



The Evangelist

The Weekly Newsletter of St. John the Evangelist



Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed saying:
“Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me,
so that they may be one just as we are one.” John 17: 11b

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Our Mission

We are a Roman Catholic Family of Faith that seeks to help one another to love the Lord with all our hearts and our neighbors as ourselves.

Our life centers on the Eucharist and the sacramental life of the Church. From these encounters we seek to be Christ's eyes, hands, voice and heart in the world. We warmly welcome visitors and seekers and anyone who is curious about faith, Church and God; we rejoice in the Lord when returning brothers and sisters join us at Table.

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Welcome to St. John the Evangelist

Mass Schedule

All Masses Live Stream and limited attendance

Sundays:

8 AM & 10:30 AM

4PM Saturday Vigil

Daily Mass:

7:30 AM Monday-Thursday

Bourne TV's Public Channel 13 (Comcast - 1 week delay)

Saturday: 3:00 PM Rosary: 7 days a week at 7:30 AM

Sunday: 3:30 PM

Live Stream & Archives: <https://www.stjohnspocasset.org/livestream>

Daily Rosary (in-person or live stream): Monday - Thursday 6:50 AM,
Friday & Saturday 7:30 AM

Holy Days: Vigil 4PM; Holy Day: 7:30AM, 7 PM (Check newsletter to confirm times)

New to Our Faith Family? We are blessed you could join us at the Eucharistic Table! It is our hope and prayer that you find a welcoming, faith-filled, spiritual home as you grow in your relationship with God. Stop by the Welcome Center. If you are interested in or curious about any of our offerings and don't know where to begin, a Staff Member will be happy to help.

Welcome Center & Store Hours (508) 563-5887:

Monday - Friday: 9 AM - 1 PM

Saturday & Sunday: Closed

Faith Formation Office Hours:

Monday - Wednesday: 9:30 AM - 4 PM

Sunday: 9:00 AM - 11 AM

Sacraments

Baptism: Please contact the Welcome Center prior to making arrangements. Parents and Godparents need to participate in one Baptismal Preparation session the 2nd Sunday of the month. Baptisms are scheduled on the 4th Sunday of the month.

Reconciliation: *Suspended by our Holy Father Pope Francis until further notice.*

First Communion & Confirmation: Formation is conducted in a two-year Sacramental preparation program. Contact Deborah for more information. Baptized Adults 18+ seeking Confirmation should contact Father Tom, Deacon Brendan or Deacon John.

Marriage: Congratulations! Please contact the Welcome Center at least six months prior to the intended wedding date.

Sick & Homebound: Contact the Welcome Center to arrange regular visits.

Holy Orders: Please contact Father Tom for more information.

Becoming Catholic: Are you an adult looking to become a Roman Catholic or wish to complete your Sacraments of Initiation? We are happy to accompany you along this faith journey. Contact Father Tom, Deacon Brendan or Deacon John for more information.

Some events may require
prior sign-up.

Check inside for more details
or call the Welcome Center.

† Our Parish Calendar †

Please note: All church events are Live Streamed & Limited Attendance

Week of May 16, 2021

Sunday, May 16:

- **Sunday Mass** 8 AM & 10:30 AM
- **Rummage Sale** - Welcome Center 9 AM - Noon

Monday, May 17:

- **Rosary** 6:50 AM
- **Daily Mass** 7:30 AM
- **Walking With Purpose:** Afternoon Session Only
1 PM Welcome Center

Tuesday, May 18: Local Election Day

- **Rosary** 6:50 AM
- **Daily Mass** 7:30 AM
- **Women's Guild Bake Sale** While supplies last
- **No Lunch Bunch**
- **Small Group** - Fougere, Room 3, 6 - 7:30 PM

Wednesday, May 19:

- **Rosary** 6:50 AM
- **Daily Mass** 7:30 AM
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry** - 9:30 - 11 - WC Hall
- **Small Group** - Chalker, Room 1, 3 - 4:30 PM

Thursday, May 20:

- **Rosary** 6:50 AM
- **Daily Mass** 7:30 AM
- **Prayers For Priests** Immediately following Mass
- **Seasons of Hope Bereavement** 10 AM Parish Hall

Friday, May 21:

- **Rosary** 7:30 AM

Saturday, May 22:

- **Rosary** 7:30 AM
- **Church** will be open 8 AM - 2:00 PM
- **Mass** 4 PM - **Pentecost Vigil**

Week of May 23, 2021

Sunday, May 23 - Pentecost:

- **Sunday Mass** 8 AM & 10:30 AM

Monday, May 24:

- **Rosary** 6:50 AM
- **Daily Mass** 7:30 AM
- **Walking With Purpose:** Afternoon Session Only
1 PM Welcome Center

Tuesday, May 25:

- **Rosary** 6:50 AM
- **Daily Mass** 7:30 AM
- **Lunch Bunch** 12 Noon Parish Hall
- **Small Group** - Fougere, Room 3, 6 - 7:30 PM

Wednesday, May 26:

- **Rosary** 6:50 AM
- **Daily Mass** 7:30 AM
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry** - 9:30 - 11 - WC Hall
- **Small Group** - Chalker, Room 1, 3 - 4:30 PM

Thursday, May 27:

- **Rosary** 6:50 AM
- **Daily Mass** 7:30 AM
- **Prayers For Priests** Immediately following Mass
- **Seasons of Hope Bereavement** 10 AM Parish Hall

Friday, May 28:

- **Rosary** 7:30 AM

Saturday, May 29:

- **Rosary** 7:30 AM
- **Church** will be open 8 AM - 2:00 PM
- **Mass** 4 PM

“Trust me.”
—GOD

† Around the parish †



Seasons of Hope Bereavement to Begin Again

"No one ever told me that grief felt so like fear."
~ C.S. Lewis

"If there ever comes a day where we can't be together, keep me in your heart. I'll stay there forever." ~ A.A. Milne, Winnie the Pooh

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." ~ Matthew 5:4

There is no timetable on grief. There will never come a day when you will be "over it." Our Seasons of Hope Bereavement Group offers people an opportunity to work through their pain with a Scripture-based program held in a safe environment and designed to help people work through their loss without losing their Faith, and perhaps rediscovering it.

Our group is open to anyone, Catholic or not, and is free of charge. Your level of participation is entirely up to you. We will be starting again this week, Thursday, May 20 at 10 AM in the Welcome Center and will run for 6 consecutive weeks. Safe COVID-19 protocols will be enforced, with masks worn and at least 6 feet distance between participants. If you have attended other Seasons and would like to attend again, welcome back! If you want to come and check it out, welcome as well! Any questions, reach out to John Brennan at the Welcome Center.

Bake Sale - Reward Yourself for Voting!

The St John's Women's Guild will be sponsoring a bake sale on **this Tuesday May 18** (town voting day) from 8 am until noon or when supplies run out.

We are inviting anyone to VOLUNTEER to bake - you do not need to be a member. The money raised all goes to the scholarship fund for high school seniors. Please drop off your individually wrapped items between 8 and 10 at the bake table outside the welcome center. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Bobbie Dwyer

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BURGERS, DOGS, LAUGHTER!

**St. John The Evangelist
Fairgrounds
After the 11 AM Mass**

More details coming, but save the date: **Sunday, July 18, immediately following the 11 AM Mass** (oops... spoiler alert - the 11 AM Mass is coming back on the weekend of July 4!)
Help us wish Father Tom a Happy Anniversary of his time as our Pastor! A fun and safe (socially distanced, mask-wearing) time will be had by all!

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Wednesdays in the Parish Hall

A prayer shawl is a symbol of an unconditionally loving God. It wraps, comforts, gives solace, hugs, beautifies and brings peace. This is our Ministry's way of giving people a way to provide, hope, comfort and healing, and of reaching out. These shawls are created in fellowship on Wednesday mornings in the Welcome Center Hall from 9:30 - 11. All knitters and crocheters are welcome to join us, even beginners! We can provide you with patterns and lessons if you should need them. **Shawls are available to all in the Welcome Center lobby at no cost. Please take one for yourself or someone you care about.**

Pat Wahlberg

† At Your Pastor's Request... †

Dear Friends,

There are many reasons that one should be happy to be here at St. John's, both for you as parishioners and for me as your pastor. There is a warmth and friendliness that comes close to being properly described as being a part of a family. That leads to many of us having the chance to celebrate personal events in our lives with a larger community. I know I am always pleased to be able to acknowledge significant birthdays and anniversaries, and share the joy that is being experienced at such wonderful times. Our parish is blessed by many who have had the opportunity to experience these types of milestones, and I am ever happy to cheerlead for these people and their families, inviting the larger parish to help celebrate these important events. Shared joy increases joy for all.

With that said, there are some among us who are uncomfortable with this kind of attention being focused on them. I count myself among them. It recently came to my attention that some in the parish became aware that I will be marking my 35th Anniversary of Priesthood at the end of this month. Some have gently inquired if there is something special I would like, to help me celebrate this. After much thought on this, I am asking that we, as a parish, focus not just on me, but also on the many good priests that have served you here over our 52 year history (and even before that, when we were still a mission of Corpus Christi Church). The goal of this is to make the celebration not just about one priest, but about the gift that the Catholic Church's Priesthood has given to our whole parish.

As I began to share these thoughts about how to shape this, some indicated that they wanted to do something for me personally. So, here is my suggestion (and my request): If one wishes to do something for me individually, can I ask that you offer something of a true Spiritual Bouquet. This

would take the form of a promise of certain prayers for my continued faithfulness to the gift I have received, and that my efforts would bear fruit among the people I am asked to serve. There really is nothing that would make me more happy than to know that my efforts among you are allowing and encouraging you to be closer to the God who loves you so deeply. That is the reason that I dared to approach the mystery of the priesthood years ago, knowing that no one is worthy of such a powerful gift, but also knowing that grace will be given when and where it is requested. I am asking you to assist me in this request. Your prayers being answered in this way would bring me true happiness.

So, for the weekend of my anniversary we are scheduling Mass intentions in Thanksgiving for the Priests of St. John's through the years, with Monday morning's Mass (the actual anniversary) being for my intention to be a good and faithful priest.

Now, having said all that, I am hoping that this summer we will be able to have our annual Cook-out, and I am happy to call that an "Anniversary Cook-out." I love these summer get-togethers (and the great burgers that come with them) because it gives me the chance to socialize with so many of you, who are far more fun to be around than you might know. (You really are!) That's the kind of celebrating I can get behind!

Knowing how truly good you are, I trust you will understand my request and offer your prayers as I would ask. The greatest blessing, that of being called to work with and among you, is already mine. Doing well with the task is the only way it could get better than that, and your prayers can make that happen. Thanks for all you do for me, and may God continue to bless St. John's Parish.

In Christ,

Fr. Tom

† Worship Aid: Seventh Sunday of Easter †

NOTE: Please take this home with you. Thank you!

Opening: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

1. Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the scepter, His the throne.
 Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.
 Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty
 flood: "Jesus out of ev'ry nation
 Has redeemed us by His blood."

5. Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high;
 Alleluia to the Savior who has won the victory;
 Alleluia to the Spirit, font of love and sanctity;
 Alleluia! Alleluia! To the triune majesty.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on Earth peace to people of goodwill. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, Heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.
 Lord, Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord, God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father, Amen.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26

Peter stood up in the midst of the brothers—there was a group of about one hundred and twenty persons in the one place —. He said, “My brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand through the mouth of David, concerning Judas, who was the guide for those who arrested Jesus. He was numbered among us and was allotted a share in this ministry. “For it is written in the Book of Psalms: *May another take his office.* “Therefore, it is necessary that one of the men who accompanied us the whole time the Lord Jesus came and went among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day on which he was taken up from us, become with us a witness to his resurrection.” So they proposed two, Judas called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of -these two you have chosen to take the place in this apostolic ministry from which Judas turned away to go to his own place.” Then they gave lots to them, and the lot fell upon Matthias, and he was counted with the eleven apostles.

The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God**

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord has set his throne in heaven.

Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all my being, bless his holy name.

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

Refrain: The Lord has set his throne in heaven.

For as the heavens are high above the earth,
 so surpassing is his kindness toward those who fear him.
 As far as the east is from the west,
 so far has he put our transgressions from us.

Refrain: The Lord has set his throne in heaven.

The LORD has established his throne in heaven,
 and his kingdom rules over all.

Bless the LORD, all you his angels,
 you mighty in strength, who do his bidding.

Refrain: The Lord has set his throne in heaven.

A reading from the First Letter of St. John:

1 John 4:11-16

Beloved, if God so loved us, we also must love one another. No one has ever seen God. Yet, if we love one another, God remains in us, and his love is brought to perfection in us. This is how we know that we remain in him and he in us, that he has given us of his Spirit. Moreover, we have seen and testify that the Father sent his Son as savior of the world. Whoever acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God remains in him and he in God. We have come to know and to believe in the love God has for us. God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him..

The Word of the Lord **All: Thanks be to God**

Gospel Acclamation

Cantor, then All repeat: **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord.

I will come back to you, and your hearts will rejoice.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Lord be with you: **All: And with your spirit**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John

All: Glory to you, O Lord

John 17:11b-19

Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed saying:
 “Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are one. When I was with them I protected them in your name that you gave me, and I guarded them, and none of them was lost except the son of destruction, in order that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you. I speak this in the world so that they may share my joy completely. I gave them your word, and the world hated them, because they do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. I do not ask that you take them out of the world but that you keep them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world.

Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world. And I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may be consecrated in truth.”

The Gospel of the Lord

ALL: Praise to you , Lord Jesus Christ

Homily

Nicene Creed: I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

† Worship Aid: Seventh Sunday of Easter †

(all bow your heads for the next two lines)

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen

Prayers of the Faithful

Preparation of Gifts Hymn: Amazing Grace

1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind but now I see.

2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

4. Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

5. When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

Holy

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.

Mystery of Faith

Save us Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection, you have set us free. You have set us free.

Amen

Our Father

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world have mercy, have mercy on us
Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world have mercy, have mercy on us
Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world Grant us, grant us peace

The Prayer of Spiritual Communion

"My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart,
and allow me to unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen."

Communion Hymn: Roll Away the Stone

1. They have been saying all our plans are empty.
They have been saying "Where is their God now?"

Refrain: Roll away the stone see the Glory of God. Roll away the stone.

2. They have been saying no one will remember.
They have been saying Power rules the world. **Refrain**

3. They have been saying no one hears the singing.
They have been saying all our strength is gone. **Refrain**

4. They have been saying "All of us are dying."
They have been saying "All of us are dead." **Refrain**

Closing Hymn: Take the Word of God With You

1. Take the word of God with you as you go
Take the seeds of God's word and make them grow

Refrain: Go in peace to serve the world, in peace to serve the world. Take the love of God, the love of God with you as you go.

2. Take the peace of God with you as you go
Take the seeds of God's peace and make them grow **Refrain**

3. Take the joy of God with you as you go
Take the seeds of God's joy and make them grow **Refrain**

4. Take the love of God with you as you go
Take the seeds of God's love and make them grow **Refrain**

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† Around the Parish †

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

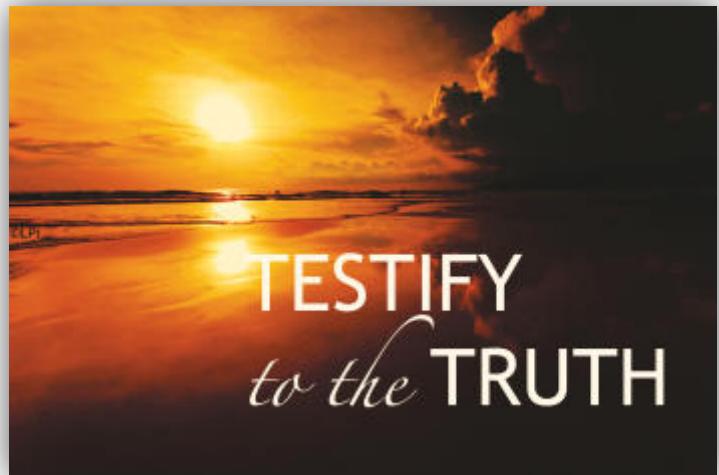
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God remains where love remains. When a believer realizes without doubt that God is love, it is a powerful moment. Being able to place our resurrection trust in this fundamental truth allows us to experience God's presence in all of our experiences: the good and the bad, positive and negative, life enriching and destructive events we encounter. It is no wonder that St. Paul so accurately tells us that it is love that endures all things and lasts. How can God not endure or ever fade away? Because he is God, Jesus also guarded and protected his disciples as the endearing shepherd who always had their best interest at heart.

If we become too immersed in the world, we lose touch with these deeper realities. We can become so preoccupied with preserving what we have created or think that we need, forgetting that it is not building our city that really matters, but God's. Jesus clearly did not belong to the world and, by virtue of his resurrection, he tries to get us to understand that we do not either. The truth brings us to other worldly, more divine places and takes our eyes off of the concerns that often captivate our fears and storm our senses.

Life can easily erode our faith. Think of your life over the last couple of weeks. What challenged your faith and distracted your divine glance? Even being overly stimulated with technology and social media can erode our sense of confidence and cause us to forget who we really are. We need to distance ourselves from the world in order to experience the joy that Christ offers. The world will never like the word of God. It is too challenging and too perplexing. The world mistakenly believes that it can survive on its own. It is a mistaken judgment that may cost people a lot in the end. It is all so very simple: God remains when we love one another. If in all the business of our lives and all that each day brings, the good and the bad, we follow the call and path of love, we will walk with God. There is nothing to fear and anxiety finds no home.

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Your Story Here

Everyone has a story. Here is an invitation to share your faith journey with parishioners. Submit your testimony regarding your faith: was it someone you observed or admired that was a powerful example and inspired you? Your service in a ministry? What has helped you keep your faith strong? All submissions are subject to editing (always with the author's ultimate approval) and approval by Father Tom if necessary. Submit your testimony to John ay john@sjeparish.com It may be YOU that inspires someone else!

Pennies For Babies

The Women's Guild is very grateful for the generous donations received over the Christmas season for Birthright of Falmouth, and A Baby Center, Hyannis. In December, we began our 14th year of the "Pennies for Babies Project", a program to support women and children in need of services here on the Cape. To date, thanks to our kind and thoughtful parishioners, we have collected \$58,433.06 all of which has gone out to those who are looking for assistance.

While we never get to know the clients who are the beneficiary of our contributions, be assured that your sacrifice does make a huge difference in their lives. In these trying times, requests for help have increased tremendously.

We will continue to collect monetary donations that can be brought to Patty during office hours at the Welcome Center. Checks can be made payable to either "A Baby Center, Hyannis" or "Birthright of Falmouth". God bless!!

~Connie Murphy



† Take Five for Faith †



Sunday, May 16, 2021

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Good things come from unlikely places

It may bring a smile to our lips to hear the argument for why we're obliged to love others: because God loves us first. And if God can love us (be honest here!) then clearly love need not be earned. This World Communications Day, Pope Francis invites us to consider how future-apostle Nathaniel once dismissed Jesus because of his origins: "Can anything good come from Nazareth?" To really love people, we have to begin by not categorizing them: by gender or race, nationality or religion, native language or political party. Even Nazareth holds surprises!

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; 1 John 4:11-16; John 17:11b-19 (60).

Monday, May 17, 2021

EASTER WEEKDAY

Solitude and solidarity

Many have experienced more solitude than they care for during the pandemic, but it'd be a shame to lose the lessons of the experience once it's over. Catholics have a strong tradition of finding the sacred in solitude. The monastic life, for example, is all about withdrawing from society to draw closer to God and ultimately to each other. Turning inward is an opportunity for growth. Ritualizing the routines of life—in the midst of grief and stress and fear—helps to maintain inner stability and clarity. At the same time, far too many haven't had the luxury of solitude to remove themselves from danger—let this fact light a fire in all of us to fight for justice for those who have risked all to serve society this past year.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 19:1-8; John 16:29-33 (297).

Tuesday, May 18, 2021

MEMORIAL OF JOHN I, POPE, MARTYR

Define your terms

In 2011, the Nicene Creed in English changed from the poetic-but imprecise "one in being"—recited at Mass for more than 40 years —back to a seemingly unusual, clunky Latin word: consubstantial. We learned that consubstantial was a critical distinction hammered out at various church councils to clarify that Jesus was divinely coeternal with God. It was a pronouncement specifically designed to refute the Arian heresy that denied Christ's divinity. The struggle against Arianism cost Pope John I his life in 526. Words matter. Take time to choose the right ones.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 20:17-27; John 17:1-11a (298).

Wednesday, May 19, 2021

EASTER WEEKDAY

Going home

Final farewells are difficult. While there can be grace in the chance to express love and gratitude, there also can be great pain at the thought of never again seeing a face, touching a hand, hearing a voice. There is true heartache in accepting that there will be no more shared meals, meaningful discussions, shared futures planned together as we surrender the companionship of a loved one. It is a bittersweet time because the grief of anticipated loss is proof of an equally deep love. Yet it is not the end—faith promises us more. On this Easter Wednesday, with trust in the promise of new life, give thanks to God for someone whose love and faithfulness has enriched your life.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 20:28-38; John 17:11b-19 (299).

Thursday, May 20, 2021

MEMORIAL OF BERNARDINE OF SIENA, PRIEST, RELIGIOUS, MISSIONARY

History will be our judge

Church history is filled with admirable figures who stand out for their tender love and compassion. Bernardine of Siena was not that kind of saint. A fire-and-brimstone preacher with a moralizing temperament, he encouraged "bonfires of the vanities" where townsfolk pitched household items suggestive of luxury or leisure —mirrors, perfumes, games—into the fire. Seen from our vantage point, many of his sermons had antisemitic, misogynistic, and homophobic overtones. Though a commanding preacher who lived a life of devotion, Bernardine—like all of us—was a product of his times, limited by the pastoral and theological perspectives handed down to him. His innovations in vernacular preaching continue to inspire, yet his limitations in compassion and inclusion serve as a cautionary tale. None of us has a monopoly on moral purity. Kindness and compassion, however, never go out of style.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; John 17:20-26 (300).

Friday, May 21, 2021

MEMORIAL OF CHRISTOPHER MAGALLANES, PRIEST, MARTYR, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

Live fully

Each of us is called to give our lives fully on behalf of our love for and commitment to God. Most of us will not die a martyr's death, but some of us will. Christopher Magallanes was one such person. Christopher's call to be a martyr was lived every day through his prayer and ministry as a priest: founding schools, providing work opportunities, and even constructing a dam to help the people. He was killed because of his love for the people, a love emanating from his deep faith. How does our faith inspire us to give of ourselves fully?

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 25:13b-21; John 21:15-19 (301).

Saturday, May 22, 2021

MEMORIAL OF RITA OF CASCIA, RELIGIOUS

Hope is a perennial

We all could use a friend like Saint Rita of Cascia. Wed against her will at the tender age of 12, she somehow survived abuse and family feuds to become a reconciling force in a violent region of 15th-century Italy. She has acquired a following, along with Saint Jude, as the patron of hopeless causes. On her deathbed, it is said she asked for a rose from her garden. Though it was winter, we are told a single blooming rose was found and brought to her. Never lose hope—no cause is hopeless!

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; John 21:20-25 (302).

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† Pray for our Family of Faith †

Our Faithful Departed

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 Devin Brito
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 Matthew Conlon
 Elizabeth Coyle
 Fern Deluce
 Corrinne A. DeMoss
 Philip DiModica
 Edith M. DiRusso
 Christopher Dugan
 Mary Carole Earnst
 Sylvia Embrescia
 Dorothy Emmons
 Paul Fahey
 Lou Fougere
 John (Jack) Gavin
 John Gordon
 Jan Guerriere
 Wilbur & Arda Halliday
 Tricia Halpin
 Joseph Hastick
 Toots Holden
 Catherine Laird
 Jamie Lambert
 Elizabeth Lane
 Paul K. Leary
 Edward Linhares
 Joseph Lombardo
 Barbara MacKinnon
 E. Joan McCann
 Paul Medeiros
 Zachary Meissner
 Mary Montabano
 Jim Murray
 Annmarie O'Brien
 John O'Grady
 Alyson Bowers Perez
 Richard J. Piazza
 Joseph Piccolo
 Helen Rando
 Ken Rago
 Robert Riley
 Sylvia Rose
 Dorothy Silvestro
 George Smith
 Ann M. Thomas
 Stephanie Tsimortos
 Vincent Vendice
 Myra Vincent
 George Weinert
 P. Nicolas Wherity
 Peter Wilde
 Robert Williamson
 Norma May Wilmott
 All who died from COVID-19

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 Dempsey A. Brown, USMC
 Patrick M. Brides, USN
 LT COL John J. Carroll, USAF
 1ST LT John P. Carroll, ARMY
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 1st LT Preston Towers, USMC
 CMDR Richard Walsh, USCG
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Our Sick

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 Erick Ayala
 Mateo Ayala
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 Stacey Bowen
 Betty Brady
 Ellen Bragg
 Alexander Boucher
 Marissa Boucher
 Isaac Brennan
 Sheldon Brown
 Sharon Caldeira
 Bill Casson
 Doris Cetrangelo
 Andrew Chapman
 Anthony Cortese III
 Gerald Czarnetzki

Our Sick (cont'd)

Arlene Dineen
 Andrew Ellis
 Carol Ellis
 Barbara Foley
 Cynthia Fougere
 Jean Marie Fullerton
 Cheri Geilar
 Kelsey Harris
 The Hurst Family
 Norm Jones
 Sandy Katz
 Betty Kelley
 Anita Knutila
 Kristina Knutila
 Claire Kondochriste
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 Jim Lema
 Kerry Leone
 Kathleen McCarthy
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 Robin Mello
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 Chris Saheed
 James Smith
 Olivia Margaret Smith
 Marilyn Timo
 Susan Tsimortos
 James Verrington
 Chris Waterman
 Brian Way
 Richard Whitcomb
 Fr. David White
 Bethany Whitewing
 Betsy Zinzer
 All in the world suffering from the virus

Special Intention

For the well being of our friends at Cape Cod Senior Residences, PCHC & Bourne Manor and all whose health is somehow compromised.

**Sunday, May 16**

8:00 AM Margaret and Leo Quinn and Family

10:30 AM Dorothy Emmons

Monday, May 17

7:30 AM Tom Kearney

Tuesday, May 18

7:30 AM Anne Lange

Wednesday, May 19

7:30 AM Rita Hurley

Thursday, May 20

7:30 AM Todd Lange

Saturday, May 22

4:00 PM Laurence and Mary Langton

Sunday, May 23

8:00 AM Olive and Edward Walsh

10:30 AM Dan Martin

Monday, May 24

7:30 AM Anne and Francis Taylor and Family

Tuesday, May 25

7:30 AM Paul Turowski

Wednesday, May 26

7:30 AM Gisele Louise Clement

Thursday, May 27

7:30 AM Joseph Castano

Saturday, May 29

4:00 PM Peggy Black



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