SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER.

MAY 21, 2017

People of Hope

Throughout this Easter season the readings have drawn us into the experience of the early church. We have tasted the excitement and zeal of the first

Christians. Now, with them, we listen to the words of Saint Peter, who reminds us that when people notice that we are people of hope, we should be ready to



explain why. This challenges us. Do others even notice that we are people of hope? In a world often marked by cynicism and hopelessness, do we stand out as people who offer hope and reassurance to others? In today's Gospel Jesus promises that when he leaves the earth he will not leave us orphaned. Today he promises to send his Advocate, the Spirit of truth who will be with us always. Let us acknowledge the presence of the Holy Spirit and ask the Spirit to make us people of hope.

Saints and Special Observances

Monday: St. Rita of Cascia;

Victoria Day (Canada)

Thursday: Julian Calendar Ascension

Friday: St. Philip Neri

Saturday: St. Augustine of Canterbury

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Vacation Bible School

June 19-23; 12:30-3:30 pm Grades K-6; \$10 per child



Join us for a week of imagination at our fun factory of ideas, designs, inventing and dreaming to learn why God created us and built us for a purpose. Kids will experience Bible stories, games, snacks, crafts, songs and making their own wacky video. Interactive activities help to gear up their own creativity to discover the reason God created them.

Register at the table after Mass or at the parish office during the week.

Collection for Our National Shrine

This weekend there is a special national collection for the Trinity Dome to complete the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., before its 100th anniversary in 2020. Also known as America's Catholic Church, the National Shrine has been a century in the making, built by and for the faithful of our nation in honor of our Blessed Mother, the patroness of the United States. Become a part of Mary's Shrine and help to bring to completion our church!



(May 20-26)

Sat., 5:00 pm- +Bette Ankowski

+Henry Grennan

+Adrian Gonzalez

Sun., 9:00 am- +Mollie Rankin

+John Marlo

Int. Harvey & Jennifer Smith

Sun., 6:00 pm- Int. Evelia Marroquin

+Ruben Aguilar

+Carmen Aparicio

Mon., 9:00 am - Communion Service

Tues., 9:00 am- Communion Service

Wed., 9:00 am- Communion Service

Thu., 9:00 am- Communion Service

Fri., 9:00 am- Communion Service

PLEASE PRAY for...

Tommye Brennan, Alice Blankenship, Kelly Martinez, Joshua Martinez, John Pollock, Irene Hammond, Althea Soto, Virginia Keller, Cherie Snow, John Chisler, Judi Doctor, Maria Celedon, and Ryan Celez.



ALPHA Baby Bottles

There are still some bottles left in the back of the church. Please take

one home with you and change lives by taking part in ALPHA's ChangeforLife fundraiser. Fill the bottle with your loose change and return it before Father's Day. Your change, combined with others throughout the county, will help ALPHA support those facing the challenges of pregnancy and early parenthood. For more information on the work of ALPHA go to www.sloalpha.org.

The Pivotal Players—St. Catherine of Siena

Our last month's saint, Thomas Acquinas, caused quite a stir and much discussion. Those attending the series unanimously agree that

it is very worth while. Bishop Barron has a wonderful way of taking the life of a saint and bringing it into today's relevancy. Our next meeting in the series will be the



second Tuesday of June, the 13th, in the hall. The next saint will be Catherine of Siena. The series is presented through the parish and women's club. All are invited and encouraged to attend. Bring a guest! The potluck lunch will be served at 11:30 am, so bring a dish to share and enjoy the company of other parishioners. The program begins promptly at 12:30 pm and lasts an hour. A short discussion follows. We travel through the times and places of each saint through the wonderful filming of this series. Look forward to seeing you there. Please call Linda McFarland (927-2860) or Dianne Dougherty (927-2434) with questions.

Communion to the Sick and Homebound

If you or someone you know is unable to attend Mass due to age or infirmity, please let us know. We have trained and caring Eucharistic Ministers who will visit you as arranged.