

Dear Friends,

First, let me offer information and revisions to the Ascension Day Mass schedule.

Previously the Vigil Mass was scheduled at 6:30pm; however, it has been changed to 5:30 pm on Wednesday, May 29. On Ascension Day, the 6:45am Mass will be offered at IHM. All other Masses will be at St. Mary's -- 10:30am (school), 12:10pm (recently added) and a 5:30pm Mass which I will offer at the High Altar as I did for the Assumption of Mary last August.

The month of May and the Easter season have gone by quickly. Thankfully, we have been able to welcome warmer weather as a sign of good things yet to come. May's bulletin article series was a benefit to our parish as a refresher course on the sacramental life of the Church, especially as it unfolds during the Easter season and how it is manifested in our parish.

I wish to thank the dedication and generosity of the many people whose assistance and attention to details significantly contributed to the recent Priesthood Convocation Mass and the Confirmation Mass. I lost track of the number of priests who came up to me the next morning to remark on the hospitality of the parking attendants, greeters, and ushers as well as on the beauty of the Church. The liturgy, music, servers all helped them feel appreciated and prepared for Mass. I am truly grateful.

Please note in a different section of this bulletin, details about the Memorial Day Mass, which will be held at the Mausoleum at St. Mary's Cemetery on Monday, May 27th at 9:00am. It will be the first opportunity for us to see the newly installed carpet, thanks to a grant from the Diocesan Cemetery Fund, and to take note of the statues from St. Vincent Church. After 116 years, it is nice to know they are still at worship with us, and memorialized in such an appropriate way.

In Christ,

Fr. Jones

## *He Has No Hands But Ours*

### **SACRAMENTAL LIFE**

Spring, especially the month of May, is always a beautiful time of the year. We see the evidence of God's creation in the new life and growth surrounding us. We honor Mary our Mother, a perpetual sign of God's mercy and love for all mankind. We are fully embraced by God's love, and His gifts to us can be very apparent.

The ultimate gift is that of Jesus Himself. The Blessed Sacrament renews and nourishes us while pointing us to the kind of life we should live. Each of the sacraments bestows grace and love, aiding in the development and strengthening of our relationship with God. This May at All Saints Parish we have been especially blessed by the manifestation of God's love and presence through the celebration of multiple sacraments. You, yourself, may have been a recipient, or like many of us, may have shared in the joy of family members and fellow parishioners as they received the gift of a sacrament after the culmination of dedicated, prayerful preparation. During May we welcomed six new members to the faith through Baptism, shared in the joy of 34 children receiving their First Eucharist, witnessed the outpouring of the Holy Spirit through Confirmation upon 83 youth of our region, were blessed with three adult candidates entering into full communion in the Catholic Church through the RCIA program and observed the progression of Joseph Martuscello to the priesthood as he was ordained a transitional deacon.

Sacramental gifts are outward signs of God's abundant love for us and are intended to remind us that God is ever-present, helping all of the faithful on our path of discipleship. Witnessing these sacred and ancient rites of worship is a perfect opportunity to reflect on our own relationship with Jesus Christ. We pray to be good stewards of all that God has given us, and that empowered by God's love and mercy, our gracious actions in His service to others will give glory and praise to His Name.

Congratulations to those of our church community who have received a sacrament this month! Thanks to everyone who has helped prepare these disciples to receive the sacraments!

Let us continue to pray for all those involved and for each other as we strive to grow in faith and follow Christ!

Please contact the parish office if you wish to pledge your time, talent or treasure to help support any of these sacraments.



*"Go therefore and make the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."*  
Matthew 28: 19-20