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Deadline for next *Pace*  
is Sunday, May 21, 2017



May, 2017

# The *Pace* of Grace

From the Rector :



Alleluia! Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia! What an amazing celebration of our Lord's resurrection we experienced! I give thanks for the many dedicated parishioners who gave of themselves to ready the church for Holy Week and Easter, and, who shared their gifts of time, talent, music, presence and prayerful worship. If we put this

in the language of Holy Currencies that we are learning about and engaging in; God's abundance is flowing through the currencies of time, place, gracious leadership, truth, wellness and relationship. More about that later. We owe a tremendous debt of thanks to Carol and Chris Burke and the Merhar bequest for the awesome new choir robes! The choir looks so professional and have truly taken their place as liturgical ministers; not only do they make beautiful music that enhances our worship, they are adding to the visual liturgy as they process as we begin and end worship. (Looking quite impressive, I must say!)

Returning to Holy Currencies, many of you are aware that we have a team that is one of five across the diocese that are coming together to learn the basics of what is also known as "6 Blessings for Sustainable Missional Ministries". We have discovered that there is a lot to learn about how Holy Currencies works as a year-round or 365 Stewardship model. The Stewardship Team at Grace began a year-round stewardship initiative last year, so we are leaning how to merge our understanding and Holy Currencies understanding into a workable initiative. It is important that all parishioners have a solid understanding of how these 6 currencies impact our lives and mission at Grace. There will be learning opportunities provided such as the information given at the April 23<sup>rd</sup> State of Grace meeting.

*Continued inside*

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## **Looking Ahead**



May 4 – National Day of Prayer Services

Noon – 1pm West Point Park Gazebo and 7p at Christ Lutheran Church

Against Human Trafficking



May 6 – Against Human Trafficking – 9:30a at Grace Church



May 14 – Mother's Day



May 20 – Armed Forces Day



May 21 – Baptism

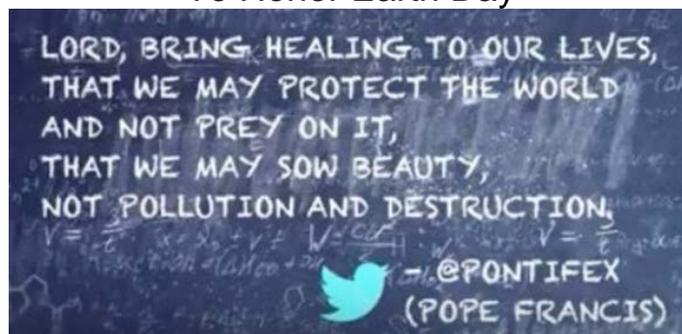


May 28 – UTO Spring In-gathering Sunday



May 29 – Memorial Day Observed - Office is closed

### **To Honor Earth Day**



## From the Rector: continued

To review briefly; In a sustainable and missional ministry, the currencies must circulate through an organizations operation, interacting within the membership of the organization and with the wider environment and community as well. The definitions of the 6 currencies are:

**Currency of Time and Place:** paid and volunteer time of leaders and members, property from which the church and its ministries operate, and other properties owned or that can be accessed by the church and its ministries.

**Currency of Gracious Leadership:** the ability to use skills, tools, models and processes in a mutually respectful way that encourages and enhances relationship and discernment of “truth”, both internally and externally to the membership.

**Currency of Relationship:** internal and external networks of mutually respectful connections of leaders and members, both internal and external to the membership. (Your Holy Currencies Team sees this as the critical connection between all currencies.)

**Currency of Truth:** the ability to articulate global and wholistic truth, internally and externally, dealing with the experiences of different individuals and groups, in the church, the neighborhood, the community, the city or town, the nation, and the earth.

**Currency of Wellness:** The state of being healthy physically, socially, economically, ecologically and spiritually, especially resulting from deliberate, sustainable effort. This covers church, ministry, (internal) neighborhood, town or city, nation and the earth (external).

**Currency of Money:** something generally accepted as a medium of exchange, a measure of value, or as a means of payment. Eric Law, the author of the above and the program points out that it is the flowing of these currencies that gives them value. Sustainable and missional ministries require the circulation and regeneration of resources, the presence of all 6 currencies and recirculation of the currencies to replenish

what was spent. This applies to all currencies, not just money!

Holy Currencies is a dynamic program that will help determine, identify and use our resources as we move along life’s continuum. Be sure to stay tuned for more information on Holy Currencies and how you may become involved.

A Blessed Easter Season to you all.  
M. Rose Anne

## WORSHIP

The April Worship Team Meeting was cancelled because it fell during Holy Week and we celebrated that night with Eucharist in our little chapel. Our Lent, Holy Week and Easter services were perfectly planned and enjoyed by those who were in attendance. Alleluia! Give thanks for the Risen Lord. At our next meeting we will discuss what was done and what we will want to do next year. If you have ever wondered how the services are planned (we don’t just make them up), join the Team for a meeting and find out. If this is not your thing, we will understand and you can be on your way. As said before, “no experience is necessary”. Next “Team” meeting is May 9 at 7pm. Submitted by: Judy Stafanick

## EVANGELISM

This Easter Sunday our Evangelism Team presented six bouquets to visitors who joined us at the worship service. Everyone who received a bouquet seemed surprised and very appreciative. We were able to acquire one address so that bread can be delivered. Our hope is that some of these people will return to join us again in worship. We will be working together with our Outreach Team to pass out water and information about Grace Church to the customers visiting the Downtown Willoughby Outdoor Market this summer. The Saturday dates are still being

confirmed. Contact Peggy Burkacki at 440-975-1496 to let us know when you are available to join us for a few hours on a Saturday morning.

Join the Evangelism Team to find new ways to show others God's love. Our next meeting will be on May 7<sup>th</sup> following the 10:00am service.

*Peggy Burkacki*

## CONFIRM NOT CONFORM CREED

Written by Confirmation Class of 2017  
Grace Episcopal Church  
Willoughby, Ohio

We believe that God is the maker of everything living and dead, and we should praise Him.

We believe that God is powerful, that he protects and watches over everything and everyone in the world.

We believe that God answers our prayers and forgives us.

We believe that Jesus is the only Son of God and that he was crucified and rose on the third day.

We believe that Jesus came to earth to tell us about God.

We believe that Jesus is seated at the right hand of the Father.

We believe that we are all God's children.

We believe that the Holy Spirit is always with us.

We believe that the church is a place of praise and prayer to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

We believe that in the church we are all in communion, worshiping God.

We believe that anything is allowed in the church except working against God.

Authors:

Aidan Seyler

Natalie Zargari

Nina Zargari

Nicholas Zargari

## PASTORAL

The Pastoral Team will take a meal to someone who has returned from a stay in the hospital or has another need of some extra help. If you know of someone who could use a meal to help them through a rough time, call Pat Newyear at 440-946-8381 and she will make the arrangements. There are several recipes on the Harvest Table that are easy to make and good to freeze. If you would like to make one for the downstairs freezer to be given to those in need of a meal, please take, make & put in the freezer.

*Pat Newyear*

## WELCOME



A look back in our guestbook shows David Ivey signed it in 2015.

At the time he was living in Memphis, and made occasional visits to family in Ohio on weekends. Since then, he and his wife, Kathy, relocated to Lake County, where he is employed in the aircraft components industry. His granddaughters, Gracie (left) and Allison (right), who is also an acolyte, regularly attend 10 a.m. Sunday School and the worship service at Grace. Before moving to Memphis, David managed Willoughby's Lost Nation Airport. His faith community (then) was St. Gregory's in South Euclid.

*by Phil Davis, Evangelism Team*

## STEWARDSHIP

**Spring Parrish Brunch** – The second annual State of Grace gathering was held last Sunday (April 23<sup>rd</sup>) after the 10AM service. Thank you to all who attended especially the 8AM parishioners who adjusted their schedules to be there. I counted a total of 44

people who attended. There was no sign-up so we were trusting in God for our success. Since this was “Low Sunday” we estimated between 30 and 40 people would attend. We reached that number and beyond. God is good. We always seem to have such an enjoyable time when people of Grace gather to break bread and discuss our ministry. After beginning with prayer from the Book of Common Prayer by David Zimmerman



Kathy Hill gave us an update of where Grace is with Little Feet and the associated t-shirt sales. The Little Feet program which began with Thomas Edison Elementary is being expanded to include Grant



Elementary. Tiffany Parks covered the Diocesan Bicentennial 200. She explained what Grace is doing currently and gave examples of what other parishes are doing. Tiffany challenged the various Teams and individuals to come up with their own 200. Afterward I read the Bicentennial Prayer Tiffany Parks and Elizabeth Estep created for Grace.



Phil Davis shared with us the Conceptual Ministry created ten years ago that we saw with Breckenridge. It was impressive the thought and detail that went into the expected partnership. I found it fascinating how the ministry has evolved into what it is today. As with most planning the assumptions we make aren't always accurate, such as not anticipating the great recession.

Tiffany Parks talked about Holy Currencies. This is an on-going program through the Diocese that we began the first of the year. She did an excellent job of presenting a lot of information in a brief period. Tiffany Parks closed with her favorite prayer.



Thank you to all who attended and those who provided willing hands to

prepare food, set up and clean up. David Zimmerman, Sr. Warden

*All things come of thee, Oh Lord,  
and of Thine own have we given Thee*

## VESTRY MEETING APRIL 18, 2017

Opened with prayer and Lectio Divina.

The Vestry welcomed the 2017 Confirmation Class (Aidan Seyler, Nina, Natalie and Nicholas Zargari) who presented their project, “Teens for Toddlers”, to collect items for the McKinley Community Outreach Center’s Infant Room. The project was approved by the Vestry. Aidan Seyler suggested that we provide a movable rack for the choir robes to make it easier for the choir members on Sunday morning.

**Safety Inspection through the Diocese done by Phil Davis** – A verbal report was given with a written report to come.

**Senior Warden** – made a motion to purchase a power point projector and a laptop computer for the office with the price not to exceed \$1,500. The combined 9am Easter service was discussed.

**Junior Warden** – Larry Seymour joined the meeting via phone to give updates on what has been done and what will be done.

**Rector’s Report** – the Lenten, Holy Week and Easter services were reviewed. It was approved by the Bishop that Lydia Bailey, Deacon, will be shared by St. Christopher-by-the-River and Grace Church. Holy Currencies will continue. The WAMA Cross Walk was successful. The Vestry retreat will be Saturday, May 13. No location has been decided.

**Stewardship** – State of Grace brunch will be after the 10am service on Sunday, April 23.

**E-giving** – discussion of how it works, what is needed to make it work, and how we will proceed with implementation.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm with closing prayer by David Zimmerman. Next meeting will be Tuesday, May 16, 2017.

Submitted by: Judy Stafanick, Clerk of Vestry

## SENIOR WARDEN REFLECTIONS

### **Wednesday Evening Lenten Program –**

Most of what I have learned about the Book of Common Prayer was through Lay Reader training. There seems to be always something new to learn about this well thought out book of worship. Mother Rose Anne was our leader with Bobbin Davis filling in during one session. Both did an excellent job of leading the discussions. After tasting delicious soups and desserts we had lively conversations covering different areas of the Book of Common Prayer. Thank you to Mother Rose Anne, Bobbin Davis and all the people who attended and contributed food. The program was well worth our time.

### **Saturday Morning Men's fellowship and bible study.**

The attendance has dropped off dramatically since the first meeting. Last Saturday Harry Dodds and Chris Burke were the only two men who attended. They thought instead of weekly gatherings monthly may work out better. To the men of Grace what are your thoughts?

David Zimmerman  
Senior Warden

## OUTREACH

### Little Feet

Our Little Feet campaign is now underway. Since we did so well last year, and may be making this a year round endeavor, (thanks to all of you) in addition to Edison Elementary

School we are able to add Grant Elementary School to our ministry. I spoke with the Family Counselor at Grant and he was most grateful that we are including their kids in this program. We will speak further to get the details in place. The Counselor suggested that since some families can be very transient, we wait to provide the shoes until a couple of weeks after school begins. This will ensure we have an accurate and more complete count of shoes that are actually needed. (The Family Counselor from Edison indicated the same idea of waiting.) At this point he estimated 50 children at Grant would be on the needs list for shoes. (Estimate: 100 pairs of shoes with Edison's children included.) We currently have \$2,318.85 in the little feet account, thanks in part to the proceeds from the Soup and Chili Cook-off, T-shirt sales and the Pancake Breakfast. Additional expected contributions are yet to come hopefully from our Foundation, our rummage sale and contributions from our congregation. We still are looking into grants and we still are planning on requesting donations from local vendors throughout the year. Anyone wishing to make a donation please make your check payable to Grace Episcopal Church and add "Little Feet" to the memo line on the check. Cash donations can be given to any of our Outreach Team members, Mother Rose Anne or Judy in the office. If you prefer not to give a donation, your prayers are most welcome. Your contributions are so gratefully appreciated.

### Willoughby Outdoor Market

This year the Evangelism Team will have a table at the market to promote our Grace Church. People are needed to help. We have selected six dates (once a month from May to October). At this time dates are yet to be confirmed, so stay tuned.

### Lake County Community Network (LCCN)

The LCCN fundraiser will be held on May 19<sup>th</sup> at St. Gabrielle. The cost of the tickets is \$20 which includes admission, a chance at the door prize and 15 raffle tickets. Children under 12 get in free. Food will be available to purchase. This year in lieu of making raffle

baskets, you can either donate a \$10 bottle of wine or make a cash or check donation. The doors open at 5:30p and drawings begin at 7p. Please see Kathy Hill if you would like to purchase a ticket. If you wish to donate a bottle of wine, you can leave it with Judy in the office. LCCN helps so many families in Lake County who are facing tough financial and personal difficulties and are in need. This is LCCN's biggest fundraiser of the year and they rely on the income to sustain their most needed work.

### McKinley Stuff the Truck

Intake from Stuff the Truck was over 6,000 items valued at about \$10,000. All items went to McKinley Community Outreach Center. Thank you all for your donations.

There's a lot going on and so many ways to serve. Many thanks to you all! Peace and Blessings. *Kathy Hill, Outreach Team Chair*

## TEENS FOR TODDLERS

This new program is "Teens for Toddlers", run by Aidan, Nicholas, Natalie and Nina, the Confirmation Class of 2017.

We are asking for donations of the things listed below. Soon after gathering the donations, we will go to the McKinley Community Outreach Center and work in the infant room. We will bring all of the donations to the infant room the day we are working there. We will advertise a lot to get donations. We will put it in the bulletin, and announce it during announcements. We will have a sign or bulletin board up in church. We will possibly set up collection boxes at libraries or school programs. We will ask as many people as we can about getting donations until we have enough to give to the infant room in the McKinley Community Outreach Center. We have started the program "Teens for Toddlers" to help out at the McKinley Community Outreach Center. We know they could use our help there. We will have boxes set out in the church to put donations in. The list of things

we need to have donated to the program are: baby wipes, Sippy cups, baby shampoo, diapers, which are available in small packages at the dollar store, and pacifiers. Also, toys are not needed. We are trying to get 200+ donations.

*The 2017 Confirmation Class.*

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

It is hard to believe, but we are almost finished with the Sunday School year. Our attendance has been good and slowly increasing. Our teachers have worked hard. May 21<sup>st</sup> will be our last organized class. During summer, we have a relaxed schedule. The only requirement is that there are two (2) adults watching the children. If you can help us this summer watching the children, it would be much appreciated as our teachers will be on vacation. Submitted by: *Bobbin Davis*

## UTO SPRING INGATHERING



May 28<sup>th</sup> UTO Spring Ingathering

What a beautiful Easter! All nature saved its bloom for that great day, and no rain came to dampen our spirits. The celebration was filled with glorious light and sound and grace, and we are thankful. Our United Thank Offerings will be overflowing for all the gifts of every day. We will gather them in on Ascension Sunday, May 28. Every penny is counted and granted out to needs here and abroad. Please remember to bring those thankful prayer offerings Sunday, May 28, although we always wait a week longer for the final count for those who forget.

Jeanne Schupp

## ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

While doing your spring cleaning please remember our annual rummage sale. The "Annual Rummage Sale" will be on Saturday, September 9. If you wish to contribute this year, please place your contributions in the blue carpeted area next to the fellowship hall (undercroft). This year we **WILL NOT ACCEPT** any electronics such as computers, TV's, answering machines, etc. If you need to have items picked up, please call Walt Iliff at 440-241-9218. Remember one man's junk is another man's treasure.

Walt Iliff

## CHURCH MOUSE TAILS

Do we know how to celebrate the Risen Lord? Flowers, music, pew torches and lamb cake. Alleluia!

The girl says that the Lilly-of-the-Valley is the perfect flower, and I agree. She has some plants she is willing to share.

Isn't it fun watching some people try to make palm crosses. Some can and some can't. That's all I'm saying.

A "BIG" Welcome to Meredith Velez' new heart.

Thank you to whoever left the treats. Just so you know they are well protected in the office and Mother Rose Anne and the girl have decided it will be their job to make sure they don't go stale.

The 2017 Confirmation Class is planning to try and collect "200" items for toddlers to take to the McKinley Infant Room. They can do it and we can help.

Being on the Vestry has some perks. For those of you who left early, they had really, really good cake to celebrate Mother Rose Anne's birthday at the end of the meeting. HA!

What is it with the feet around here? Jan Downing is recovering from surgery, Ralph Slaw had his knee replaced and Jennifer Lonsway is on crutches because she hurt her foot when she fell into a fire pit (don't ask).

Spring has sprung and pretty soon we're going to be complaining because the air conditioning isn't on. As they say, it's always something.



## MAY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



### Birthdays in May

Frank Burkacki	18
Judy Stafanick	19
Arya Flowers	21
Susan Shepard	21
Dave Zimmerman	22
Paul Fussner	24
Gary Hill	27
Ralph Slaw	31



### Anniversaries in May

Michael & Christine Sexton	2
Aaron & Jamie Seymour	8
Tony & April Frazier	22
James & Meredith Velez	23

## CONFIRMATION CLASS 2017



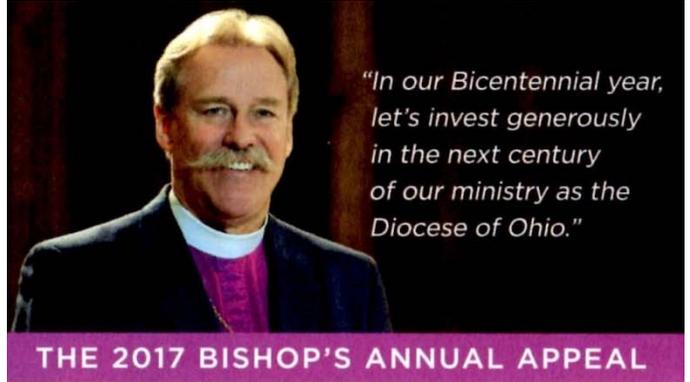
(L-R) Nina Zargari, Dave and Debbie Zimmerman, Nicholas Zargari, Mother Rose Anne, Brody Parks, Mark Davis, Aidan Seyler, Natalie Zargari, Tiffany Parks

Photograph captures a recent session for confirmation students led by The Rev. Rose Anne Lonsway, our Rector. Students are Aidan Seyler, Nina, Natalie, and Nick Zargari. Mother Rose Anne selected a curriculum, *Confirm, not Conform*, that entails about 20 sessions, if one counts the required meeting with Vestry, and a self-directed service project. Students are on track to be confirmed this coming October when The Rt. Rev. William D. Persell, Assisting Bishop, visits Grace Church. Picture was taken at a session in March that included participation by adult “mentors” for each student: Dave & Debbie Zimmerman, Tiffany Parks, and Mark Davis.

by Phil Davis, Teacher's Assistant



Nik – The assistant to the Administrative Assistant



Dear friend and colleague,

In this, the Diocese of Ohio's Bicentennial year, we are looking toward a new century of ministry both in parishes and as a diocese. For each of us, it is an occasion to imagine what God is dreaming for our common vocation as the body of Christ and to prepare for what the future offers in challenge and opportunity.

I invite you to join me in pursuing all that lies ahead by helping provide the financial resources that every year allow us to do the new thing that God is offering.

Last year the Appeal raised more than \$265,000, thanks to the generosity of 559 households. \$100,000 of that went directly to Episcopal Community Services (ECS) to support parish-based ministries serving local communities. These vital outreach ministries feed the hungry, educate children and young adults, provide spiritual freedom for people who are in prison, give hope to those who are struggling, and carry out God's work in creative and inspired ways. Such programs provide crucial assistance to those in need.

Funds raised through the Appeal also help to underwrite mission trips and leadership development. They provide summer internships for high school and college students. They support our students in residential seminaries as well in our exciting new “local cohort” collaboration with Bexley Seabury Seminary. And they make possible the Curate Program begun last year for newly ordained clergy.

It is only through your continued support that we are able to make such a difference in the lives of so many. I give thanks for your generous spirit and for your continued giving.

Gratefully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Mark Hollingsworth, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

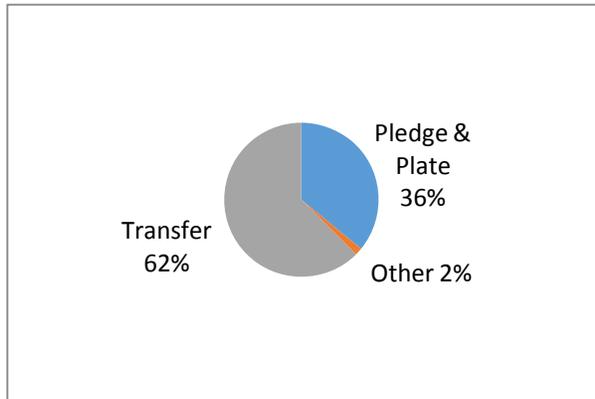
The Rt. Rev. Mark Hollingsworth, Jr.  
Bishop of Ohio

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Change the world.

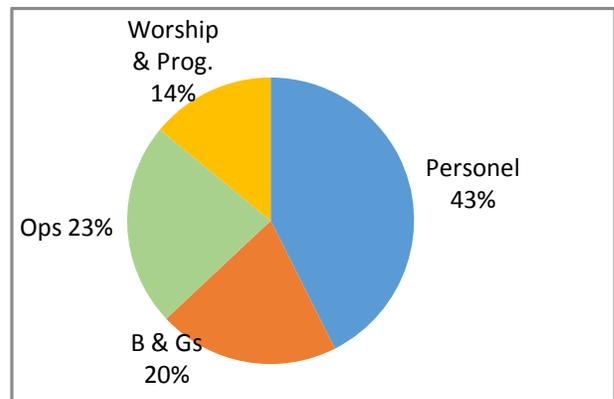
## Operating Fund Interim Report -- thru end of March 2017

<u>Income</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Pledge and Plate Contributions	\$20,095.75	\$21,092.98	-\$997.23
Other Income	\$908.00	\$1,181.25	-\$273.25
Transfer from Grace Woods Capital Fund	\$35,000.00	\$34,367.49	\$632.51
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$56,003.75</b>	<b>\$56,641.72</b>	<b>-\$637.97</b>
<b><u>Expenses</u></b>			
Personel	\$26,805.34	\$27,783.75	-\$978.41
Buildings and Grounds	\$12,899.36	\$8,349.98	\$4,549.38
Operations	\$14,460.08	\$14,650.01	-\$189.93
Worship and Programs	\$8,838.90	\$5,458.76	\$3,380.14
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$63,003.68</b>	<b>\$56,242.50</b>	<b>\$6,761.18</b>
<b>Excess/Deficit</b>	<b>-\$6,999.93</b>	<b>\$399.22</b>	<b>-\$7,399.15</b>

Income



Expenses



### Treasurer's Report

Our expenses to date are in line except for the \$5,000 gift to McKinley and the overage in Buildings and Grounds for new thermostats. These should continue to Improve.

*Harry Dodds, Treasurer*

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## READINGS FOR THE DAY

May 7  
The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:42-47  
Psalm 23  
1 Peter 2:19-25  
John 10:1-10

May 14  
The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 7:55-60  
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16  
1 Peter 2:2-10  
John 14:1-14

May 21  
The Sixth Sunday of Easter  
(Rogation Sunday)

Acts 17:22-31  
Psalm 66:7-18  
1 Peter 3:13-22  
John 14:15-21

May 28  
The Seventh Sunday of Easter:  
The Sunday after Ascension Day

Acts 1:6-14  
Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36  
1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11  
John 17:1-11