

**One Lord, One Faith,  
One Baptism**



**The  
Week  
Ahead...**

<b>AH</b> = Apostles' Hall	<b>CH</b> = Church
<b>CR</b> = Cornerstone Room	<b>PO</b> = Parish Office
<b>SC</b> = School	<b>VR</b> = Veritas Room
<b>BC</b> = Basement Chapel	<b>UP</b> = Upper Room

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

**Sunday, May 17**

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

**Monday, May 18—St. John I, Pope & Martyr**

Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1-6, 9/Jn 15:26—16:4

**Tuesday, May 19—Easter Weekday**

Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-3, 7-8/Jn 16:5-11

**Wednesday, May 20—St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest**

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-14/Jn 16:12-15

**Thursday, May 21—St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest,  
and Companions, Martyrs**

Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1-4/Jn 16:16-20

**Friday, May 22—St. Rita of Cascia, Religious**

Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-7/Jn 16:20-23

**Saturday, May 23—Easter Weekday**

Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-10/Jn 16:23-28

3-3:45 p.m. Confessions

## The Ascension of the Lord

**Sunday, May 24**

Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-9/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

The Diocese of Grand Rapids has extended its cancellation of all public Masses and all other liturgical and devotional services through May 28, 2020.

The Diocese broadcasts its TV Mass each Sunday from the Cathedral of St. Andrew at 10 a.m. on Fox 17.

EWTN has Mass on TV at 8 a.m., 12 noon, and 7 p.m. daily.

You may also watch Sunday Mass (9:30 a.m. in English, 11 a.m. in Spanish) on the parish Facebook page, Saints Peter & Paul Roman Catholic Church. The Rosary will also be prayed on Facebook at 9 a.m. on May 17 & 24.

Another option: Visit [youtube.com/dailymass](https://www.youtube.com/dailymass) for a Mass offered from Toronto each day. Watch anytime.

Note that Confessions are still available on Saturdays from 3-3:45 p.m., and that Fr. Tom is available to offer the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick upon request.

## **Catholic Services Appeal 2020**

Thank you to all who have sent in their CSA pledges! Our CSA assessment for this year is \$63,122. We now have 81 pledges for a total of \$31,300. We appreciate your generosity!

## The church will be open for private prayer:

Sunday, May 17	8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Mon.- Fri., May 18-22	8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 23	8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, May 24	8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

## **Knights of Columbus Pie Sale Update**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Knights of Columbus have had to cancel their 2020 Pie Sale. They hope to offer it again in 2021.

## **Memorial Day is Monday, May 25**

The parish office and church building will both be closed that day. Our cemetery is open for those who would like to visit. A flag has been placed on the grave of each veteran buried there.

*Thank you for keeping up your weekly offerings! They can be mailed to, or dropped off at, the parish office: SS. Peter & Paul Church, 434 High St, Ionia, MI 48846. 616-527-3610.*

*If you'd like to sign up for automatic contributions, you may request a form from the parish office or pick one up from the table in the back of church.*

## **OUR PARISH OFFERING - May 9 & 10, 2020**

Adults	\$6,469.00
Students	9.00
Loose	0.00
Electronic Giving	<u>2,447.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,925.00</b>
-5% Tithe	<u>-446.25</u>
<b>Net Total</b>	<b>\$8,478.75</b>

Budgeted Weekly: \$9,038.46

**Deficit for the Week: \$113.46**

Cemetery \$375.00

## July 1, 2019-May 10, 2020, Fiscal YTD Offertory Collection

Year-to-Date: \$412,717.11

Budgeted Year-to-Date: \$415,769.16

**Deficit Year-to-Date: \$3,052.05**

*As I reflect on the joys of Easter, my thoughts turn back to one of the ancient homilies on Holy Saturday. --Fr. Tom*

There was a great silence on the earth, a great stillness. The whole earth kept silence because the King was asleep. The earth trembled and kept still because God has fallen asleep in his flesh and he has risen up all who have slept since the beginning of the world. God has died in the flesh and hell trembles with fear. He has gone in search of our first parents as for a lost sheep. Greatly desiring to visit those who dwell in the darkness and the shadow of death, he has gone to free from sorrow the captives Adam and Eve. The Lord approached them, bearing the cross, the weapon that had won him the victory. At the sight of him, Adam, the first man he had created, cried out to everyone, "My Lord be with you all!" Christ answered him, "And with your spirit." Jesus took him by the hand and raised him up saying, "Awake, O sleeper, and rise from the dead and Christ will give you light."

I am your God who for your sake has become your son. Out of love for all of you and your descendants, I now by my own authority command all who are held in bondage to come forth, all who are in darkness to be enlightened, all who are sleeping to arise. I order you, O sleeper, to awake. I did not create you to be held a prisoner. Rise from the dead, for I am the life of the dead. Rise up, work of my hands, you who were created in my image. Rise; let us leave this place, for you are in me and I in you. Together we form one person and cannot be separated.

For your sake, I, your God, became your son. I the Lord took the form of a slave. I, whose home is above the heavens, descended to the earth. For your sake I became a man. For the sake of you, who left a garden, I was betrayed to the Jews in a garden, and I was crucified in a garden. See on my face the spittle I received in order to restore to you the life I once breathed into you. See there the marks of the blows I received in order to refashion your warped nature in my image. On my back see the marks of the scourging I endured to remove the burden of sin that weighs on your back. See my hands, nailed firmly to a tree, for you who once wickedly stretched out your hand to a tree. Rise, let us leave this place. The enemy led you out of the earthy paradise. I will not restore you to that paradise, but I will enthrone you in heaven.

The kingdom of heaven has been prepared for you from all eternity.

*--Author unknown*

## **Celebrating Our Graduates!!**

We will recognize and express our congratulations to all our parish graduates with our traditional graduation bulletin page. All 12<sup>th</sup> grade students registered with our parish have been mailed a request to submit a photo that we can include in this special graduation publication. Please send photos to the parish office by Friday, May 22nd, or by email to [tmckay@ssppcatholic.com](mailto:tmckay@ssppcatholic.com). We would also like to include our college graduates' information and photos. If you know of someone from our community who has or will be graduating from college this spring (or last fall), please contact Toni McKay at the parish office as soon as possible.

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## **Please continue to pray for ALL who need healing in body, mind, or spirit, including all who are affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and those who are on our parish prayer list:**

Antonio Landeros, Taylor O'Mara, Tom White, Toni Montgomery, Roger Dunigan, Ric Morley, Jack Montgomery, Diana Jones, Clark Reeder, Pat MacLachlan, Nathan Lower, Angie Walch, Lawrence Sharp, Pamela Coggan, Mike Gallagher, Kathy Coughlin, Jeff Montgomery, Kim O'Mara, Veronica Willmer, Norah Ward, Roxanne Nelson, Mike Nelson, Gabriella Kreft, Rachel Cross, Jimmy Montgomery, Della Arbour, Vickie Lykins, Jeff Smejkal, Joe Drysdale, Berta Martinez, Rachel Cross, Stan Krycinski, Jane Gazella, Fr. Joe Fix, Pat Reinhardt, Tim Cook, Isaac Fletcher, Cal Smith, Margo Burton, Ian Howe, Jack & Jo Wirtz, Maxine Fox, Phil Fox, Sue Mitchell, Irene Kneale, Margaret O'Malley, Glenna Miller, Annette Krycinski, Barbara Bennett, Diane Wilson, Nichole Munsell, Jace Peterson, Pat McKinstry, Dalilah Tubergen, Georgia Sibert, John McKay, Ivan Stebbins, Ian David Faist, Deborah Kaminski, Sue Swinehart, Mary Lou Greenhoe, Larry Lafler, Marcia Cook