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Fr. Dijo Thomas, Pastor

Third Sunday of Easter

May 4, 2025

God's Blessings on your First Communion



*Alexander Beaner
Martin Cox
Shea Crine
Cecelia Frattaroli
Ainsley Gawel
Sofia Green
Cole Hardman
Dean Harshberger
Ella Horst
Luke Kelly
Kiera Kupstas
William McMenamin
Emmett Pallozzi
Iris Perotto
Trevor Pulaski
Henry Rejrat
Morgan Styborski
Nathaniel Suherwanto
Izabella Tacchino
Jack VanFleet
Madison Vaughn
Elizabeth Walker*

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

In the Catholic tradition, **the month of May** is especially dedicated to honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a time when the faithful express their love and devotion to Mary, recognizing her as the Mother of God and our spiritual mother. Throughout May, Catholics often participate in special devotions such as the May Crowning, the Rosary, and various Marian processions. These practices help deepen our relationship with Mary and, through her, with Christ.

Mary's life is a model of perfect discipleship. Her humility, obedience, and unwavering faith are qualities that all Christians are called to imitate. During May, we reflect on her "yes" to God's will — her Fiat — and how it changed the course of history. We are reminded that God continues to call each of us to cooperate with His grace in our own lives.

The beauty of springtime, with its blossoming flowers and renewal of life, mirrors the spiritual beauty of Mary, often called the "Mystical Rose." Just as nature bursts forth with life, so too are we called to allow the life of Christ to blossom within us through Mary's guidance. As we journey through May, we are invited to entrust our joys, sorrows, and hopes to Mary. She intercedes for us with a mother's tender love, leading us closer to her Son. May this month be a time of renewed faith, hope, and love, inspired by the example of our Blessed Mother.

"Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us!"

TITHING: GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

Corrected numbers for

Sunday Offering 4/20/2025	\$ 11,708
Easter	\$ 6,861
Holy Thursday	\$ 489
Good Friday Holy Land	\$ 632

Sunday Offering 4/27/2025	\$ 10,385
Easter	\$ 1,816
Catholic Home Missions	\$ 965

Parish  Giving

DAC 2025 Goal: \$118,701

Amount Collected	\$39,062
Amount Still Needed	\$79,639

CALENDAR & INTENTIONS

The **Sanctuary Candle** will burn in loving memory of Kathleen Janicki (From Niziol Family)

The **Chapel Candle** will burn for the living intentions of Bob & Kris Kido

MONDAY, MAY 5

Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29

9:00am Mass

† Theresa Scheetz

7:00pm Threads of Hope

TUESDAY, MAY 6

Acts 7:51—8:1; Jn 6:30-35

3:15pm Cenacle

7:00pm Folk Group; Migrant Justice Meeting

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

Acts 8:1-8; Jn 6:35-40

5:00pm Legion of Mary

5:30pm Rosary

6:00pm Mass

† Patricia Szubielski

6:40pm Confessions

6:45pm Women at the Well

7:00pm OCIA; Men's Ministry

THURSDAY, MAY 8

Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51

9:00am Mass

† Brenda (Weaver) Chapman

7:00pm Sunday Choir; KofC Officers Meeting

FRIDAY, MAY 9

Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59

7:00am Mass

† Chester Skonier

SATURDAY, MAY 10

Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69

12noon Rosary at the Square

4:00pm Mass

† Joe Spear

5:00pm Confessions

SUNDAY, MAY 11

Acts 13:14, 43-52; Rv 7:9, 14-17; Jn 10:27-30

8:30am Mass

For the People of the Parish

11:00am Mass

† Patricia Monico



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank You, Rich & Welcome, Mary Catherine

Rich Druby is a candidate currently undergoing formation for the permanent diaconate in the Diocese of Harrisburg. To dedicate his time to the diaconate program, he has decided to resign from his position as Choir Director and will continue to serve until June. The Holy Spirit Church expresses its gratitude to Rich for his many years of dedicated service to the parish. We wish him God's blessings and prayers as he pursues his calling to become a permanent deacon. Thank you, Rich, for your sacrifices. Mary Catherine Tierney has been appointed as the new Choir Director and organist starting in July. The Holy Spirit Church warmly welcomes Mary Catherine to her new position and extends God's blessings to her.

Cole Mase's First Mass & Reception

All parishioners are invited to attend and participate in the celebration of Father Cole Mase's First Mass on Sunday, June 8, at 2pm at Holy Spirit Church. There will be a reception in the church Social Hall immediately following Mass with a hot and cold buffet. If you plan to attend, please sign up by Sunday, May 18, so we can plan accordingly. The sign-up sheet will be on the narthex table for your convenience.

PREP Information

- 5/4 May Crowning today at the 11am Mass
- 5/31 PREP Registration Deadline

Join us in congratulating our 2nd graders in receiving their First Holy Communion! Keep them in your prayers.

Basket Raffle Donations For SpiritFest

Donations of cash or gift cards needed for basket raffle. We are hoping to have another successful basket raffle again this year with your help. Kindly drop off donations at our parish office to the attention of Amy Morrissey: Basket Raffle Donations. You can call Amy at (717) 574-3910, or email her at amymariemorrissey@gmail.com. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Golden Hearts Senior Luncheon

The Respect Life Ministry will be holding a luncheon on Friday, May 16, at 12noon in the Social Hall. We hope you will join our ministry for an afternoon of fun and good food. There are forms on the table in the narthex if you missed the bulletin insert. Fill out the registration form and drop it off at the parish office or return it in an enveloped marked "Respect Life Luncheon" and drop it in the offering basket by Sunday, May 11.

Outside Mass will Resume Starting in June

Our Parish Council has decided that the outside Mass will resume starting at the beginning of June. Thank you!



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FROM OUR DISCIPLE MAKER SURVEY

Question: How often do you attend Mass?

Responses: 154

- ✘ 80% Attend Weekly
- ✘ 15% Attend Daily
- ✘ 3% Attend Quarterly
- ✘ 1% Attend Monthly
- ✘ 1% Never Attend

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