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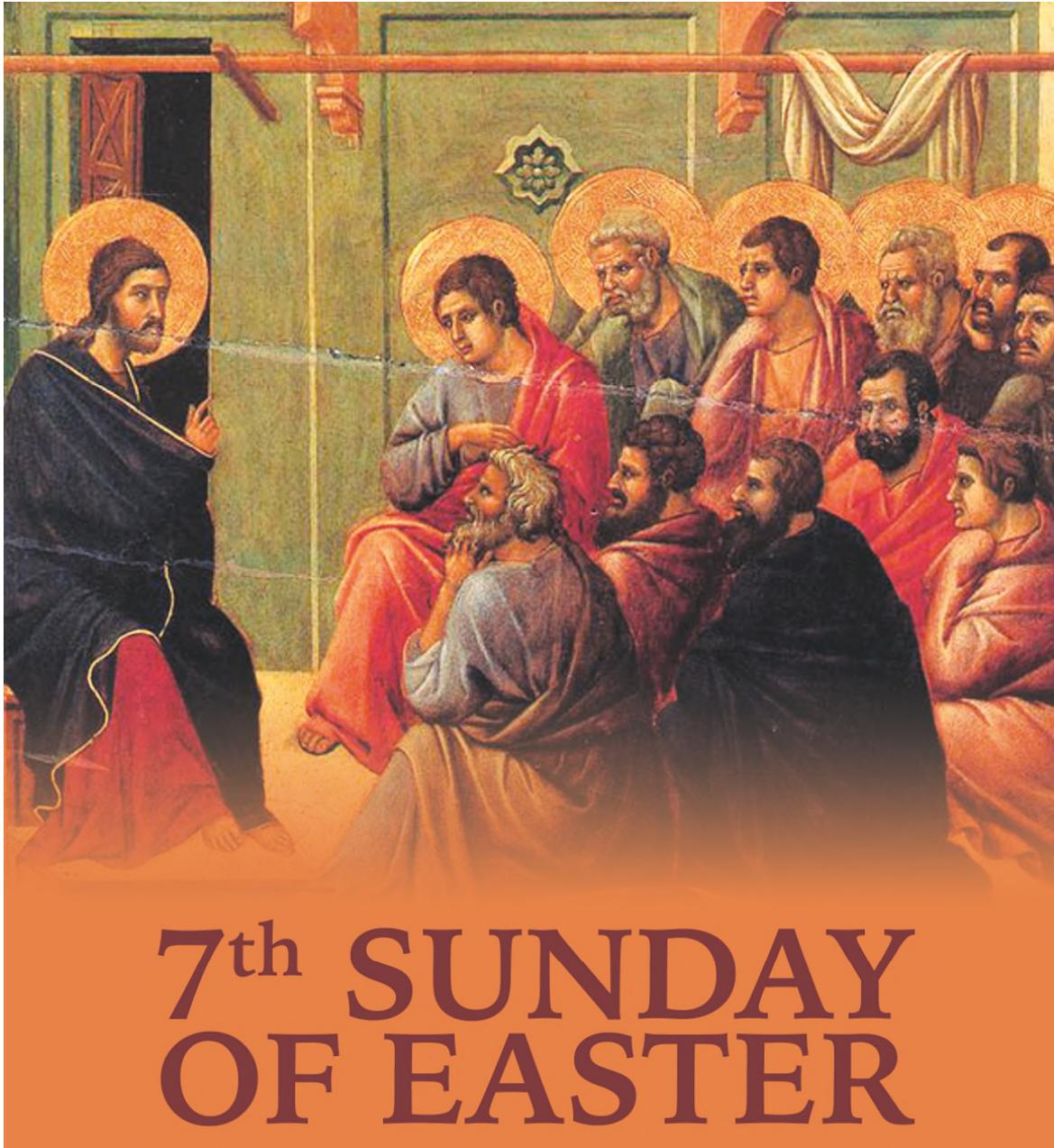
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JUNE: THE MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

We are racing through the month of May at high speed. It has been a busy month with lots of celebrations such as Confirmations and First Holy Communions (by the way, congratulations again to our young people and children and renewed thanks for all who worked so hard to prepare them and to enhance our celebrations on the day). We also had the installation as we welcomed many people from all over the Diocese and even a Bishop from England! Now the month of June is almost here. For many of us, June is usually one of those very mixed months for many and also often a very busy one! There is the transition from late spring to summer and all that this promises; a time perhaps of graduations, or of retirement from a job, or maybe there will be a significant family event such as a wedding or a special anniversary.

June can be a busy month in our church calendar as it is crowded with many feast days and saints' days. It is also, by tradition, the month of the "Sacred Heart of Jesus" (as we are reminded by the statue of the Sacred

Heart in the sanctuary of our church). Many Catholics have a great devotion to the Sacred Heart and many houses have either a statue or a picture of the Sacred Heart in them. Perhaps we might be puzzled or unsure about this devotion, or think that it might be a bit outdated, or perhaps we might just like to know more. So the reflection this week is a sort of reminder about the meaning of our devotion to the "Sacred Heart of Jesus" all about...?

Devotions to the Sacred Heart became more prominent after the visions of Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque: a saint who lived in France in the late seventeenth century. Devotions to the Sacred Heart invite us to focus on Jesus' immense love for us. The heart is not just that vital organ that pumps blood around our bodies. It is considered as the centre of what motivates us and it is the seat of our love for God and for others. We can also see this understanding of what we mean by "heart" in the Bible where the word *heart* is used hundreds of times, almost always as a symbol of the very soul of a person: literally what makes them tick, or as we might say, going to the very heart of things. So, the Sacred Heart of Jesus reminds us of His great love for us and His desire to fill our hearts with His love.

Perhaps we can also reflect that this devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus questions us and challenges us too: about my heart and where my heart really is. In other words, what really motivates me or makes me tick, and where do I put all my energies in life? After all, we have many expressions that involve the heart: warm/cold hearted, big hearted, broken hearted, a divided heart, half-hearted, our heart goes out to someone etc. etc. So, the challenge is about our spiritual heart: how would we describe it from that list above?

As we enter the summer months, perhaps our Lord asks two things of us. First of all, he asks us to open our hearts to His; that is to His immense love. Secondly, he might ask us to look into our hearts and to see what is there and then, with His help, to renew and to strengthen our heart: that is to create a pure heart within us. In all this, we will receive many gifts that we need in our often busy lives that can tug at our heart this way and that; not least we can receive that special gift of the risen Christ, the gift of a tranquility of heart.



Aid for the Church in Eastern Europe

Today we have a special collection, sponsored by the Bishops of the United States, to aid the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, a Church rebuilding after seventy years of communist suppression. Catholics in Eastern Europe have repeatedly expressed gratitude for the financial support from their American sisters and brothers. Proceeds go to support seminaries, social service programs, youth ministry, Church restoration, and the spread of the Gospel message through the mass media.

You may put your special envelope for this offering in our regular collection basket today. **Thank you for your generosity.**

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, May 28

- **Sign up for First Friday Eucharistic Adoration**

MONDAY, May 29

- **Memorial Day observed:** Mass at 9:00 a.m. at St. Mary's Church. All parish offices will be closed because of the holiday.

TUESDAY, May 30

- **St. Anthony Novena:** 7:00 p.m., Church

WEDNESDAY, March 31



Pastoral Council meets

The Pastoral Council of Holy Trinity Parish will meet on Wednesday, May 31st, 5:15 p.m., at St. Mary's Academy, Hudson. We ask all Council members and those interested in the work of the Council to please be present for this important meeting.

THURSDAY June 1

- **Our Lady of Grace Prayer Group** will meet at 6:30 p.m. in Church. Please join them in prayer. For further information call Linda or Charlie Meicht at 828-3435.

FRIDAY, June 2

- **All day Eucharistic Adoration.** *Please consider spending an hour before the Blessed Sacrament praying for our Church, our community, and your personal needs.*

SUNDAY, June 4



COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

Once again we will be accepting donations of cash or packaged non-perishable food items on behalf of our local Food Pantries. Checks should be made out to Holy Trinity Parish with "Food Pantry" put on the Memo line, or put it in an envelope marked "Food Pantry."

Fathers Day Masses

On Fathers Day, Sunday, June 16th, we will remember fathers (both living and deceased) of our parishioners. Please hand in the Fathers Day Envelopes the next two or three weekends, so they can be on the altar for Fathers Day.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

We will never have to repent for having given too much.

— Thomas Jefferson

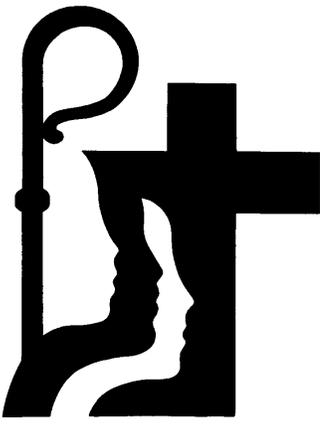
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HUDSON

Regular Offertory Last Weekend (May 21).....	\$6,404.00
Fathers Day.....	\$ 68.00
Seminarian Support.....	\$ 268.00

GERMANTOWN

Regular Offertory Last Weekend (May 21).....	\$1,040.00
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Our 2017 Bishop's Appeal

As of this past weekend we have received approximately 233 commitments totaling \$53,264.00 toward this year's Bishop's Appeal. The average gift is still approximately \$228. We extend our thanks and gratitude to everyone who has responded to this year's appeal in

such a generous way.

Last year we received approximately \$70,000 in gifts and pledges; so we have about \$17,000 more to equal that level.

We are now in the process of sending out notes to those we have not yet heard from. Please join in praying that we will once again exceed our goal.

Please keep in mind, commitments to the Bishop's Appeal can be made online at theBishopsAppeal.org. Call us at 828-1334 if you need any assistance. You can also call the Bishop's Appeal Office at 453-6680 for assistance.

THE WORD AMONG US

The Word Among Us – June issue has something for everyone. It is available in the front vestibule for \$1.00 a copy. Keep using this valuable tool to learn and experience the power of God's Holy Word

HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED.....

...remembering Holy Trinity Parish in your will? A bequest in your will, no matter what the amount, will help the parish to continue to care for and serve God's people through education, the Sacraments, and keeping our Church buildings in good condition. Bequests may be made to Holy Trinity Parish; Hudson and Germantown, St. Mary's Church, Hudson; or Resurrection Church, Germantown.

Maintaining vigilance

Sexual Abuse is a sin and a crime. The Diocese of Albany urges all who suspect sexual abuse of a minor by a member of the clergy, church employee, or volunteer, to report this to a local law enforcement agency or District Attorney's office. Additional information for reporting may be found at <http://www.rcda.org/ReportSexualAbuse>. You may also contact the Diocesan Assistance Coordinator, at assistance.coordinator@rcda.org or at (518) 453-6646..

Reflections on today's Scriptures Seventh Sunday of Easter

"Now this is eternal life, that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ." The Easter season is resplendent with the joy of eternal life. Jesus conquered death through his resurrection and promises all believers a share in this miraculous triumph. The gates of heaven have been opened for us by the great sacrifice of our Savior. All good things lie in wait for us who know "the only true God" and his Son, Jesus Christ.

When we gather together in our communities of faith, it's easy to remember all of this. We share common beliefs and practices with those friends, family members, and neighbors who attend our church. But carrying the joy of Easter with us out into the "world" can be more of a challenge. Once we step outside the safe confines of our parish or home, we encounter those who do not know the true God. We work with, study with, encounter, or gather with many people who have forgotten, abandoned, or never even known Jesus. Sometimes this can make us hesitant to share our joy, or even apologetic for our beliefs. But of course we are called to be witnesses of what we believe, not cowards who hide it from public view.

So let us take courage from today's Gospel. Jesus himself offered prayers on behalf of his followers. "I pray for them. I do not pray for the world, but for the ones you have given me." As the followers of Christ, we have the benefit of his own desire to help us, to strengthen us even amidst the challenges that we face. He knows that we "are in the world" even though he is not here in the same way. And he has asked God the Father to share his divine blessings with us even as we make our way in this world.

Gina Loehr

Be Part of the Conversation

Be part of the Church of the Twenty-first Century. Follow Bishop Edward Scharfenberger and the Diocese of Albany on social media.

Go to the links below and join our local faith community online.

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www.facebook.com/DioceseOfAlbany

Twitter: @AlbBishopEd and @AlbanyDiocese

Webpage: visit the website of the Diocese of Albany at rcda.org



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Memorial Day

We prayerfully remember those who gave their lives on behalf of our nation.

We also pray for their loved ones who remain behind.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

by Bud Ozar

As Jesus appointed apostles, he also appoints parents to represent Him in the family; "make disciples of your children, baptizing and teaching them all I have taught you. Don't worry, I am with you always."

Having thoughts of becoming a Catholic?

At some point in their lives, many people find themselves interested in the Catholic Church. Whatever your reason, know there are many like yourself who desire a closer relationship with Christ and a community in which to thrive and worship to help deepen the relationship.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults helps individuals journey to a deeper understanding of Jesus and the Catholic faith. It is a life-changing journey. To find out if this is right for you, or for more information, please call Michael Van Allen at the Rectory Office: 518-828-1334. Or email him at holytrinityhudson.org.

READINGS AND HYMNS (HUDSON)

Reading: p.182 ; Opening Hymn: # ;436 Closing: # 460

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

MONDAY: Memorial Day (May 29)

9:00 AM Patti Brown - Pat & Dick Nobes
Alice Krisniski David & Pat Hart

TUESDAY: Easter Weekday (May 30)

7:15 AM Kathryn McDonald - Barbara Othote
James C. Van Deusen - Mr. & Mrs, Robert Donahue

WEDNESDAY: Visitation of Blessed Virgin Mary (May 31)

7:15 AM James Van Deusen - Dick & Pat Nobes
Richard Arquette - The Rouse Family

THURSDAY: Easter Weekday (June 1)

7:15 AM Kathryn McDonald - Charles & Mary Ann Vieni
Richard Arquette - The Rouse Family

FRIDAY: Easter Weekday (June 2)

7:15 AM Juanita Mendizabal - Ray & Carol Paul
(HUD) Anne Mikuszewski - Andrea Nero & Family

9:00 AM All Nieces & Nephews - Jane & Bill Martin
(G'TWN)

PENTECOST SUNDAY

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS: (June 3)

4:00 PM Edward J. Ziembra - Wife Helen & Family
(HUD) Reg & Aggie Grener - Matt & Katie
Frank & Catherine Gabriele - Ron & Arlene Gabriele
5:30 PM Edith & Felix Krein - David & Lucy Krein & Family
(LNLTH) Thomas Francis Regan - Thomas M.Garrick

SUNDAY MORNING MASS: (June 4)

9:00 AM Mary Bree - Mary & Bob Delaney
(HUD) Michael Hendler - Mr. & Mrs. William Craft
Kathryn McDonald - Court Columbia #248, CDA
11:00 AM John Gunther - Ann Rider
(G'TWN) Our Lady of Fatima - Mercedes Comesanas

Readings for the Week of May 28

Sunday:	Acts 1:12-14/Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8/1 Pt 4:13-16/Jn 17:1-11a
Monday:	Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab /Jn 16:29
Tuesday:	Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday:	Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 /Lk 1:39-56
Thursday:	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11/Jn 17:20-26
Friday:	Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19
Saturday:	
Morning:	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4-5, 7/Jn 21:20-25
Next Sunday:	
Vigil:	Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14
	or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35,

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