

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

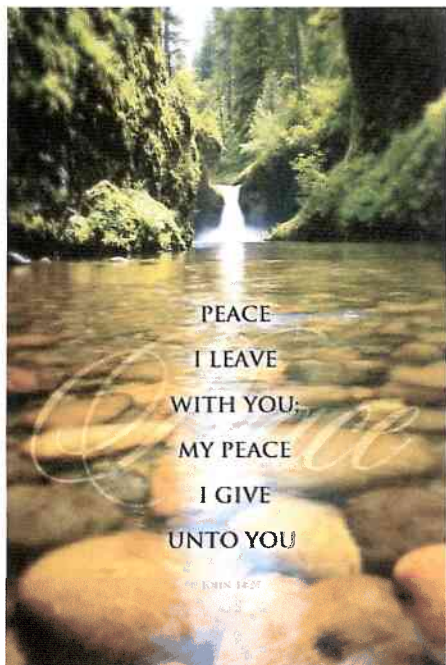
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Noticeboard



Sunday Masses

First Mass of Sunday (Vigil), Saturday, 6 p.m.
Sunday Morning Mass, 10.30 a.m.

Weekday Masses

Monday, 5 p.m.
Tuesday, 10.15 a.m.
Mass in Polish at 6 p.m.
(Our Lady Queen of Poland)
Wednesday, 10.15 a.m.
THURSDAY IS THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION
Masses at 10.15 a.m., 1.15 p.m. and 7 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 10.15 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday:
9.45 to 10 a.m.
4 to 4.30 p.m.
5.30 to 5.45 p.m.

May Devotions

Wednesday, 7 p.m. *(Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 6.30 p.m.)*

Monday is the Memorial of St. Athanasius; Tuesday, the Feast of the Apostles Philip and James; Thursday, the Ascension (Holyday of Obligation)

Please note our appeal for hospitality for the **Petits Chanteurs de Saint André de Colmar!**

We pray for our Faithful Departed, especially those whose anniversaries are about this time: **Peggy MacDonald, Angus MacDougall, Richard Davies, Monsignor Neil McGrory, Marie MacLean, Helen MacDonald, Theresa MacDonald, Jim Grace, George Hayes and Rose Hamilton.** May they rest in the peace and joy of their risen Lord.

Would those who have recently started to use **offering envelopes** please contact Father MacKinnon as soon as possible.

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord remains a **Holyday of Obligation**. Please make a genuinely serious effort to get to Mass on that day!

The first of our **May Devotions** will be on Wednesday, at 7 p.m. It will be preceded by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 6.30 p.m.

Father MacKinnon is deeply grateful for the work done by various parishioners in renovating and decorating the Chapel House kitchen and its adjoining corridors. God bless you for your kindness!

Father Tony Wood will offer a Mass in Polish on Tuesday at 6 p.m., in St. Mary's. The 3rd May is a very important day in the Polish Calendar, being the Feast of Our Lady Queen of Poland and the country's Constitution Day, a national holiday.





AN APPEAL FOR HOSPITALITY

Many of you will remember the visit of the Petits Chanteurs de Saint André de Colmar in July 2014. Their singing touched the hearts of all who came to hear them. They will be with us once again, on the 15th July. The Petits Chanteurs depend on the hospitality and donations given them as they tour in different countries. We need people to give them accommodation for one night, on Friday, 15th July. So far, several parishioners have very kindly offered to welcome 19 of the 41 choristers. Could you help us out? We need to know as soon as possible, so that we can be incorporated into their planned tour of Scotland. The ages of the singers range from seven to twenty.



This dramatic painting shows Stanisław August Poniatowski, the King of Poland, entering the Cathedral of St. John in Warsaw, together with members of the Polish-Lithuanian Grand Sejm or Parliament. Count Stanisław Małachowski, the Marshal or Speaker of the Sejm, is being carried, triumphantly holding the Constitution of the 3rd May, 1791. Everyone has come to swear allegiance to this reforming Constitution, the oldest in Europe. After the Constitution of the United States, it is the second oldest in the world. It was to be short lived. Soon Poland would be partitioned once again by neighbouring powers. But the Constitution of the 3rd May remained in the Polish consciousness as proof of successful reform and as a symbol that promised the restoration of Poland's sovereignty. The former elected monarchy of Poland is no more. Stanisław August would be the last Polish king. Instead, Poland has chosen Mary as its Queen. The 3rd of May is now a national holiday, celebrated by Poles at home and throughout the world. It is equivalent of the 4th July in the United States.