A true friend can hear a tear drop.—Anonymous

DO YOU LIKE TO KNIT OR CROCHET?

Please consider joining the Prayer Shawl Ministry. We supply the materials - you supply the Love!! We meet once a month for about an hour to pray over the completed shawls and to pick up supplies. Our next meeting is Thursday, June 9th, at 7:00pm, in the Small Meeting Room. If you would like more information please call Vicki Remson at (203) 847-8196, or the Parish Office at (203) 866-3141, or go to our website and click on Parish Life, Ministries.



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COMMENTARY ON THE SECOND LETTER TO THE CORINTHIANS BY SAINT CYRIL
OF ALEXANDRIA, BISHOP

Those who have a sure hope, guaranteed by the Spirit, that they will rise again lay hold of what lies in the future as though it were already present. They say: "Outward appearances will no longer be our standard in judging other men. Our lives are all controlled by the Spirit now, and are not confined to this physical world that is subject to corruption. The light of the Only-begotten has shone on us, and we have been transformed into the Word, the source of all life. While sin was still our master, the bonds of death had a firm hold on us, but now that the righteousness of Christ has found a place in our hearts we have freed ourselves from our former condition of corruptibility."

This means that none of us lives in the flesh anymore, at least not in so far as living in the flesh means being subject to the weaknesses of the flesh, which include corruptibility. *Once we thought of Christ as being in the flesh, but we do not do so any longer*, says Saint Paul. By this he meant that the Word became flesh and dwelt among us; he suffered death in the flesh in order to give all men life. It was in this flesh that we knew him before, but we do so no longer. Even though he remains in the flesh, since he came to life again on the third day and is now with his Father in heaven, we know that he has passed beyond the life of the flesh; for *having died once, he will never die again, death has no power over him any more. His death was a death to sin, which he died once for all; his life is life with God.*

Since Christ has in this way become the source of life for us, we who follow in his footsteps must not think of ourselves as living in the flesh any longer, but as having passed beyond it. Saint Paul's saying is absolutely true that *when anyone is in Christ he becomes a completely different person: his old life is over and a new life has begun.* We have been justified by our faith in Christ and the power of the curse has been broken. Christ's coming to life again for our sake has put an end to the sovereignty of death. We have come to know the true God and to worship him in spirit and in truth, through the Son, our mediator, who sends down upon the world the Father's blessings.

And so Saint Paul shows deep insight when he says: *This is all God's doing: it is he who has reconciled us to himself through Christ.* For the mystery of the incarnation and the renewal it accomplished could not have taken place without the Father's will. Through Christ we have gained access to the Father, for as Christ himself says, no one comes to the Father except through him. *This is all God's doing, then. It is he who has reconciled us to himself through Christ, and who has given us the ministry of reconciliation.*

From the commentary on the second letter to the Corinthians by Saint Cyril of Alexandria, bishop, The Liturgy of the Hours, Vol. II, Lent Season-Easter Season, Catholic Book Publishing Co., NY, 1976, pp. 873-874.

Would you like to be more involved with our parish family? Please consider joining one of our ministries.

I am interested in assisting the Parish in the following ministries (check all that apply):

Mass Ministries:

Usher Lector Eucharistic Minister Choir

Adult Altar Server (to assist at funerals, no experience necessary, we will train)

Other Ministries (for a brief explanation of each, please click on "Parish Ministries" on our website):

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Prayer Requests!

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Baptisms or Weddings

Please call the Rectory during regular weekday business hours for more information or to make arrangements. To reserve the church for your desired wedding date, please contact the parish office at least 9 months to 1 year in advance.

Anointing of the Sick

Please call the Rectory anytime.

Reconciliation

Saturdays: 4:00 - 4:30 PM Weekdays: By appointment



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PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS IN NEED OF PRAYER

If you would like to be added to or removed from this prayer list, please email or call the office.

Please pray for the sick of our parish that may be restored to health and that all who ASSIST and CARE for them will be given the strength to continue their Christian service. Please remember the following in your prayers:

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