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**Fifth Sunday
of Easter**



I am the way,
the truth and the life,
says the Lord; no one
comes to the Father,
except through me.

John 14:6

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Masses

**First Friday 7:00 PM Saturday, 4:00 PM Sunday:
8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & 12:00 Noon**

**Holy Day: (Eve 4 PM) 7 AM, 12 Noon & 7 PM Daily:
7AM and 12:00 Noon**

Every Friday 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Adoration and Benediction

**Tuesday Novena to St. Anthony at 12:00 Noon and
7:00 PM**

Confessions

**Will be done every Tuesday from 6:00 PM till 6:45
PM and Saturday at 3:00 PM until 3:45 PM in the
main Church, or you may call the rectory to set up an
appointment**

Sacrament of Baptism:

**Baptism will be done on the Second and Fourth Sun-
day of every month at 2:00 PM in the main Church.
Classes for Parents and Godparents will be held on
the First Thursday of every month from 7:00 PM un-
til 8:00 PM in the Chapel
(Located on Breed Street)**

**You may register through our website
www.stanthonysrevere.org or
email:maryanngiorgio@outlook.com**

Sacrament of Marriage:

**Preparation for Christian Marriage begins at least
one year prior to the planned date of the Wedding.
Couples contemplating marriage please go on-line to
www.bostoncatholic.org to find out date and time for
Transformed in Love.**

Pray for All the Souls in Purgatory:

Masses this Week

Paula Arrigo and Andrew R. D'Amico Sr.

Sunday, May 7, In Church

8:00 Luigi & Vincenzo DeRosa by daughter Carmela & family

10:00 Oscar Forlani (8th Anniversary) by family

12:00 Gino & Giuseppe Trichilo by family

Monday, May 8, In Church

7:AM Antonio De Napoli by family

12:PM Rose DiPanfilo by daughter Gina

Tuesday, May 9, In Church

7: AM

12:PM Anthony DeSimone by mother & brother

7: PM For The Deceased Members of St. Anthony's Parish

Wednesday, May 10, In Church

7: AM Special Birthday Blessing for Joann Monteforte

12:PM Edith Palermo by The Joy Family

Thursday, May 11, In Church

7:AM

12:PM Angelo & Dorothy Nocella (Anniversary) by daughter

Friday, May 12, In Church

7:AM Deceased Members of The Pinto Family by Hilda Carneiro & family

12:PM Genesio & Cristina Spina by family

3:PM Adoration & Benediction

Saturday, May 13, In Church

9:AM Community Mass

4:PM Ann Merullo (9th Anniversary) by children Carol & Denise

**Masses next Sunday May 14, In Church
(Happy Mother's Day)**

8:00 Mary Pauline (54th Anniversary) and Joseph Giannino by Joann & family

10:00 Rita & John Pennacchio by daughters Evelyn & Jean

12:00 Olimpia Tollis by family

Saturday Community Mass 05-13-2023 at 9:00 AM

1. Napoli and D'Arco Families
2. Rev. Edward J. Gaudette
3. Galla Family by son William
4. Philip & Evelyn LaCascia & Carol LaCascia White by family
5. Gina & Antonio Pepe by The Pepe Family
6. Susan E. D'Angelo Bouchard by family
7. Special Healing for James A. DeAngelo Jr by brother
8. Special Healing for Paula DeAngelo by brother
9. Genesio & Cristina Spina by family
10. Lucia Antonelli by daughter
11. Camillo Antonelli by daughter
12. Sandra Anzalone by sister Joann
13. Five Special Souls and All The Souls In Purgatory
14. Irving, Lydia & Thomas Rubin and All the Souls in Purgatory
15. Cedric Igor Jean-Phillpe by Sabine Jean Louis
16. Josephine DiCalogero by Nina Cardarelli
17. In Thanks giving to the Blessed Mother by Nina Cardarelli
18. In Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart by Nina Cardarelli
19. In Thanksgiving to St. Jude by Nina Cardarelli
20. Michael DiGregorio by Renee & Michael DiGregorio
21. Margarita E. Bellotti by James Nigro
22. George Farro by Doreen King & family
23. In Thanksgiving to St. Anthony by Maria
24. In Thanksgiving to St. Peregrine by Maria
25. In Thanksgiving to Padre Pio by Maria
26. In Thanksgiving to all The Saints by Maria
27. Paula Arrigo by James Nigro
28. Phyllis Bushey by Michael & Vonette Zullo
29. Cristiano Maria DoCanto by daughter Maria
30. For All Souls & Saints by Maria Rosa
31. Phyllis Lillo by Frank & Sandy and Rosalind
32. James L. Murphy by Mike & Pauline Mangino
33. Anna DiFiore by The Penta Family
34. Rita Giangregorio by The Giangregorio & Fiuza Family
35. The Deceased Members of the Pinto Family by Hilda Carneiro & family
36. Lee Joseph Devereaux (1st Anniversary) by wife & children
37. Manny Russo by Arthur Otolu
38. Emanuel Russo by Frank & Sheila Vassallo
39. Mary Lasala by Laura Andreotto & family
40. Andrew R. D;Amico Sr. by St Anthony
41. Martin Diliegro Jr. by Robert Alvino Jr,
42. Tracy Anne Campbell by family
43. Antonio Guarino by Donna Bottari
44. Claire, Florence and Lillian by family

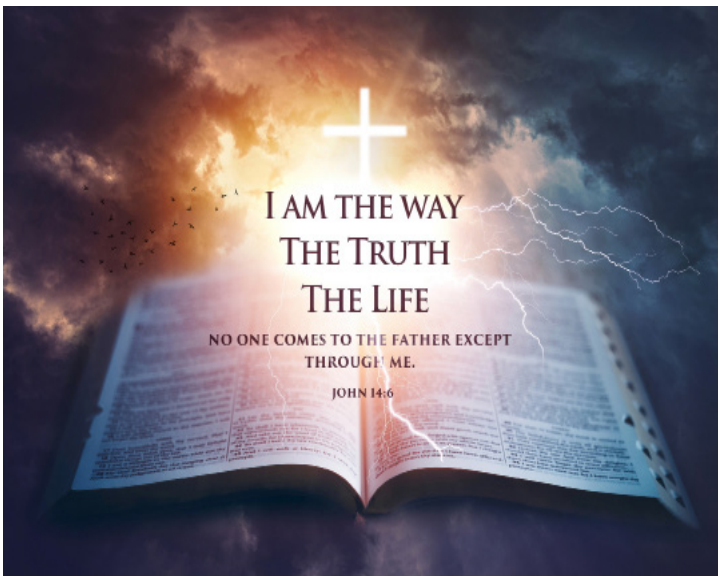
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- 44. Rita, Giovanna, Laura and Orsolo Giammarco (Happy Mother's Day) by Laura and John
- 45. Teresa & Maria Salvatore and Concetta D'Amato (Happy Mother's day) by Laura & John
- 46. Ines, Teresa Giammarco and Elda Giammarco (who died ay child birth) (Happy Mother's Day) by Laura & John

May all these souls Rest In Peace



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Jesus said to his disciples, "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves. "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do, and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

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May is the
Month of Mary!



As the Mother of God, the Virgin Mary has a unique position among the saints, indeed, among all creatures. She is exalted, yet still one of us.

Redeemed by reason of the merits of her Son and united to Him by a close and indissoluble tie, she is endowed with the high office and dignity of being the Mother of the Son of God, by which account she is also the beloved daughter of the Father and the temple of the Holy Spirit. Because of this gift of sublime grace she far surpasses all creatures, both in heaven and on earth. At the same time, however, because she belongs to the offspring of Adam she is one with all those who are to be saved. (Lumen Gentium, no. 53)

Mary embraces God's will and freely chooses to cooperate with God's grace, thereby fulfilling a crucial role in God's plan of salvation. Throughout the centuries, the Church has turned to the Blessed Virgin in order to come closer to Christ. Many forms of piety toward the Mother of God developed that help bring us closer to her Son. In these devotions to Mary, "while the Mother is honored, the Son, through whom all things have their being and in whom it has pleased the Father that all fullness should dwell, is rightly known, loved and glorified and . . . all His commands are observed." The Church honors her as the Mother of God, looks to her as a model of perfect discipleship, and asks for her prayers to God on our behalf.



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Why Is Mary So Important to the Catholic Church?

Blessed Mother, Mother of God, Our Lady, Queen of Heaven, Cause of our Joy, Mother of Mercy. That is but a small sampling of the titles which Mary holds within the Catholic Church. Doctrinally and liturgically speaking she is a major figure within Catholicism. But there is also an emotional and adoration element within Catholicism that is very evident. A Catholic would not call this practice worship. No good Catholic would say that they worship Mary. She is venerated. This means that she is loved, adored, treasured, held in high esteem, etc. but it does not mean that she is given a place of equal devotion as the Holy Trinity.

But why is she so important? One of the best explanations I have heard is from Peter Kreeft. According to Kreeft, "We love Mary for one reason: because we love Jesus." He goes on to explain that Jesus comes to us through Mary. "She is the place where the single most important and miraculous and wonderful thing that ever happened, happened." And this all happened because, according to Luke 1:38, Mary said "yes" to God. So again, Kreeft says, "The greatest thing that ever happened, happened in her and because of her." If we love Jesus, then why would we not revere the means by which He came to us?

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*Sanctuary Candle
May, 2023
Donated*



*In Loving Memory
of
Cello, Manzo, LaBella
&
Rolli Families
by
Connie & Al*

*Eucharistic Hosts
May, 2023
Donated*



*In Loving Memory
of
Ann & Raymond Merullo
by
Daughters
Carol & Denise*

*My Brother's Table
May, 2023
Donated*



*In Loving Memory
of
Loretta A. & Carmen Ravagno
& Edith V. & Luke Church
by
Diane R. Colella & Licata Schepici*

**SCAN
ME**



**Readings
To-Go!**

*5th Sunday of Easter
May 7, 2023*

*Scan QR code to see
this week's readings!*

Faith Formation News

This weekend, we celebrate the sacrament of the Eucharist and the reception of First Holy Communion with 24 of our First Communion children. May they always approach the altar of God with the joy and holiness they have today!

God bless Grace Aborn, Maximiliano Alvarez, Ayyah Baptista, Jeronimo Builes, Alberto Caruso, Camila DeQueiroz, Kelan Doherty, Grayson Domnique, Luciana Florenzio, Giuliana Gasparini, Gianna Gulla, Jayla Gulla, Adelaide Malfy, Mila McDonough, Antonie Melgar, Gianluca Mendez, Jeronimo Munibe, Brooke Prophete, Elijah Reed, Abigail Rior-dan, Lucas Rivas, Gia Rosales, Luciano Schille and Reggie Taylor!

“Confirmed...Now What?” I would like to thank the following speakers who joined with all of our Confirmation students to discuss their journey of faith! Each speaker was engaging, and shared how their lives of faith developed from the time of their baptism and childhood right through their lives today. Thank you so much to Father Xavier, Deacon Joe Belmonte, John McGillicuddy, Gianni Hill, Konti Lumaj, Maria Varela and Elayna O’Neill! God bless them most abundantly!

This weekend our Confirmation students will attend a retreat that will be facilitated by Adolfo and Belinda Diaz. The day will feature an icebreaker activity, talks on the sacrament of Confirmation, the importance of the Mass, angels in our lives and wrap up with Eucharistic Adoration, the Rosary, Benediction and the sacrament of Penance. It will be a blessing for all who attend! Thank you!

Please keep our Confirmation candidates, their sponsors and families in your prayers as the day of Confirmation draws near!

May Procession and Crowning of the statue of Our Blessed Mother: On Sunday, May 14th, all the children of the parish are welcome to join us at the 10:00 Mass to participate. Please come to the church at 9:45 to pick up your roses and join in the Opening Procession!

Know that you are always in my prayers!
Donna Felzani

5th Sunday of Easter

News from the Wheel-House

“You don’t need to have extraordinary effort to achieve extraordinary results. You just need to do the ordinary, everyday things exceptionally well.” – Warren Buffet

Dear parish family,

May the Lord Jesus, who reveals Himself in the gospel that He is the way, the truth and the life, help us to walk His ways, keep ourselves truthful to Him always and bless us to enjoy the life with peace now and for eternity!

Lovely, Lively and Divine: As you all knew that last weekend the weather was kind of “raw” with rain, wind and chilly and at the church we had a heavy schedule, one thing after another. However at the end of weekend on Sunday night, as I was taking the socks off my feet, I was recollecting the things that had happened at the church on that Saturday and Sunday and right away I felt that the weekend was “lovely, lively and divine”. You know why? because lot of faith expressions: Saturday and Sunday together we had seven Masses at our church (on Saturday: one community Mass, one Funeral Mass, one Marriage Mass and Vigil Mass at 4:00PM then on Sunday three regular weekend Masses) and besides I myself had three Masses celebrated at other parishes (Saturday two Masses: one Indian Mass at Burlington and one Spanish Mass at Lynn, on Sunday one Spanish Mass at Immaculate Conception Church Revere), Confessions, 24 hours Eucharistic Adoration at the Chapel by the Spanish Prayers Groups to storm the Heaven against the SatanCon, one First Communion at 10:00AM Mass, procession with the statue of “Maria Santissima en Coronata”, five Baptisms, a visit of twenty five catholic students from Bethlehem Catholic School, Pennsylvania and with our parish faith formation program the Confirmation Students had faith Sharing Panel. Now having heard me, I hope that you also feel the same that the past weekend was “lovely, lively and divine”. Hereby I want to thank and appreciate all who did everything for the success of those faith expressions. God bless them! Can I truly say that I am well? This weekend we are celebrating “the Fifth Sunday of Easter”. You know, in the first reading we hear that the first and early Christian community was growing amidst all their struggles and troubles. And I am certain that all those were belonging to that community should have felt very good about it and themselves too. When I was reflecting on the readings of this weekend especially the first reading, I got a mind blowing and here I want to share with you. One of the things that we hear everyday in our lives is that people asking each other when they see for the first time; “how are you?” and the response “I am good” but coming to know the real situations and struggles of the person we get the thought why he/she did that response, “I am good” though in reality “not doing good”. And another thing, we all know for certain as long as we live on this earth, we all will certainly have one challenge or struggle.

With this thing going on “can we ever make a sincere response “I am good”? To answer this question the Church has given us today a beautiful gospel. In the gospel we hear Jesus acknowledging the struggles of His disciples calling them “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me”. What does He mean by that? Why did He say so? You know that in the gospel, He talks about “Heaven” saying, “In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be”. At this point kindly know that “Heaven is real”. If that is not real, Jesus, an embodiment of truth, would not have talked about it. Then having done it He revealed that “He is the way and the truth and the life”. By doing so, He called His disciples to make Him their own the way, the truth and the life to have the blessing of Heaven. Well, here is my mind blowing: what Jesus has said in the gospel “really works and we have a proof for that. Now let us go back to the first reading which mentions, about the struggle or trouble the early church people had at the start. Though they had one trouble or other, even were discouraging persecutions, they were growing not only in number but in the love of God. That would have certainly made them to feel good and say “we are good”. This was possible for them i.e to have life because they had made Jesus the way and showed it in truth through their live. You know they were physically “not good” but spiritually “very good”. Learning from their experience if we also make Jesus our way, the truth and the life, we will be also to say for sure that “I am good” with sincerity amidst all our challenges and struggles. May God help us all.

First Communion Mass: This weekend on Sunday at 10:00AM Mass twenty-three children from our parish are going to receive their First Communion. They are going to make Jesus their way, the truth and the life. Kindly keep them in your prayers. Hereby I want to thank all the parents and the families of those children who have been helping them in their faith journey. Specially I also want to thank and appreciate our parish faith formation team, which works with commitment and love for faith, for their great job of preparing those children for this great day. God bless everybody.

Confirmation Mass: This year, we are going to have the Confirmation Mass on May 21, 2023 at 12 Noon. Kindly keep in your valuable prayers all those who are going to receive “the Sacrament of Confirmation” that every one of them truly become “a soldier of Christ” in his/her life with the power of the Holy Spirit that is going to be bestowed on that great day.

Well, here goes the bell calling me to go and hold the Wheel.

Before I go, let me say, “God bless you” and assure you of my continual prayers for your greater good!

Happy & Blessed Fifth Sunday of Easter!

Your Pastor, Fr. Xavier

5th Sunday of Easter

Reading 1 Acts 6:1-7

As the number of disciples continued to grow, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. So the Twelve called together the community of the disciples and said, "It is not right for us to neglect the word of God to serve at table. Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men, filled with the Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint to this task, whereas we shall devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." The proposal was acceptable to the whole community, so they chose Stephen, a man filled with faith and the Holy Spirit, also Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicholas of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these men to the apostles who prayed and laid hands on them. The word of God continued to spread, and the number of the disciples in Jerusalem increased greatly; even a large group of priests were becoming obedient to the faith.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Exult, you just, in the LORD;
praise from the upright is fitting.
Give thanks to the LORD on the harp;
with the ten-stringed lyre chant his praises.

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Upright is the word of the LORD,
and all his works are trustworthy.
He loves justice and right;
of the kindness of the LORD the earth is full.

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

See, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who fear him,
upon those who hope for his kindness,
To deliver them from death
and preserve them in spite of famine.

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Reading 2 1 Pt 2:4-9

Beloved:
Come to him, a living stone, rejected by human beings
but chosen and precious in the sight of God, and, like living stones,
let yourselves be built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.
For it says in Scripture: Behold, I am laying a stone in Zion,
a cornerstone, chosen and precious, and whoever believes in it shall not be put to shame. Therefore, its value is for you who have faith, but for those without faith: The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone, and A stone that will make people stumble, and a rock that will make them fall. They stumble by disobeying the word, as is their destiny. You are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own, so that you may announce the praises" of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

Alleluia R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Jn 14:1-12

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you know the way." Thomas said to him, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me is doing his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else, believe because of the works themselves. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father."