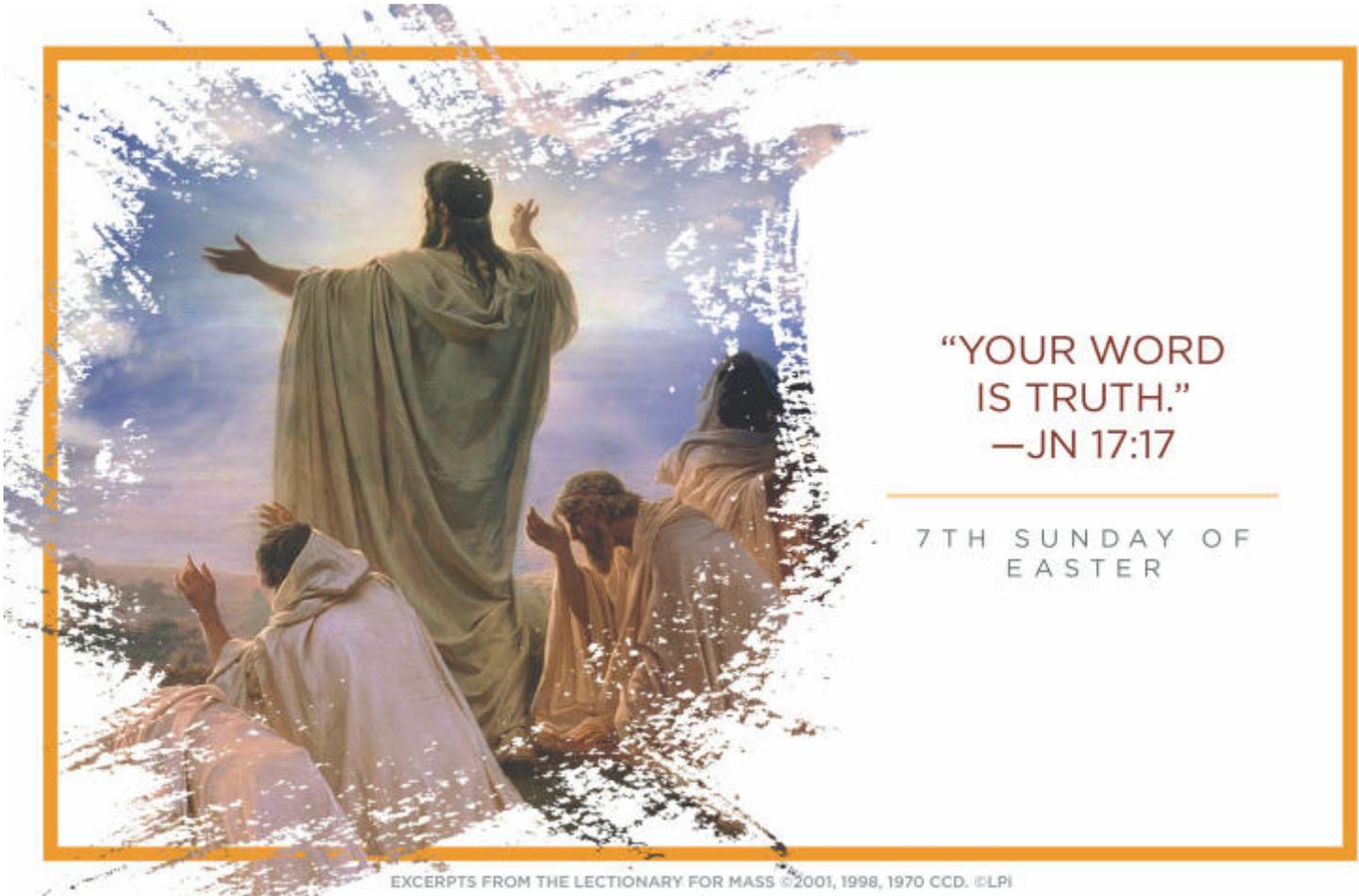




MAY 16, 2021 | 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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IS TRUTH.”
—JN 17:17

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SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil:
4:00PM (St. Joseph)

Sunday:
7AM (St. Catherine)
8AM (St. Ann)
9AM (St. Catherine)
10:15AM (St. Ann)
11:30AM (St. Joseph)
11:30 AM in Haitian Creole (St. Ann)

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

9:00AM
Mon-Sat at St. Ann Church

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About Us: Formed July 1, 2019, Sts. Louis and Zelig Martin Parish joined three parish communities to undertake the call to form missionary disciples in Somerville. Rooted in Christ, and present in our community for 150 years, we, as Catholics, aim to foster a culture of vocation, form small-group discipleship, and offer hospitality. We welcome you to our three historic churches and hope you encounter Christ within these walls and beyond. Please feel free to reach out to any of our priests, our deacon, lay staff, or volunteers. Pax et Bonum!



SATURDAY, MAY 15

9:00AM † Sr. Margaret Shine, SC
4:00PM † Karen Anne Henneberry

SUNDAY, MAY 16

7:00AM † John Arena
8:00AM Pro Populo
9:00AM First Communion
10:15AM † William "Bill" Philpot
11:30AM First Communion

MONDAY, MAY 17

9:00AM † Elizabeth "Lee" Jalbert

TUESDAY, MAY 18

9:00AM † Elba Espinoza Guzman

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

9:00AM † Betty Hurley

THURSDAY, MAY 20

9:00AM † Jose Cartegena

FRIDAY, MAY 21

9:00AM † Ann Chaves

SATURDAY, MAY 22

9:00AM † Elizabeth Poitras
4:00PM Pro Populo

SUNDAY, MAY 23

7:00AM † Annunciata Bettosi (44th Anniv)
8:00AM Hugues Leroy
9:00AM † Lydia Diana (1st Anniv)
10:15AM † Julia & Joseph DeMattia
11:30AM † Robert T. & Anna F. Smith
Noon First Communion

Sacrament of Reconciliation

By Appointment. Please call 617-666-2087 to schedule Confession.



Baptism instruction for our parish will be given to parents/godparents on **May 24, 2021** at St. Catherine of Genoa Church.

GIVING & ATTENDANCE 5/8 & 5/9

Weekly Offertory	\$6,247	423
Monthly	\$1,307	
Spring Collection	\$13,260	



May 22/23—Seminary

Parish Staff

Very Rev. Brian J. McHugh,
VE

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Rev. Gustave Miracle

Parochial Vicar

Deacon Joseph Bryère Guerrier

Deacon

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Director of Faith Formation

Rev. David P. Callahan

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Marian R. Burns

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Please remember the sick of our parish, their families and caregivers, in your prayers. May God's healing presence be with them: Josephine Lucreziano, Pauline Pettinelli, Sybil Rose Toth, Leo Mingace, Paul Linehan, Ellen Harrington, Anne O'Flanagan, Alan Dent, Kristen Tuxbury, Jeannie Quinn Caruso, Douglas & Patricia Ahern, Rev. James Butler, Samantha Longdin, Cathy Bowdren, Margaret Blake, Georgina, Linda & Gary Ober, Denis Moynihan, Helen Barry, Marie Chaves, Barbara Alfano, Mario Monacelli, Bill Conforti, Robert DuMapolil. If you would like to add or remove someone from the list please contact Adam at 617-666-2087 or email at dffsomervillecollaborative@gmail.com

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

M, W, F—8:45-9:00

The abbreviated time is so that no one is in the church over an hour. This is at St. Ann Church.



Let us pray for the souls of Karen Berndt and Irene Nogueira whose Funeral Masses were offered in our Parish this past week. May they have eternal life in Heaven with the Angels and Saints.



Please pray for Vocations:

May 16 - Daniel Gredjus

May 17 - David Joanis

May 18 - Christopher Letizia

May 19 - Barry Mongeon

May 20 - Gustavo Neitzke

May 21 - Joseph Thuy V. Nguyen

May 22 - David Pineda

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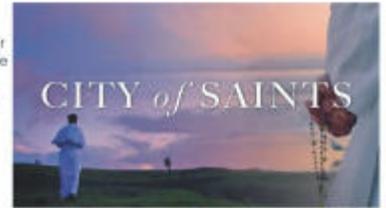
PICK OF THE WEEK

May 16, 2021

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LEARN

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THE FOUR LAST THINGS: DEATH, JUDGEMENT, HEAVEN, HELL BY FR. MIKE SCHMITZ

In this exceptional presentation, Fr. Mike tackles four topics that many of us understandably struggle with: death, judgement, Heaven, and Hell. As you listen to this talk, you'll be reminded that God wants to welcome you into Heaven, your true home!



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Faith Formation Monthly Zoom Meetings

Each month Adam will meet with the parents of the Faith Formation Program.

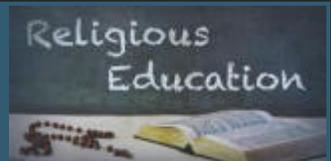
Our Monthly Zoom Check in Schedule for May 2021:

Grades 1, 3-8: May 16 1:00PM

Confirmation: May 23 11:30AM

The zoom link will be emailed out on the Thursday prior to the meeting on Sunday.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to reach out to Adam at 617-666-2087 or email him at adupre@stsmartinparish.org



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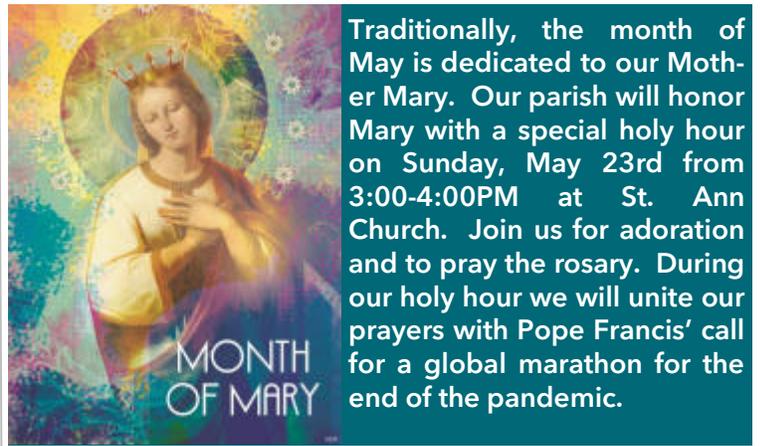
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Traditionally, the month of May is dedicated to our Mother Mary. Our parish will honor Mary with a special holy hour on Sunday, May 23rd from 3:00-4:00PM at St. Ann Church. Join us for adoration and to pray the rosary. During our holy hour we will unite our prayers with Pope Francis' call for a global marathon for the end of the pandemic.

Pope urges Catholics to pray in May for end to Covid-19 pandemic

Pope Francis invites Catholics and Marian Shrines around the world to dedicate the month of May to a marathon of prayer for an end to the Covid-19 pandemic.

By Devin Watkins

Catholics across the globe are encouraged to dedicate the Marian month of May to praying for an end to the pandemic.

The initiative, behind which the Pope has thrown his support, involves 30 Marian Shrines from various parts of the world.

The Pontifical Council for Promoting the New Evangelization announced the news with a press release on Wednesday afternoon.

It takes place under the theme "The whole Church was fervently praying to God," which recalls a verse in the Book of Acts (12:5).

Prayer initiative

"The initiative will involve all the Shrines of the world in a special way, so that they might encourage the faithful, families, and communities to recite the Rosary to pray for an end to the pandemic," read the statement.

Pope Francis will open the Marian month of prayer on 1 May with a Rosary broadcast across Vatican Media's platforms.

Each day will see Vatican News broadcast the recitation of the Rosary at 6 PM Rome time from the various Shines taking part in the initiative.

The Pope will also close the initiative on 31 May with another specially-broadcast Rosary.

End to the pandemic

This year's dedication of May to pandemic-related prayer recalls a similar occurrence during the first wave in March 2020.

Pope Francis led the world in prayer during that confusing and difficult time, celebrating a live-streamed, daily Mass in the Casa Santa Marta.

After more than a year, and with the world still in the grips of the pandemic, the Pope and the Church around the world are once again leading the way in imploring God for an end to the suffering which so many people are forced to bear.



Prayer to Know One's Vocation

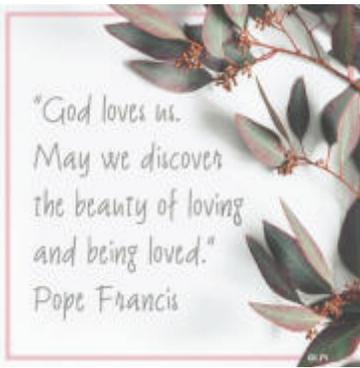
Lord, my God and my loving Father, you have made me to know you, to love you, to serve you, and thereby to find and to fulfill my deepest longings. I know that you are in all things, and that every path can lead me to you.

But of them all, there is one especially by which you want me to come to you. Since I will do what you want of me, I pray you, send your Holy Spirit to me: into my mind, to show me what you want of me; into my heart, to give me the determination to do it, and to do it with all my love, with all my mind, and with all of my strength right to the end. Jesus, I trust in you. Amen

We live-stream Mass from St. Ann. We stream the 8:00; 10:15 and Mass in Haitian Creole on Sunday and Daily Mass 9AM Monday through Saturday. Please look for and subscribe to our YouTube page: Saints Louis and Zelig Martin Parish



We are pleased to share that even during these difficult times, we raised **\$36,660** toward our 2021 Catholic Appeal goal of **\$55,600**. Our heartfelt thanks to all who have helped make our campaign a success so far. We recognize that many of you may be navigating your own financial challenges but ask for your prayerful consideration of a gift to the 2021 Catholic Appeal at whatever level is comfortable for you. If you have not received a Catholic Appeal letter or email request, donations can be made on line at www.bostoncatholicappeal.org



As we look around us, we see that our nation is far from unified. Political parties seem more adversarial than cooperative. Many families are divided by divorce or by lifestyle choices. We need God's love more than ever before.

God loves everyone equally. Salvation is open to all who

desire it. God loves each person unconditionally. It was God working through Peter's cooperation that Cornelius, a Gentile, was baptized. God shows no partiality. God loves the sinner and the saint. Our challenge is to do the same.

God's love is sacrificial. God sent Jesus so that we might have life through Him. We show sacrificial love by how we deal with intrusions on our time. We show sacrificial love in how we handle courtesy when a driver cuts us off in traffic. We demonstrate sacrificial love by disagreeing agreeably with people holding different opinions. Our sacrificial love is seen when we place the needs of spouse, child or neighbor over our own.

God loves us unconditionally. God permits us to exercise our free will. A grandfather was interviewed regarding his adult grandchildren. The grandfather was asked how he responds when he sees his adult grandchildren making immoral, unwise or selfish choices. The grandfather says, "Are you asking for my advice or my permission or my blessing?" They say no to their granddad! He proceeds to say, "Thank you for sharing. I love you." The grandfather explained that he loves his grandchildren, and they know where he stands, but he gives them the same freedom that God gives all of us!

We cannot stop God from loving us, but we can refuse that love. Our hearts need to be open to receive that love. Thomas Aquinas said, "Love is wanting the good of the other."

We need to ask, "Who do I find most difficult to love?" This is the person each of us needs to lift up in prayer. Ask God to bless him or her. It is very difficult to hate anyone you lift up in prayer. This is the litmus test of our unconditional love.

May the love we receive in the Eucharist be the love we take to our world because this love is God's love for us. May God continue to bless you. Please stay safe.

Peace,
Fr. Brian



Beginning in the next couple of weeks and having a completion date of early 2022, we will be repairing and partially rebuilding the pipe organ at St. Joseph Church. It has been silent for over 30 years and we have the opportunity to return it to service!

The week before Christmas 2019 the electric organ in the front of the church quit; it was 30 years old and there was no way to repair it. Thankfully, we were able to

move the electric organ from the Lower Church at St. Ann and we have been using it as a temporary measure. COVID delayed any permanent solution but we now have settled on one. We considered relocating another pipe organ from a closed church, but that was cost prohibitive, and a quality new digital is about the same cost as repairing the pipe organ. The cost will be approximately \$150,000; because of the strong performance of the market, we are able to undertake this project.

The organ case you see is from the original organ built in 1870. In 1914, that organ was replaced with the current pipe organ, Estey Organ Company, Opus 1254. No



one has heard the organ in decades; it was custom built for St. Joseph and is not a "stock model" like thousands of their other organs. Unfortunately, the technology to operate the organ was "new" at the time but was only used for 10-20 years because of its unreliability. This is the reason that the organ has been left silent; it is tubular pneumatic, meaning there are small lead tubes that go from the keyboards and pedal to the notes with a lot of leather pouches in between to make the note sound. The tubes leak and the leather fails and it makes for a nightmare to repair. Gate of Heaven in South Boston has a similar, albeit larger Estey, with the same issues; it has been silent for many years as well.

While a full "restoration" would be in the area of \$300,000, Pelland Organ Company assures us that a partial rebuild will give us a reliable instrument for years to come. The console (where the organist plays) will be gutted and retrofitted with an electronic operating system. The parts going to the pipes will have the same electric action, the wind reservoirs will be retethered as will the rest of the organ. Some ranks of pipes will be cleaned and repaired and the organ will be tuned and regulated as a final step. Please pray for the success of this endeavor and we look forward to the day when its music will fill St. Joseph again. Sancta Caecilia, ora pro nobis!



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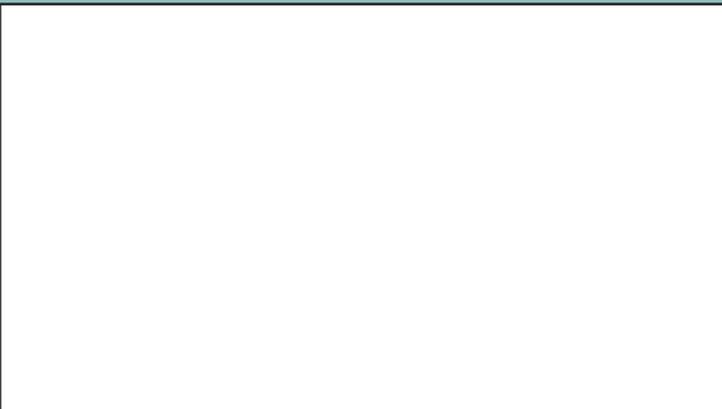
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