

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, May 28th

4:00PM

Deceased members of the Egan & Gardella Families

Anthony Tomaselli 2nd anniversary requested by his family

Maretta King & Kitty Gaff anniversary Requested by Winn Nault & family

Sunday, May 29th

8:30AM

Joseph A. Desmarais Family request

11:30PM

Sofia Ortega y Joaquin Larrauri por un ano mas de fallecidos-

Idelga Almanza Paulino por su primer año de fallecida pedida por Mercedes Gómez y familia

5:00PM

In Memory of Kenneth Quimby Sr requested by the Johnston family

Monday, May 30th

5:30PM

Matthew Johnston Birthday remembrance requested by family

Tuesday, May 31st

5:30PM

Maria LaFluer requested by family

Thursday, June 2nd

5:30PM

The Ascension of the Lord

7:00PM

Pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory Intention of the Celebrant (Spanish)

Friday, June 3rd

5:30PM

Maria LaFleur requested by family

Saturday, June 4th

9:00AM

Maria Lafluer requested by family

4:00PM

Marie Persico requested by family

Albert & Sylvia Hill anniversary Family request

Jean Desmarais anniversary Family request

Mass Intentions for next Sunday: 8:30AM George and Shirley Elie, 11:30 Maximina Nuñez, Rafael Antonio Melendez; 5:00PM Holy Souls in Purgatory

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Offertory May 22nd: \$4,887.24

Catholic Missions: \$1,952.00

THANK YOU!

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND is a voluntary special 2nd collection for the people of the southeastern United States affected by widespread tornados. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) will work with Catholic Charities USA to allocate the funds received based upon the humanitarian and institutional needs of each affected diocese."

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Parish Capital Improvements

Pastor's Notes This past week I attended a conference and workshop for pastors of multiple parishes in the Archdiocese. There are a total of twenty of us who have either two or three parishes. The messages were both sobering and hopeful. There are significant challenges facing the Archdiocese in the next few years as we face the growing shortage of priests. (Although we just ordained six new priests this past Saturday, the number of priests retiring far outpaces the replacement rate.) What we heard was that we cannot continue to do business as usual if we expect that parishes are going to continue to thrive and grow. It is obviously a time of change for us and for dioceses across the country. In other dioceses that have faced this issue, a plan was outlined and delivered giving everyone a clear understanding of how to proceed as far as blending, mixing or merging parishes. Our Archdiocese is still working to find a direction and until then we will begin carefully moving forward working together as separate parishes, but in a way that is flexible and open for the possibility of a future archdiocesan plan that all parishes will follow. The problem of the declining number of priests is not going away and must be addressed so that our Catholic community can prosper and grow. As the entire Archdiocese moves forward to adapt to changing circumstances while still meeting the needs of the faithful, we are encouraged to be clearheaded, realistic and in communion with the Archbishop. Eventually, as the number of priests declines further, most parishes will in some way be blended, mixed or merged, under the leadership of one or possibly two priests. The process by which that will happen remains undefined for now. This may be somewhat unsettling to all of us, but ultimately, we trust God and continue to proclaim the Gospel, confident that He will reveal to us all that we should be doing.

On a positive note, it was a good opportunity to be with pastors who have been asked to take over more than one parish. We learned that many of us have the same struggles and issues and the challenges we face often are very similar. We were thanked by the Archbishop through his representatives who ran the workshop. They offered good observations and a lot of helpful advice and material to assist us. One very positive recommendation was the importance of being careful with the resources of the parish, as we are, and with the resources of the priests. This means that while Fr. Walsh and I are committed to working hard and doing as much as we can, there is a limit that we need to set for our health in order to offer good and faithful service. We are fortunate in that for now we have two priests at this parish and at St. John's, along with permanent deacons. However, this situation will not last forever and it is wise to think now how the two parishes might work with just one priest, supported by the active involvement of the laity in the life and work of the parish. Another great resource that was offered was a book entitled "Pastoring Multiple Parishes". In this book there are observations, suggestions and learning gleaned from pastors and parishes that have experienced this type of change. The book is upbeat and gives great hope to all who undertake this endeavor. The task is challenging but doable and there are always bumps in the road. This means, of course that now more than ever people who can, should step forward to offer their help in any of the many ministries that we have in both parishes. No one knows the future except God, but he invites us to be part of it, giving us personal and communal resources that will help us to be active faithful members according to our skills. If you are asked to help, I am hoping that you will respond with a hearty yes. Our parish is depending on you. *Peace, Father Murray*

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

This week I met with the parish and finance councils. We discussed a number of important issues and received reports from various parts of the parish that are planning and working to continue to support our parish. In the finance department, we discussed a number of issues that are facing us, including the restored altar, and the moving of the organ and the piano up to the organ loft. Members of the committee okayed the projects with the stipulation that we should hire a structural engineer to ensure that the loft is still sound and will take the weight of both instruments. This is a good idea and it seems that we will be going forward with this project. I hope that soon you will hear our beautiful organ and choir from high above. This is the original intention and design of the loft, so we should be hearing the music even better than we do from the present position.

I am pleased to announce that a new priest has come to live at St. James Parish and will be helping out at both parishes. Fr. Felix Pire, a priest of Zambia, who is a student at Boston College will be here for a year and a half as he completes his doctoral dissertation. **Welcome Father Felix!**

Background on the Gospel Today's Gospel is a continuation of last week's Gospel: Jesus is speaking to his disciples at the Last Supper. In today's reading Jesus offers encouragement to his disciples, who will soon see him crucified. He reassures them that even though he will leave them, he will not abandon them. Instead he will send them the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, through whom the disciples will continue to live in union with Jesus. Jesus uses the term *Advocate* to describe the Holy Spirit, whom the disciples will receive. Another word used to describe the Holy Spirit is *Paraclete*, a legal term meaning "one who offers defense for another." Note that Jesus says that he will send "another Advocate." Jesus himself is the first advocate, interceding for his disciples with the Father. In today's reading Jesus contrasts his impending departure with the permanence of the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus will leave to return to the Father, but the Holy Spirit will remain with the disciples. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, the disciples will come to know and appreciate the unity of the Son and the Father. They will also understand that they too participate in the communion between the Father and the Son: "On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you" (John 14:20). Today's reading is one example of the contrast that John's Gospel presents between the community of disciples, to whom God will reveal himself, and the unbelieving world, which will remain in darkness. The unbelieving world cannot accept the "Spirit of truth," whom the disciples will receive. Only through the Spirit will God's revelation and love be known.

Save the Date. On Sunday Sept 11th at 2:00pm, in the Upper Church, we will commemorate the 10th anniversary of "9-11" with a concert entitled "**We Must Never Forget/ Concert of Peace**" If you have any relatives or friends who perished on this day, I would love for you to contact me as we would like to include their names in the program and perhaps have family members participate in some way at this event. Contact: Cynthia Arsenault, Director of Music at 978.372.8537 x202 or email at stjamesmusic@hotmail.com

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday, June 2nd The Feast of the Ascension

9:00AM at St. John the Baptist

5:30PM at St. James Church

7:00PM at St. James Church (*Spanish*)

Family Connection The mystery of the Trinity can be difficult for us to grasp. Today's Gospel invites us to consider how the three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit— work together so that God's salvation is made known to us. Jesus' mission is continued through the activity of the Holy Spirit in the lives of his disciples. We have received this same Spirit through our Baptisms. The Spirit, living and working within us, reveals the mystery of God's love for us. Just as the first disciples were not left orphaned, we are not orphaned; we remain in God's embrace through the gift of the Holy Spirit. Gather your family and invite each family member to say what he or she knows about the Holy Spirit. Read aloud today's Gospel, John 14:15-21. What does Jesus say the Holy Spirit will do for the disciples? Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we come to share in the love of God made known to us in Jesus. Pray together, thanking God for this gift of the Holy Spirit by praying the [Prayer to the Holy Spirit](#).

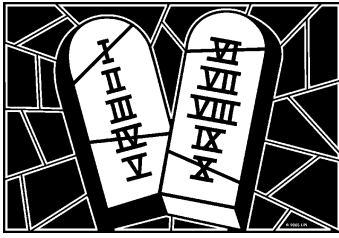
Walk for Life Saturday, June 4th! Mark your calendar, grab your friends and make a difference! The Pregnancy Care Center's 2011 Walk for Life will be held Saturday, June 4th at 9:00am. This year there are 5 Walk locations: Amesbury, Andover, Haverhill, North Andover and Newburyport. The walk route is 2 miles – build a team from your school, work or church – families are welcome! Please visit www.pccnortheast.org/walk to register online or to print a pledge form. Receive a free t-shirt by raising \$150.00 in pledges or building a team of 5 walkers. Thanks for your continued support!

HELP ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL EARN A NEW PLAYGROUND!

St. Joseph's is trying to earn a \$50,000 grant from Pepsi to build a new playground and they need our help! Vote three ways EVERYDAY from May 1st to May 31st. Visit www.refresheverything.com/stjosephschoolplayground or login using Facebook or Text 106196 to 73774 (standard texting charges do apply) For more information visit www.sjshav.com or call 978-521-4256. The way they win is by voting. The top ten ideas that the get the most votes each win \$50,000; it is really that simple

Please join us for the Second Annual Trilingual Pentecost Celebration on Sunday June 12th at 11:00AM in the Upper Church followed by a Parish Picnic at St. James School. The picnic will begin at 12:30PM, immediately following Mass. Food from all the different communities of our church will be represented as well as games and activities for the kids! Tickets will be available after all Masses beginning Saturday, May 21st or at the Rectory Monday – Friday. Cost is \$5 per adult, children are free. Anyone wishing to donate food, plates, napkins, etc. or volunteer to help set up, cook or clean up please call Margaret Marnon at 978-377-0043. Hope to see you there!

MAY 29, 2011



"On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to

him." - Jn 14:20-21

Readings for the Week of May 29, 2011

Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21
Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26---16:4a
Tuesday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Lk 1:39-56
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22---18:1/Jn 16:12-15
Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Jn 16:16-20
Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Jn 16:20-23
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28

Today, May 29th there will be an auction sponsored by the **Mission Santiago Apostol** in the St. James School, 415 Primrose St. after the 11:30am Mass, to raise money for the construction of the church in the Dominican Republic.

CATHOLIC APPEAL 2011 St. James has raised \$27,413 for the 2011 Catholic Appeal, reaching 76.1 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.



Contemplative Rosary will take place on Tuesday May 31st at 6:00pm in the Upper Church. We will celebrate the Sorrowful Mysteries. May 31st is the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin

Mary. This form of the Rosary involves beautiful chanting of the Rosary and prayers while contemplating on beautiful Icons. What better way to celebrate the Month of Mary! The evening will begin with a prelude of Marian Hymns; some old, some new.

El 29, de Mayo tendremos una Subasta en la escuela de Saint James 415 Primrose St. después de la misa para recaudar fondos para la misión Santiago Apóstol. Necesitamos su cooperación en artículos para la subasta. Si tienen alguna pregunta o quieren donar algo contacten al diacono Nelson Agudelo (978)556-5652 o a Maria Betances al (978)521-6785.

Suy Niệm CN. VI Phục Sinh.

Chỉ còn một tuần lễ nữa là đến lễ Thăng thiên. Tin Mừng hôm nay thuật rằng trước khi Đức Giêsu lên trời, Ngài đã hứa gọi Chúa Thánh Thần đến với chúng ta để giúp chúng ta chu toàn sứ mạng mà Ngài đã giao cho chúng ta, tức là loan báo Tin Mừng khắp thế giới. Chúng ta đã lãnh nhận Chúa Thánh Thần trong ngày được Rửa tội và Thêm sức. Nhưng chúng ta có ý thức Ngài đang ở trong chúng ta không, và có nghe theo sự hướng dẫn của ngài không ?

Ngày xưa khi các tín hữu bị bách hại ở Giêrusalem phải trốn sang Antiôchia, họ bị dân chúng miền này mỉa mai gọi họ là "Kitô hữu", ngụ ý đó là những kẻ khờ dại sống theo giáo lý của một tên Giêsu nào đó xưng mình là Kitô. Nhưng không ngờ cái tên "Kitô hữu" ấy lại diễn đạt rất đúng tính cách của người tín hữu. Đúng vậy, tín hữu của Đức Giêsu là người muốn bắt chước Đức Kitô đến nỗi trở thành một Kitô khác.

Nhưng làm thế nào để được như vậy ? Thừa nhờ Chúa Thánh Thần :

Chúa Thánh Thần là Đấng soi sáng, giúp ta ngày càng hiểu rõ Đức Kitô và những lời dạy của Ngài hơn.

Chúa Thánh Thần là Đấng Phù trợ : Ngài ban sức mạnh giúp chúng ta sống. Sống một cách phi thường trong cuộc đời bình thường ; sống bình thân và lạc quan trong những lúc khó khăn ; sống quảng đại đang khi vác thập giá...

Chúa Thánh Thần còn là nguồn tình yêu. Nhờ tình yêu mà Chúa Thánh Thần đổ tràn vào lòng chúng ta, cuộc sống chúng ta luôn là một màu hồng, cho dù khi thất bại, khi bị phụ bạc vô ơn, khi chịu đựng những tấn công của kẻ đố kỵ... giống như Đức Kitô ngày xưa trong cuộc chịu nạn.

Lm. Carôlô Hồ Bạc Xái

Mass Schedule May 28-29

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

Mass Schedule June 4-5

4:00 PM St. John the Baptist Fr. Murray/Deacon Tom
4:00 PM St. James Fr. Walsh
7:00 PM St. James (Vietnamese) Fr. Joseph
8:30 AM St. John the Baptist Fr. Murray/ Deacon Leo
8:30 AM St. James Fr. Leo
10:30 AM St. John the Baptist, Fr. Felix
11:30 AM (Spanish) St. James Fr. Murray
5:00 PM Mass St. James, Fr. Murray

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