



WEEKLY COLLECTION
 Easter Collection (Clergy Benefit Trust): \$8,495.00
 Good Friday (Holy Land): \$1,353.00
THANK YOU!

Saturday, April 30th 4:00PM	Stella Harb – 19 th Anniversary <i>Request of her family</i> In Honor of the Divine Mercy to pray For the Holy Souls <i>Request of the Nguyen family</i> Joseph A. Yuele Anniversary <i>Requested by his family</i>
Sunday, May 1st 8:30AM 11:30PM 5:00	Elaine C. Lynch 2 nd Anniversary <i>Requested by her family</i> Maximina Núñez <i>fallecida pedida por amigos y familiars</i> Fernando Velazquez <i>en sus 12 años de fallecido y Roberto Sosa en su primera semana de fallecido pedidos por sus familiares</i> Gertrude Moreau 9 th anniversary <i>request of the family</i>
Monday, May 2nd 5:30PM	Richard Daly <i>requested by his family</i>
Tuesday, May 3rd 5:30PM	Michael & Eva Driscoll Anniversary <i>requested by Family</i>
Thursday, May 5th 5:30PM	Intention of the Celebrant
Friday, May 6th 5:30PM	Maria Lafleur <i>requested by family</i>
Saturday, May 7th 9:00AM 4:00PM	Maria Lafleur <i>requested by family</i> Jennie & Alden Johnson Anniversary <i>requested by Dorothy Kardos</i> Gerald Guilfoyle 5 th month anniversary <i>requested by family</i> Joseph Derek Sr. <i>Request of the Comiskey family</i> Peter Gaff 1 month anniversary <i>requested by family</i>

Mass Intentions for next Sunday: 8:30AM the Russo & DiPietro Family, 5:00PM Maretta Anzalone & Josephine Delia

The sanctuary lamp will burn before the Blessed Sacrament Altar in memory of **Mrs. Martha Dorsey** as a Birthday Remembrance requested by her family.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND
To support the Catholic Communication Campaign

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND
Parish capital improvements

Pastor's Notes Happy Easter!! We can continue to say that to one another throughout the Easter season, but especially in the octave, the eight days after Easter Sunday. We have an octave in the Christmas season as well. The octaves help us to concentrate on our Easter joy and extend the celebration through the week. The idea of an octave of celebration is not as uncommon as we might think. I know some people take trips on their birthdays and anniversaries to extend or highlight the celebration or even declare they are celebrating a birthday week. Practices I have seen are informing others all week, singing happy anniversary or happy birthday in restaurants and in the Spanish community, there is always applause for all those with birthdays. One practice we use in daily Mass during the octaves is to say or chant the Gloria. We also greet one another with "Happy Easter" during this time. One can well imagine the joy the first disciples had when they realized that the resurrection had taken place. The sheets rolled up and placed in the corner of the tomb would easily be a subject of discussion during this time. The events at the tomb help us to understand an important point about our faith and our world. We are in contact with beings from another place, not pointy headed hyper intelligent beings flying in saucer shaped objects, but beings created by God who do what we are suppose to do also. The angels proclaim the resurrection by their presence and their words. Our hope is that we too can proclaim this truth. We are a people no longer in vigil, but rather a people who now glow in the reality and the hopeful saving message of the resurrection. In the following weeks we are going to hear all about the post resurrection experiences of the Apostles and all the new disciples of the Risen Jesus. We will hear that Peter and others are still scared, that Thomas has doubts and needs to see for himself and that Jesus is unrecognizable in his resurrected form so much so that even after walking along with two disciples who knew him, they won't recognize him until he repeats an action he did at the last supper. We will hear that the message cannot be contained and that many people from all areas and countries will have an opportunity to come to Christ. In the ultimate scene of the Easter season, at Pentecost, we will see the roots of our own experience. The sending of the Holy Spirit for the first time is the prototype of all evangelization efforts and shows how our lives mirror in some ways that experience every time we attend Mass, read the Bible or share our faith in casual conversations at school, around the water bubbler or at home. The Pentecost experience is the foreshadowing of what would happen all around the world and still continues to this day. There may not be a great rushing sound of wind, but what does happen is that boys and girls, men and women of all ages hear the message and respond to the Apostle in front of them. All in all it is a great time. I hope that you enjoy it, bask in the glory of our faith and Easter experience truly what it means to know that you are saved. Happy Easter. Peace, Father Murray

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



Do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." - Jn 20:27b-29

Readings for the Week of May 1, 2011

Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31
Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36
Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21

Background on the Gospel The Gospels tell us that Jesus appeared to the disciples on several occasions after they discovered that his tomb was empty. Part of the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit but in bodily form. The bodily form was not one that the disciples recognized though. In John's Gospel, Mary of Magdala does not recognize that the figure standing before her is Jesus until he speaks to her. In Luke's Gospel the disciples who meet Jesus on the road to Emmaus do not recognize him until he breaks bread with them. The resurrected Jesus had a physical presence, but the disciples couldn't recognize Jesus unless he allowed them to. His resurrected body, nonetheless, showed the marks of his crucifixion. From readings such as today's Gospel, we also see that in his resurrected body, Jesus seems to be free of physical constraints. He appears to the disciples despite the fact that the doors were locked. Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. In doing so, Jesus commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." During the meeting, Jesus also shows the integral connection between forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. The story of Thomas illustrates our Christian experience today: We are called to believe without seeing. In fact, all Christians after the first witnesses have been called to believe without seeing. Thomas's doubt is hardly surprising; the news of Jesus' appearance was incredible to the disciples who had seen him crucified and buried. Thomas's human nature compelled him to want hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to the disciples after his death was indeed the same Jesus who had been crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to act on that desire. He is our witness that Jesus is really risen. Our faith is based on the witness of the Church that has preceded us, beginning with Thomas and the first disciples. Through Baptism we receive the same Holy Spirit that Jesus brought to the first disciples. We are among those who are "blessed" because we believe without having seen.

Died in hope of the Resurrection. In your charity please pray for the eternal rest of **Sr. Catherine Lane CSJ (Sr. Dominice)**. May God grant her peaceful rest with the saints and the reward of a good and faithful life. Pray also for the consolation of her loved ones.

Family Connection Many of us can relate to Thomas's response to the news that the disciples had seen Jesus. We want to see for ourselves too, but we grow in faith, trusting the experience and knowledge of others.

Many of us have heard the saying "Seeing is believing." As your family gathers, take some time to consider what that saying means. What are some things we believe because we see them? Is there anything we believe without seeing? Today's Gospel reminds us that faith sometimes asks us to believe things we cannot see with our eyes. Read today's Gospel, John 19:19-31, with your family. Think about Thomas's response to the reports about the risen Lord. Is Thomas's doubt reasonable? How does Jesus respond to Thomas? Jesus grants Thomas the evidence that Thomas needs to believe, but Jesus also affirms the faith of those who will be called upon to believe without first-hand experience. We are among those whom Jesus calls blessed. Discuss with your family the basis of each member's faith in Jesus—the witness of the first disciples, the Gospels, the continuing activity of the Holy Spirit, the community of the Church. Pray together that your faith in Jesus will be strong. Pray an act of faith together.

Building News . With the spring season finally here, we are starting a few projects that I hope will continue to keep our church in good working order. There have been reports of audio problems that we are trying to locate and so we hope that the sound system will be carefully taken care of. In addition we are also planning to have the roofers come and inspect the roof to look for broken slates and to look for broken fixtures in the gutters. Although there are some costs involved in this, it is good ongoing maintenance to prevent larger problems in the future. We also are continuing the project of renovation of the school with new windows and a new front door in the entrance foyer. The windows are original and some of them have been broken and damaged. They also are not nearly as efficient as the newer styles of windows so that there will be a considerable heat savings for the city, who lease the building and pay both the lights and heat costs. We are also considering a project of new efficient lights which we hope will reduce energy costs.



Please be sure to pick up your list of Easter Flower Memorials at back of the church. In addition to those on the memorial list, donations have also been made in memory of Pat Lynch, Jack & Marion McGrath, Malynn Family, Joseph Derek, Sr., Vargas Family and Maria Chung. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Divine Mercy Sunday - will be celebrated today at St. John the Baptist Church, 110 Lincoln Avenue from 3 – 5 PM. For additional information please contact Gerry or Ann Marie Johnston at 978-372-3824.



MAY 1, 2011

CATHOLIC APPEAL 2011 St. James has raised \$26,3033 for the 2011 Catholic Appeal, reaching 73.1 percent of our parish goal We ask every Catholic family to participate – every gift matters. You can pick up information packets with pledge forms in the back of the Church, or please visit www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com. Thank you!

Website news. It is now possible to donate your weekly offering on line and a few parishioners have begun. I also am contributing on line and now will stop having envelopes. As the site continues to be built I hope that many will enjoy it and use it for communication. In addition we are also starting to post the schedule for Eucharistic Ministers and lectors on line. I hope this method helps others go to the site and to use the site for information and contact with the parish. *Fr. Murray*

Mass Schedule April 30/ May 1

4:00 PM St. John's Fr. Leo
4:00 PM St. James Fr. Murray/Deacon Leo
7:00 PM St. James (Vietnamese) Fr. Joseph
8:30 AM St. Johns Fr. Murray
8:30 Am St. James Fr. Walsh
10:30 AM St. John the Baptist Fr. Murray
11:30 AM (Spanish) St. James Fr. Gaudet
5:00 PM Mass Fr. Walsh

Mass Schedule May 7/8

4:00 PM St. John's Fr. Murray/ Deacon Tom
4:00 PM St. James Fr. Walsh
7:00 PM St. James (Vietnamese) Fr. Joseph
8:30 AM St. John's Fr. Walsh/Deacon Tom
8:30 Am St. James Fr. Murray
10:30 AM St. John the Baptist Fr. Murray 1st Communion
11:30 AM (Spanish) St. James Fr. Walsh/Deacon Nelson
5:00 PM Mass Fr. Murray/Deacon Leo

OPEN HAND FOOD PANTRY Catholic Charities sponsors our local food pantry for the needs. The pantry is housed at the Universalist-Unitarian Church in Monument Square. There are plastic containers at the back of the church to receive your donations of non-perishable food which will be brought to the food pantry of distribution.

REMINDER Cell Phone Numbers Go Public this month. All cell phone numbers are being released to telemarketing companies and you will start to receive sales calls. You will be charged for these calls. To prevent this call the following number from your cell phone: **888-382-1222**. It takes about 20 seconds.

RECUERDE: Este mes todos los números celulares estarán a la disponibilidad de las empresas que hacen negocios a través del teléfono. Ud. pagara por esas llamadas. Para prevenir esto usted puede llamar desde su celular a la línea **NO LLAMAR**: **888-382-1222**. Le tomara solamente 20 minutos de su tiempo y tiene la opción en español

CN. II Phục Sinh.

1. Tin thì vui

Các bài đọc hôm nay cho thấy một đặc tính tất yếu của đức tin: nếu thực sự tin thì tất nhiên sẽ vui. Bài Tin Mừng kể rằng trước khi gặp Đức Giêsu phục sinh thì các tông đồ sợ, nhưng khi gặp Ngài thì "các môn đệ vui mừng"; Đoạn sách Công vụ kể: các tín hữu cộng đoàn Giêrusalem "ăn uống với nhau rất đôn sơ vui vẻ"; còn trong bài đọc 2, thánh Phêrô bảo "Anh em sẽ được vui mừng mặc dù còn phải ưu phiền ít lâu giữa trăm chiều thử thách. Những thử thách đó nhằm tinh luyện đức tin của anh em".

Vậy mà hiện nay nhiều người ở ngoài nhìn vào Giáo Hội thì thấy hình như các kitô hữu có vẻ buồn, đức tin giống như một cái khuôn, thậm chí một nhà tù giam hãm họ. Tại sao?

2. Sống với nhau như anh chị em

Con người thời nay khao khát được sống trong một cộng đoàn có tình có nghĩa. Có nhiều người than "Tôi thấy mình chỉ là một con số giữa một đám đông vô tình". Các nhà tâm lý xã hội đặt cho tình trạng này cái tên là "đám đông cô độc". Đó là kết quả của chủ nghĩa cá nhân mà chúng ta được giáo dục ngay từ nhỏ.

Vậy niềm khao khát trên phải chăng là một trong những dấu chỉ của thời đại? Làm thế nào để thỏa mãn được khát vọng tốt đẹp ấy?

Bài trích sách Công vụ có thể cho ta một số yếu tố để trả lời:

- Cầu nguyện và lắng nghe lời Chúa: vì sống cộng đoàn huynh đệ là một việc vượt quá khả năng con người ích kỷ, nên nếu có Chúa giúp thì mới thực hiện được.
- Chia sẻ: vì yêu thương thì phải cho đi.
- Cởi mở: mỗi người không tự khép kín trong cái tôi cô độc của mình nhưng phải mở lòng ra với mọi người. *Lm Carôlô Hồ Bạc Xái*

Stop In... AND HAVE A CUP OF COFFEE 

Please be sure to join us for coffee and donuts following the 8:30AM and 11:30AM Masses this morning.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY will meet on Monday, May 2nd at 7:00PM in the lower church. All men of the parish are invited to attend.

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