

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, May 7th

4:00PM

Gerald Guilfoyle 5th month anniversary
requested by family

Joseph Derek Sr.

Request of the Comiskey family

Peter Gaff 1 month anniversary

requested by family

Sunday, May 8th

8:30AM

The Russo & DiPietro Family requested
by Ann Russo

11:30PM

Blanca Velazquez (viva) *por ser y seguir
siendo mama y papa pedida por sus
Hijos*

Nelson Agudelo(vivo) *porque Dios
siempre lo bendiga a él y su familia
por parte de los de la parroquia.*

Ana Hernandez *en su 2do aniversario
de fallecida pedida por la familia
Almonte*

Pedro Romero *por el eterno descanso
de su alma pedido por su familia*

Gladys Alvarado

Maretta Anzalone & Josephine Delia
Requested by Winifred Nault and family

5:00PM

Monday, May 9th

5:30PM

Special Intention

Requested by Ann Marie Johnston

Tuesday, May 10th

5:30PM

Intention of the Celebrant

Thursday, May 12th

5:30PM

William Cavanaugh (deceased)
requested by friend

Friday, May 13th

5:30PM

Maria LaFleur *requested by her family*

Saturday, May 14th

9:00AM

Estelle Champagne anniversary
requested by family

4:00PM

Alida Nault & Sandra Helpard
anniversary requested by family
Bernard Flynn *requested by family*

Mass Intentions for next Sunday: 8:30AM Dick Daly, 5:00PM Sally Haseltine Gleason

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Offertory May 1st: \$4,944.00

Catholic Communication Campaign: \$1,714.50

THANK YOU!

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

Parish Capital Improvement

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Special Monthly Offering

Pastor's Notes This is a wonderful period in the church that all of us can be excited to experience. At the world wide level, the whole world was excited to celebrate the beatification of Blessed John Paul II, a process which begins with his being declared blessed and then eventually determining that he was and is a saint. It is a great moment when we can celebrate someone's being named for sainthood. This is a man we have known and seen and heard speak and show us the glory of our faith. Over the course of his papacy, this blessed man wrote, spoke and acted as a true disciple. We saw it with our own eyes. It was fitting that he should be named blessed on Divine Mercy Sunday. John Paul gave the church this feast to allow us all to focus on what love the Father has shown us through the death and resurrection of his son and now we can see how that love can transform us one by one. Closer to home we have the Easter sacraments to celebrate in our parishes. St. James and St. John the Baptist parish are both celebrating First Communions during these past and next few weeks. It is a great privilege to be part of all of the celebrations and see the great joy that comes to the first communicants and their parents, godparents and families. This is the same joy that comes to Cleopas and his companion as they walk along with Jesus hidden from them although he is quite present to them. It is only in the breaking of the bread that we understand and receive the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Now the first communion classes can revel in the experience of that truth. Our hope is that they continue in the practice of receiving Christ each week and so become formed more and more in his image. The two disciples in this scene were fed by the word and the breaking of the bread. This is also our experience. Two weeks ago at St. John's we celebrated another outpouring of the Holy Spirit as we confirmed 48 young people and a number of adults at a confirmation ceremony. They too are called to be witnesses of the Gospel joy that we celebrate this season. The Acts of the Apostles recount the growth and development of the early Church and how many were added and many came to believe day after day. This growth continues in many ways throughout the Church all over the world. We celebrate, as many other parishes, that the Holy Spirit continues to move among us and foster growth through the example of parents, grandparents, and godparents, the community and the children who themselves receive these Easter sacraments. Confirmation, of course, does not add to the number of disciples, but rather strengthens those who were baptized to be members of the community fully initiated, now called to take some part in service to the Church whether as Lectors, Eucharistic ministers or any of the other many more hidden ministries of the Church. In this way each ministry, which is really a way of serving as "other Christ's", continues to grow and renew itself. The church is always prepared to welcome new ministers to serve. Confirmation and First Communion remind us that we are people who are fed by the Lord and then are called to get up from the meal and serve. Perhaps one day we will be shouting for you as they did for Blessed St. John "Subito Santo!" (Already blessed!) I would be remiss if I forgot to add a *heartfelt Happy Mother's Day* to all. Thanks for all the guidance, patience and wisdom. A wise person once said that behind every successful man is a woman, I often think that it was good mothers that they were thinking of when they said this. *Peace, Father Murray*

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



And it happened that, while [Jesus] was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. - Lk 24:30-31

Readings for the Week of May 8, 2011

Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51---8:1a/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Jn 15:9-17

Next Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

FIRST COMMUNION INFORMATION...All children will meet for rehearsal on two days this week. **Rehearsal #1 will be on Monday, May 9th from 4:00 – 5:00 P.M.** The children will gather in the lower church and be dismissed from the upper church. **Rehearsal #2 will be on Thursday, May 12th from 7:00 – 8:00 P.M.** The children will gather in the lower church once again and be dismissed from the upper church. One adult must remain for the second rehearsal. Please note that the children must attend both rehearsals!

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS...Applications are now available at the Rectory for scholarships administered by St. James Parish. These scholarships are restricted to graduating high school seniors of St. James Parish who fulfill the following requirements: ***Will be graduating from high school this year and will be attending college in the fall. Have contributed to the life of the parish during high school by involvement in various ministries, e.g., Choir, Extraordinary Minister, Lector, Catechist, Usher (regularly), Altar Server, Volunteer for special projects, etc.*** If you feel you meet the criteria, please pick up an application, complete it and return it **with a letter** stating why you feel you should be selected to receive scholarship assistance from St. James Parish. All applications must be received **NO LATER than Monday, May 16, 2011.** Incomplete applications or those without a letter will not be considered. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – Noon.

FIRST COMMUNION MASS

Next Saturday, May 14th at the 4:00 P.M. Mass, 38 boys and girls will receive Holy Communion for the first time. Please join them and their families for this wonderful celebration!

OPEN HAND FOOD PANTRY Catholic Charities sponsors our local food pantry. 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 for distribution.

Our Lady of the Rosary Sodality will meet on Tuesday May 10th at 11:15 AM at the Stevens-Bennett Home on Main Street. All who are interested will go to the Roma Restaurant for lunch following the Rosary and meeting. Any questions, please call Patricia Howes @ 978-372-4624.

Building News.

We have received an estimate of \$35,000.00 dollars to restore the reredos to its original look. The process we are in now will also include a rail around the tabernacle and a place to kneel and pray. I will give you more information on this as I receive it.

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.

Background on the Gospel On most Sundays during the Easter season in Cycle A, our Gospel is taken from the Gospel of John. This week's Gospel, however, is taken from the Gospel of Luke. As in last week's Gospel, today's Gospel shows us how the first community of disciples came to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead. In these stories we gain insight into how the community of the Church came to be formed. When we read today's Gospel, we may be surprised to learn that these friends of Jesus could walk and converse with him at some length yet not recognize him. Again we discover that the risen Jesus is not always easily recognized. Cleopas and the other disciple walk with a person whom they believe to be a stranger; only later do they discover that the stranger is Jesus. We learn that the first community met and recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread, just as we meet Jesus in the Eucharist. We can imagine the feelings of the two disciples in today's reading. They are leaving their community in Jerusalem. Their friend Jesus has been crucified. Their hope is gone. They are trying to make sense of what has occurred, so that they can put the experience behind them. Jesus himself approaches the two men, but they take him for a stranger. Jesus asks them what they are discussing. He invites them to share their experience and interpretation of the events surrounding his crucifixion and death. When the two disciples have done so, Jesus offers his own interpretation of his crucifixion and resurrection, citing Jewish Scripture. In that encounter we find the model for our Liturgy of the Word—what we do each time we gather as a community for the Eucharist. We reflect upon our life experiences and interpret them in light of Scripture. We gather together to break open the Word of God. In the next part of the story, we find a model for our Liturgy of the Eucharist. The disciples invite the stranger (Jesus) to stay with them. During the meal in which they share in the breaking of the bread, the disciples' eyes are opened; they recognize the stranger as Jesus. In the Eucharist too we share in the breaking of the bread and discover Jesus in our midst. Just as the disciples returned to Jerusalem to recount their experience to the other disciples, we too are sent from our Eucharistic gathering. Our experience of Jesus in the Eucharist compels us to share the story with others.

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Mother's Day

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. Johns 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

Mass Schedule May 14/15

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

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. . . . they need your help!

Vote three ways EVERYDAY from May 1 to May 31.

Visit www.refresheverything.com/stjosephschoolplayground

Visit www.refresheverything.com and login using Facebook

Text 106196 to 73774 (standard texting charges do apply)

For more information visit www.sjshav.com or call 978-521-4256

The way we win is by voting. The top ten ideas that the get the most votes each win \$50,000; it is really that simple

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!

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!

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Family Connection Families, as the domestic church, have the opportunity to make the family meal a time of prayerful encounter with one another and with Jesus. At a family meal we share our experiences of the day and connect them with the experiences of others in the family. We can also enjoy the meal as an opportunity to reflect upon our family life in light of Scripture. At their best our family meals can connect us to Jesus too. Choose a family meal this week to share one another's experiences of the week in a special way. Perhaps invite family members to plan and prepare the meal together. Begin the meal by reading today's Gospel, Luke 24:13-35. As you eat, talk together about how the disciples discussed their experiences in Jerusalem and how they came to understand them differently when Jesus interpreted those events in the light of Scripture. Then invite each family member to share the things that are going on in his or her life. Consider what Jesus might say to each person if he were sitting at your dinner table. Conclude with a special prayer after your dinner. Pray a prayer of blessing for each family member, asking that Jesus continue to be present in each person's life, helping each one to be a better follower of Jesus. Conclude with a Sign of Peace.

¡Feliz Pascua! Podemos decir esta frase una y otra vez por cincuenta días más. Estamos en un tiempo muy especial lleno de las verdades más profundas de nuestra fe. Nos damos cuenta ahora de la enormidad y del amor que nuestro Dios tiene por nosotros. Al mismo tiempo leemos que a pesar de las dudas de Tomas, el malentendido de Pedro y de los otros, Jesucristo todavía viene a los apóstoles y a nosotros. Este tiempo nos da también la oportunidad para imitar los primeros tiempos de la iglesia primitiva y podemos dar testimonio de la efusión del Espíritu Santo entre nosotros a través de los sacramentos que reciben los niños, los jóvenes y los adultos. Yo sé que no tuvimos candidatos y catecúmenos por este año en la Vigilia Pascual, pero el Espíritu Santo está trabajando por esto para el año próximo. También, en este año vamos a compartir bautizos y confesiones y primera comuniones de muchos niños y jóvenes y en el otoño, el sacramento de la confirmación va a ser conferido a los jóvenes que ya se están preparando.

Quiero ofrecer mi profunda gratitud a todos los que colaboraron durante el triduo y toda la semana santa y que hicieron posible que este tiempo fuese más hermoso y reflexivo. Ofrezco particularmente mi apreciación a todos los que trabajaron en los eventos y se reunieron para planear toda la Semana Santa.

Quiero avisarles que el domingo próximo, vamos a celebrar la Primera Comunión de los niños y jóvenes de la clase de catecismo. Me alegre muchísimo y estoy honrado en celebrar con los niños y sus familias este día tan especial, bello, y emocionante tanto para ellos como para nosotros. De antemano, Agradezco toda la labor catequética y el celo apostólico de Milagros, Sarah, Isabela y el Diacono Nelson. *La paz, P. Roberto*

RECUERDE: Este mes todos los números celulares estarán a la disponibilidad de las empresas que hacen negocios a través del teléfono. Ud. pague 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

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