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Mass Intentions
Saturday, May 6
4PM Mass
Karl & Anna Fleischacker

Sunday, May 7
8AM Mass
Anna Minerva
10:30AM Mass
Robert Rosch
The Parishioners of Holy Ghost Living and Deceased

Monday, May 8
Joan Gniech

Tuesday, May 9
Francisco Carrera

Wednesday, May 10
Erika Fleischacker

Thursday, May 11
Frank Ferrari

Friday, May 12
Audrey M. Hornicak

Mass Intention Information
$10 stipend per Mass Intention.
Mass Intention requests, in compliance with the Decree on Mass Stipends, began on January 1, 2016: There will be one intention for a Mass. Mass will be offered for all Parishioners in the Parish on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Holy Thursday, Easter Vigil, Easter Sunday, and Holy Days of Obligation. No other intentions will be taken for the Masses on these days.

If you have already pledged your support to the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA), thank you! If we all participate, we can meet our parish’s CMAA goal of $54,300. Each and every gift, large or small, makes a difference. If we raise more than our goal, the diocese will return to us 70 percent of the amount over goal. This is an amazing opportunity for our parish. Thank you for so much for prayerfully considering a donation to CMAA.

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As of 4/23/2023

2023 PARISH GOAL: $54,300
2023 AMOUNT PLEDGED: $54,514
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**PRAYER & WORSHIP**

May 7, 2023 | Fifth Sunday of Easter

**LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH**

- Cathy Alcozer
- Gloria Anderson
- Joel Calderone
- Anna Canale
- Ron Catalano
- Martin Chiolo
- James Cumo
- John Davis
- Rose Marie Davis
- Gerry Grupe
- Evelyn Hickman

**Special Intention**

- Anthony Jasinski IV
- Karen Junke
- Meaghan K.
- Mike Kaiser
- Virginia Kapelanski
- Joyce Kordas
- Carrie Krush
- Patricia Krush
- Angela Liga
- Noel Lopez
- Mary Marino
- Wendell Meyer
- Bill Morse
- Bonnie Murphy
- Gloria Paz
- Lisa Perez
- Laverne Peterson
- Rose Powers
- William Powers
- Joseph Prince
- Robert Rosch Sr
- Andrew Rosinski
- John Rossi
- Reiner Siedentop
- Wanda Slupik
- Jackie Vanjoske
- Larry Venere
- Carol Williams
- Maria Yanez

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**Pray for Our Military**

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen.

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**AIR FORCE:**

- LT COL Anthony Calabrese
- LT COL Patty Calabrese
- MAJ Mary Dones
- CAPT Joseph Piscopo
- CAPT Jeremy Shimaneck
- 1st LT Joshua Jalowiec
- SSGT Robert W. Dones
- SSGT Timothy Latvis
- SRA Randall Petrbok

**ARMY:**

- LTC Robert Bowen
- LTC Grace Gallagher
- 1LT Elizabeth Gonzales
- SSGT Zack Cieslak
- SPC Marco Garcia
- SPC David Patcher
- CW04 Anderson Mann
- PVT Steven Badgley
- PVT Ian Schauchuk

**MARINE CORPS:**

- CAPT Edward W. Miller
- SGT Nicholas Reid
- CPL Charles Golowacz
- CPL Jack Rowley
- LCPL David Lozeau
- PVT Cameron Andresen
- PVT Vincent Anthony Eltman
- PVT Billy Termine
- PVT Michele Giuseppe Bottalico

**NAVY:**

- LCDR Nicholas Lucania
- LT Matthew Starsiak
- Ryan James Ruizol

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**ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

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**RECOGNIZE GOD IN OUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

Building on the Cornerstone

Before I married my husband, I assumed there were “ugly houses” and “pretty houses,” and that was that. But Matt is an architect, someone who reads books with titles like “A Field Guide to American Houses” for fun and who uses the term vernacular architecture like he knows what it means.

Through him, I’ve come to learn a lot about why certain structures simply don’t have a pleasing look. There is a logic to ugliness, as it turns out. One of the main reasons a building or a home might strike some of us as ugly is because it has undergone a careless renovation. Whether out of laziness or an effort to be cost-effective, additions are made that depart from the architectural style of the original structure. The result is slapdash, confusing — ugly, for lack of a better word.

What is added on later must somewhat resemble the original. If you want to depart dramatically from the original style of a building, it’s better to build a separate structure altogether.

I think of this principle when I consider Christ as the “cornerstone.” We know we are called to model ourselves on Christ, to build on his example. But so often we cherry-pick elements of his message and attempt to build on it with additions that make no sense.

When someone looks at us, at our lives, they should be able to tell after whom that life is patterned. We must resemble the cornerstone, if we do not, it will be apparent, unseemly. You can’t see God the Father without embracing God the Son. You can’t chart the future of a house without any thought for its past.

If Christ is not our inspiration, he will be our contradiction.

“...like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house...to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.” — 1 Peter 2:

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman ©LPi

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Please help: Is our Military Prayer List current? Please email: joni@holymphostparish.org or call the parish office at 630-860-2975 to help us update this information. Thank you!
GOSPEL MEDITATION

5th Sunday of Easter

If you had to summarize the essential core of the Christian life, what would it be? Mercy, truth, or love, perhaps? The readings today suggest another word which may surprise you. That word is priesthood.

St. Peter says to us, “You are a ‘chosen race, a royal priesthood...’” To be part of a priesthood is to offer a particular sacrifice in order for the community to survive and thrive. Jesus is the great high priest because he offers the one perfect sacrifice which heals and perfects the entire human race. Peter the Apostle wants us to know that all the baptized share in this priestly ministry. The whole of our lives, including every detail, is meant to become our acceptable offering to God.

The baptized exercise this priesthood in many ways. I’ll mention three. At Sunday Mass, in private prayer, and in daily work. At Mass, we offer the sacrifice of our lives with that of the priest, who symbolizes Christ the Priest. In our prayer, a “morning offering” prayer is a great way to offer up all the joys and sufferings of the day to come. In our daily work, we sacrifice our time, comfort, money, and energy to do good for others. All this gives the deepest possible meaning to our lives: we share in the priesthood which saves the world. That’s at the core of our faith.

— Father John Muir
Congratulations to Holy Ghost Parish Communicants who celebrated the First Holy Eucharist on April 29.

Felipe Antonio Jr  Abigail Carr
Kamila DeDios-Kedzior  Alexa Guerrero
Quinn Henaghan  Albert Kedzior
Alyssa Krueger  Giuliana Leon
Cienna Lukis  Kyle Magallanes
Jason Martinez  Cristina Monteleone
Violet Plesnicar  Kora Puchalski
Isabella Rocha  Romeo Rocha
Julius Sales  Olivia Sochacki
Daniel Taborski  Emilia Taborski
Hailey Thompson  Audrey Vasquez
Emma Zuniga

On April 23, the following OCIA candidates were confirmed by Father John Hornicak and received their First Holy Communion:
- Dennis Andre Avila
- Ariana Luzette Diaz
- Scott Emery Henning

May God bless you as you grow in love and communion with Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

On April 8, Esau Hernandez received the Sacraments of Initiation, Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil, and we celebrate his reception into the full Communion of the Catholic Church.
Companions on the Journey Ministry

God does not want us to be alone as we encounter the joys and challenges which we all experience during our journey here on earth. God blesses us with His Word, the Church, the sacraments, our families, and faithful friends. We can receive healing grace and strength through prayer.

Jesus is the Divine Physician, the infinite font of grace for healing and redemption. Throughout our lives, Jesus is there beckoning us to draw closer to Him and to trust Him completely. Jesus wants to heal us and restore us to wholeness.

Call the parish office at (630) 860-2975 to find out more or to schedule an appointment:
- To receive the special blessings of the Sacrament of the Anointing
- To have a trained prayer team pray in Jesus’ Name with you
- To meet with a trained Spiritual Director (spiritual companion)
- To become involved with a small group to read and discuss the book "Be Healed" by Bob Schuchts.
  (This book is being widely used within the Dioceses of Joliet and throughout the world at retreats.)
- To have a Minister of Care bring the Eucharist to you if you are homebound.

DISCIPLES MAKING DISCIPLES

CORPUS CHRISTI: JUNE 11
Our parish will be celebrating Corpus Christi: The Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ on June 11th with a procession after the 10:30am mass. Please mark your calendars. More information will come as the date gets closer.

SMALL GROUP LEADERS: THANK YOU!
As our Small Christian Communities come to a close for a break over the summer, we give thanks for our wonderful small group leaders and helpers who assisted our groups. Many thanks to Mary Lally, Ann Burch, Susan Slagle, Tina Di Capua and Kelly Scardina. May the Lord bless and keep you always!!

SAVE TIME IN THE FALL!
Start thinking ahead to the Fall so that you leave time in your calendars so that you can grow your faith as a member of a Small Christian Community. We have an assortment of days and times for you to consider: On campus meets Mondays at 10am or 7pm; Tuesdays at Noon; or Wednesdays at 7pm. A virtual group meets on Sundays at 7pm using Microsoft Teams. Pray about which option will work best for you! Contact Susan for more information.

Susan Tutaj  Coordinator of Discipleship  stuta@holyghostparish.org  630-860-3691
Mother’s Day and Father’s Day are just around the corner. A beautiful way to honor each of your loved ones, living or deceased, would be through a spiritual bouquet of remembrance at the Masses at Holy Ghost on those special days. (Mothers, Grandmothers, Aunts, Godmothers, Dads, Grandfathers, Uncles, Godfathers.) We are offering beautiful customized cards. The stipend for each card is $10.

Father John will silently remember each person, as requested, during the Masses on Mother’s Day and Father’s Day weekends.

Please complete the form below and submit it to the parish office.
Questions: 630-860-2975

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THAT THEY MAY SHARE IN THE SPIRITUAL BENEFITS OFFERED AT HOLY GHOST IN OBSERVANCE OF MOTHER’S DAY OR FATHER’S DAY.

MY NAME IS: ____________________________________

MY ADDRESS IS: ____________________________________

MY PHONE NUMBER IS: ____________________________

MY EMAIL ADDRESS IS: ____________________________

ENCLOSED IS MY STIPEND OF $10 PER CARD FOR A TOTAL OF $______

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Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick
Saturday, May 20, 2023  6PM Mass

Who may receive the Sacrament of the Sick?
* All persons of any age who have a serious, acute or chronic physical illness.
* Older persons who suffer from the weakening effects of old age.
* Persons facing serious surgery.
* Persons who suffer from anxiety, depression or drug addiction.

Please complete and return this form to the parish office by Thursday, May 18.

Name: ____________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________

Phone: ____________________________________________

_________ I wish to receive the Sacrament of the Sick at the 6PM Mass. "_________ I use a wheelchair."