

*Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 16, 2021*

*VII Domingo da Pascoa
16 de Maio de 2021*

*VII Domingo de Pascua
16 de mayo de 2021*

Offices at 17 Winter Street
Milford, Massachusetts 01757

WORSHIP & SACRAMENTS / ALABANZA

All weekend liturgies are celebrated in the main church during the COVID-19 emergency until further notice. All Masses are live streamed on our parish website & Facebook page, except for Sunday at 7:30 am & 6 pm.

Saturday: 4:00 pm (English)
19:00h (Missa Brasileira)

Sunday: 7:30 am (English)
9:00h (em Portugues)
10:30 am (English)
12:00 pm (en español)
6:00 pm (in English) (**not this Sunday**), **May 9**
Sunday morning Masses at 9, 10:30 and Noon are also broadcast over the Milford local cable access (Comcast 11 and Verizon 40)

ALL MASSES ARE HELD IN THE UPPER CHURCH.

Daily Mass: Monday through Friday 9:00 AM
Lunes: 6:00 pm: Misa en español
Quartas e Sextas-feiras: 19:00 horas (em Portugues)
We have gluten free hosts; please see a priest or deacon before Mass.

Confessions:

Saturday : 3:00 - 3:30 pm in the lower church or by appointment

Christian Initiation: (Baptisms):

in English: contact Parish Office for class & monthly schedule
Em Português: fala com Louisa no secretario.
en español: contactar Louisa en la oficina para inscribirse.
For children over 5 and adults: The Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) is a process to meet individual circumstances, please contact the office at your earliest convenience.

Ministry to the Sick: Ministers are available to visit any one confined to their home on a regular basis. Please notify our office. Communion is brought on a regular basis to Milford Regional Medical Center, please call the office to be anointed.

Marriage: Couples planning to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage are asked to contact the Parish preferably at least one year before the proposed date.

Holy Orders & Religious Life: If you or someone you know is interested in dedicating his or her life to Christ and the Church as a priest, deacon or vowed religious, please contact one of the priests, or the diocesan Director of Vocations at 508-630-4473 or at www.worcestervocations.com.

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Office Hours are Monday through Friday - 8:00 AM-2:00 PM
Horario: segunda, quarta y sexta feira / Oficina: lunes, miercoles y viernes

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DEVOTIONS / DEVOCÕES / DEVOCIONES

- Miraculous Medal Novena** every Monday after Mass / cada lunes despues de la misa
Holy Hour (English & español) every Thursday / cada jueves at 7 PM
Hora Santa (em Portugues) todas as quintas feiras as 8 PM
Saint Joseph Chaplet every 1st Wednesday after 9 AM Mass

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<https://www.facebook.com/StMaryOfTheAssumption>
www.stmarymilford.org



Parish Information

THE OBLIGATION TO ATTEND MASS IS SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. ALL MASSES AND DEVOTIONS ARE HELD IN THE UPPER CHURCH.



Saturday, May 15, 2021

4:00 pm...+ Mary E. Sullivan, (Family) *(Live Streamed at 4 pm)*
+ Jose Antunes, Jr. & Domingos Antunes, (Family)

7:00 pm + Missa em Portugues *(Live Streamed at 7:00 pm)*

Sunday, May 16, 2021

7:30 am...+ Joao & Maria DeSousa, (Family)

+ Joaquim Valenca & Inlaws, (Family)

9:00 am. + Joaquim Cancio, (Family) *(Live Streamed at 9:00 am)*

+ Domingos Barroso & Familia, (Family)

10:30 am + 1st Communion Mass

12:00 pm.+ Maria Guadalupe Loja & Maria Transito Caguana Loja, (Family)

6:00 pm.+ Harold Getz, (Parishioner's of St. Mary's)

Monday, May 17, 2021

9:00 am... + Lucilia Almeida, (Maria & Jose Gomes)

(Live Streamed at 9:00 am)

6:00 pm+ Misa en espanola *(Live Streamed at 6 pm)*

Tuesday, May 18, 2021

9:00 am. + Edna Cosetta, (Samuel & Martha Mancuso)

(Live Streamed at 9:00 am)

Wednesday, May 19, 2021

9:00 am.+ Acacio & Maria Seguro, (Family) *(Live Streamed at 9:00 am)*

7:00 pm.+ Maria DeLurdes Costa & Familia, (Maria Valenca)

(Live Streamed at 7:00 pm)

Thursday, May 20, 2021

9:00 am ...Communion Service

Friday, May 21, 2021

9:00 am.+ Robert Mairs, III, (Morning Mass Friends) *(Live Streamed at 9 am)*

7:00 pm. Missa em Portugues *(Live Streamed at 7:00 pm)*

Saturday, May 22, 2021

4:00 pm...+ Carol Ann Stockton, (Jerry & Cathy) *(Live Streamed at 4 pm)*

+ Joaquim Dias & Ana Maria Dias, (Family)

+ Noel Chudzik, 15 year Anniv. (Family)

7:00 pm + Missa em Portugues *(Live Streamed at 7:00 pm)*

Sunday, May 23, 2021

7:30 am...+ Adozinda & Jose G. daCruz, (Family)

+ Joaquim Valenca & Parents, (Family)

+ Gerald Paddock. (Family)

9:00 am. + Missa em Portugues *(Live Streamed at 9:00 am)*

+ Domingos Barroso & Familia, (Family)

10:30 am + Ana Maria Dias, 20 Year Anniv. (Family)

+ Maria Rodrigues, (Family)

+ Frank & Helen Travassos, (Family)

12:00 pm.+ Juan Maria Caguana, Maria Virginia Mayancela, (Family)

6:00 pm.+ Jack & Charlotte Hartford, (Michael Abbiuso)

Requiescat en Pacem

In your kindness, please remember the following deceased

Jeanette Iacovelli, Anthony Magliocca, Brian Noyes

Alvaro Figueira, Angelo Geraldo Filho *(in Brazil, father of Maria Gorete)*

Maureen Carty, *(sister of Bernard Carty of our Parish Family)*

Nancy "Linnell" St. George

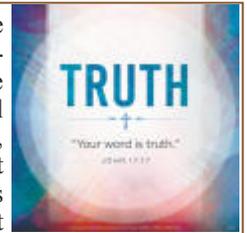
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



Please use this QR code to access our touchless tracing and reporting database. This information is only to notify parishioners if someone at a Mass tests positive. It will not be shared with any government or health officials.

Stewardship

In these final days of our Easter season, the words of the Lord prepare us for the coming feast of Pentecost. This day, when the Holy Spirit is poured into the hearts of all believers, we are mindful of its meaning, beyond simply the remembrance of what happened that first Pentecost. During this time, we are reminded over and over that the Lord will send us a helper, an advocate, who will plead our cause, and help us all to share in its bounty and blessing.



True stewardship is open to the Holy Spirit. A true steward is mindful that the Lord has seen fit to raise us up in his image to be strong and courageous to proclaim good news to the world today. The Jewish feast of Pentecost was celebrated fifty days after Passover to remember the giving of the Law or the Torah as part of the original covenant between Moses and the people of Israel with God. As we can recall, the terms of that covenant, the Ten Commandments were inscribed in stone by the finger of God at the top of Mount Sinai. It was during this feast that the Holy Spirit descended on the apostles in the first century. The terms of this new and eternal covenant are inscribed in the flesh of our hearts, in the depth of our soul, by the breath of God.

In this way, we are called to be stewards of this covenant, in what we say and do. That now, we are called to give not with a fear of punishment under the law, but with a joy and fear of the Lord to do what is right and just and appropriate before our God. May this Spirit fill our hearts that with gratitude for all we have been given, so we may in turn give generously back to our God.



Financials

STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR MAY 2, 2021

Weekly Offering (collected at Mass May 2, 2021)	\$9,482.00
WeShare	
Electronic Giving May 2, 2021	\$432.00
Other Income (Candles, Flowers & Utilities, Holydays)	\$654.00
Gross Weekly Offering	\$10,568.00
5% Tithe to be Dispersed Quarterly	-\$496.00
Net Weekly Offering	\$10,072.00

DESIGNATED DONATIONS

Monies donated for specific purposes

Cemetery	\$20.00
Second Collection	\$1,887.44
Blue Envelope for Renovations (not OFOF pledge \$)	\$110.00
Total Designated Receipts	\$2,017.44
Total other income	\$2,017.44
Total Weekly Receipts (May 2, 2021)	\$12,585.44

During the pandemic, electronic giving is safe and secure for both our parishioners and our parish staff.

Our thanks to the 400 families who have made this choice already. Please consider joining them! Venmo is also a way to give now.

A Message from Father Peter

Dear Parishioners,

Perhaps on entering the main church this weekend, you thought something was different, but couldn't figure out what it was, or maybe it was obvious right away. The doors between the vestibule and the nave were removed this past week. The wood on the ends is being refinished and the covering updated to match our new palette as we anticipate painting the church. In removing the doors, the contractor realized that a couple of the hinges have broken. He is not sure if they can be replaced, but will investigate the ability to do that. After over a hundred years of holding these doors and enabling them to swing open and shut more times than one could imagine, we should not be too surprised that they have run their lifespan. At the same time, we recognize that the purpose of these hinges is critical to everyone's safety and so replacing them is not optional, we will investigate the best follow through from here.

This past week we received a proposal for a color palette and scheme for the vestibule as well. There is some new trim to be measured and installed along the juncture of the walls and the ceiling and then the woodwork will need to be cleaned and renewed before the painting is done. After this, the plan is to work on filling in the missing tiles in the mosaic flooring and clean it. The doors should be returned refinished in the meantime and new fabricated covers for the heating units. Then new bulletin boards that are code compliant will be installed and the project completed.

In the meantime, there is progress in the changes to the lower church. Our new HVAC system and lighting runs through the lower church with a web of conduit. The units that heat and cool along the side walls have been camouflaged with a new soffit that will also be placed along the center beams to provide a more attractive aesthetic for the fire protection system and new lighting. The new lighting has highlighted the defects in the walls along with paint that was removed from the protective coverings applied during the removal of the asbestos. So, a new color palette and scheme is being discussed so that we can have the lower church looking refreshed and cleaned when we are allowed to return without the restrictions of six feet social distancing, hopefully before the end of the summer.

At the same time, our Renovation Committee continues to interview liturgical designers and painters to determine what will be the best direction and a budget for the goal of the project which is to renew our upper church. Before that can happen, we are working on the scope of work and the budget needs for unexpected repairs to the windows and the roof. The three windows on the south side that are boarded up need to be reglazed to prevent water from entering where the leaded glass, the wood frames and the granite walls intersect. Along with that, when the wiring that was done in the attic, we learned there are some spots in the roof that are compromised and that need more immediate attention before we can proceed with painting. The Renovation Committee has strongly reinforced that donations to the second collection and the campaign are for the interior renovations and are not to be used for these expenses. Stay tuned as we do our homework and we will keep you informed!

A Look Back ... Fr. John F. Sullivan

Though the parish had lost her longtime and beloved pastor, she was still in capable hands in the leadership of Fr. Riordan's senior curate, Fr. John F. Sullivan. Caring for the parish in the final months of Fr. Riordan's term as his health failed before it claimed him in death, Fr. Sullivan kept the parish moving and growing by his priestly zeal and commitment to the people of Saint Mary's Parish. A dedication in *The Blue Mantle* for the Class of '40 comments on his contributions to the school as its athletic director, citing "his own spirit of enthusiasm and the indefatigable energy which he has endeavored to infuse into the student body." The tribute continues, "His dynamic personality, keen sense of humor and a natural gift for conversation are a few of the characteristics which have made him a friend to all. We students, especially, look to him as a sympathetic friend and advisor. Above all, his true priestly spirit emanating from his every thought, word and action brought us closer to the God he serves so well."



During Fr. Sullivan's leadership, most likely the Golden Jubilee of Sr. Mary Jerome, SSJ, was a joyous one. Sr. Mary Jerome entered the Sisters of Saint Joseph on March 12, 1891 at the motherhouse in Holyoke, taking her religious name from her home parish, Saint Jerome in Holyoke. Fifty years of dedicated service to the Church, with more than half, 28 in all, lived in Milford, was the occasion of a special celebration at Saint Mary's Parish on the feast of Saint Joseph, March 19, 1941. While the celebration was muted by the earlier death of Fr. Riordan, it was still a special celebration for a special friend and dedicated servant of the parish. The celebration opened with a High Mass celebrated by Fr. Thomas P. Kelly which was followed by a reception in the convent. There, amid many floral bouquets given to commemorate the event, Sr. Mary Jerome greeted her well-wishers. Among her gifts was a gold crucifix, suitably inscribed, that was presented in gratitude from the parish by Fr. Sullivan. There were congratulatory messages, among them an Apostolic Blessing from Pope Pius XII. Again, the *Blue Mantle*, Class of '40 noted the event and Sister Mary Jerome's contributions with the acknowledgement, "she has endeared herself to all who have come in contact with her, and has carved herself a niche in the life of Saint Mary's parish, impossible for another to fill."

While there were many demands for his time and attention in the schools, the parish was no less demanding. Fr. Riordan's death came somewhat unexpectedly and he had been very involved in the updating and renovating of the main church. Fr. Sullivan took over the reins of the project, encouraging the generosity of parishioners so that new appointments could complete the makeover that Fr. Riordan had envisioned and began. Many beautiful furnishings completed this renewal which had everything in place when a new pastor was named and Fr. Sullivan was transferred to Saint Stephen's Parish in the city of Worcester.

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1st Reading New Testament: Acts of the Apostles 1:15-17, 20a,20c-26 (60B)

2nd Reading New Testament: 1 John 4:11-16

Gospel: John 17:11b-19

Our meditation: "Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God." – 1 JOHN 4:15

Our response: How strong is your faith? When you have an opportunity to either defend or clarify a question about our Catholic faith, do you do it? Or, do you remain silent so that others don't think you are weird? Pray for the courage to be strong in all circumstances and to joyfully share your witness with others

WELCOME!

Congratulations to the following who were welcomed to a life of grace in our parish through the waters of baptism during the months of January 2021 thru April 2021



LUCA JOAQUIM FORD

Son of Jeremy Todd Ford & Sonia Maria Ford

HEIDI YASMIN GUAMAN PIZHA

Daughter of William Rodrigo Guaman Zaruma & Maria Juana Pizha Tacuri

WILLIAM STANLEY GUAMAN PIZHA

Son of William Rodrigo Guaman Zaruma & Maria Juana Pizha Tacuri

NATALIA PIZHA TACURI

Daughter of Rosa Elvira Pizha Tacuri

ROXALEEN AIMEE RODRIGUEZ

Daughter Persio Rodolfo Rodriguez & Johanna Elizabeth Rodriguez

IGOR SAMUEL OLIVEIRA FERNANDES

Son of Heliomar Fernandes deOliveira Cruz Fernandes

SHAINDY ABIGAIL TERAN

Daughter of Pablo Teran & Erika Lopez Cocha

DANIEL GUILARDUCCI CAMPOS

Son of Robson Soares Campos & Danielle Guilarducci Campos

ALICIA GUILARDUCCI CAMPOS

Daughter of Robson Soares Campos & Danielle Guilarducci Campos

DEXTER JIMM PERALTA CAGUANA

Son of Isidoro Peralta Pomavilla & Maria Petrona Caguana Guaman

TRISTAN JOHN IANNITELLI

Son of John Matthen Iannitelli & Alexandra "Alves" Iannitelli

ZOE LIZETH BUNAY MOROCHO

Daughter of Vitor Dario Bunay Munoz & Maria Monica Morocho Muyolema

DANIEL JOSUE BRAMBILA

Son of David Emmanuel Brambila & Susana Quintero Branbila

JULIA TEIXEIRA FAGUNDES

Daughter of Rodrigo Mourao Fagundes & Carla Silva Teixeira

LUISA TEIXEIRA FAGUNDES

Daughter of Rodrigo Mourao Fagundes & Carla Silva Teixeira

SANDRA GRIZEL CAGUANA GONZALEZ

Daughter of Jose Antonio Caguana Pinguil & Maria Gregoria Gonzalez Guaman

BRUNO CAGUANA GONZALEZ

Son of Jose Antonio Caguana Pinguil & Maria Gregoria Gonzalez Guaman

JACK NESTOR MAYANCELA GUAMAN

Son of Luis Ernesto Mayancela Tacuri & Maria Sofia Guaman Castro

AMY JESSLIA MAYANCELA-GUAMAN

Daughter of Luis Ernesto Mayancela Tacuri & Maria Sofia Guaman Castro

ST MARY'S CEMETERY NOTICES



**MASS FOR MEMORIAL DAY
AT SAINT MARY'S CEMETERY
Monday, Memorial Day, May 31st
9 AM at the base of the Round Tower**

Our intention for the Mass is for all buried in our parish cemetery and all of our deceased Parishioners and benefactors, especially those who have died since last Memorial Day. Please bring a chair for your comfort during Mass., due to the pandemic we will not be putting chairs out.

In the case of rain, the Mass will be held in the Upper church. Notice of the location will be posted on our parish website that morning, or if you provide the office with your email, we will send you a notice via Flocknote.

- Memorial Day decorations may be placed after 3 pm on Friday, May 28th. Your cooperation is appreciated.
- Our celebrated Irish Round Tower was dedicated on July 10, 1896,. This summer will be its 125th Anniversary! Please contact the parish office if you would like to help us plan a celebration.



*"Whatever you did to the least of these,
You did to me."
Matthew 25: 40*

St. Mary's Food with Friends invites all those who hope for a delicious meal with friendly people to join us. We will offer a bag lunch again this **Thursday, May 20th** from 11:30 – 12:30 at 17 Winter Street until we can sit and eat together.

It is our pleasure to respond to God's call by serving you.

**For those Parishioners who have *not* already
donated we ask your kind consideration of a gift to the
2021 Annual Partners in Charity Appeal
which you can make online**

**St. Mary of the Assumption Parish as of May 4, 2021
167 families have already donated
and for those gifts we are grateful!**

Totaling \$51,810.00

We are at 69% of our goal need \$23,190 to reach \$75,000



Visitation House Baby Bottle Drive

We invite you to participate again in our annual **Baby Bottle Drive** to benefit Visitation House in Worcester. It runs from May 9th to June 20th. However, due to the pandemic restrictions, St. Vincent DePaul cannot put out baby bottles as usual for this year. Please contribute directly on line at: Weblink.donorperfect.com/VHnews or mail directly to:

Visitation House

P.O. Box 60115

Worcester, Ma. 01606

If any questions call them at 508-798-0762 or call the St Vincent DePaul office at 508-473-2000 ext 214 **Thanks for all your support!**

WORSHIP AIDS DURING RESTRICTIONS

As part of the re-opening for public worship, we are not allowed to provide hymnals or books with the readings that can be used by different people during the weekend. The usual hymnals have been removed to prevent any possibility of spreading the virus. If you have a need to follow the readings, it would be best to bring something of your own. There are many options available for use on cellphones and tablets. The following are some apps that will provide you with the readings, prayers, and parts of the Mass for each day's celebration. Most are free or have a small subscription fee, several also offer languages other than English.

- ◆ *Laudate* app (free)
- ◆ *iBreviary* app (free)
- ◆ *Daily Readings for Catholics* app (free)
- ◆ *The Word Among Us* app (free)
- ◆ *Magnificat.com* digital subscription of \$5 for 6 months)
- ◆ We have some copies of *Breaking Bread 2021* which one can have for personal use (\$10 each)

"Everyone is in need of reassurance, and if we, who have touched "the Word of Life" (1jn 1:1) do not give it, who will? How beautiful it is to be Christians who offer consolation, who bear the burdens of others and who offer encouragement: messengers of life in a time of death!"

Pope Francis (2020 Easter Vigil Homily)2020
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Project Rachel Ministry-Healing After Abortion

Not every pregnancy is easy to talk about. If you are hurting from a past abortion, Project Rachel can help. This ministry accompanies those who are suffering from this loss through their healing journey. Trust in God's mercy! Call in strict confidence: 508-791-HOPE (4673) or learn more at www.hopeafterabortion.com

We have spring and summer clothing available for individuals in need. Come shop our free clothing store Mon-Thurs 9:30a-3:30p at 109 South Street, Hopkinton, MA



PROJECT JUST BECAUSE
Helping families in need from the Heart

A Catholic School in Milford?

Several parents have raised the issue of opening a new Catholic school in Milford. Thank you to all who have responded and participated in the survey. We are working on the results and will be in touch with those who have given us contact information. Please pray that we may discern God's will for this opportunity.

Did You Know?

How Old Does a Child Need to Be in Order to Stay Alone?

Don't assume that when your child understands what you're saying, he's ready to walk out the door by himself. Besides the fact that many states have laws against leaving children of certain ages alone (for example, younger than 12), experts say children shouldn't be left by themselves until they're capable of fighting off an abductor or handling a crisis situation. Experts also say children do not have the mental maturity to cross busy streets by themselves until they're about 10 or 12 years old. (Did you know that pedestrian injuries rank third in child fatalities, behind traffic accidents and drowning?) Finally, parents who are certain their young children would never walk away with a stranger will be shocked to learn that studies show they probably will. Stay alert and vigilant, even if you believe your child is aware of possible dangers from others. For particular help you may call: *Worcester Diocese, Office for Healing and Prevention* at (508) 929-4363 Source: "Know the Rules . . . After-School Safety Tips for Children Who Are Home Alone," www.missingkids.com.

If you are aware of an incident of sexual misconduct and the suspected offender is a priest, deacon, candidate, seminarian, religious, lay minister, employee or volunteer, you are encouraged to report the matter to the Diocese of Worcester. The report can be made by phone, contact Judith Audette at the Office of Healing and Prevention, (508-929-4363) or in writing, to the Office for Healing and Prevention, 49 Elm St., Worcester, MA. 01609.

Hockomock Area YMCA, Milford Public Schools & Milford Area Humanitarian Coalition

WHAT: Free breakfast and lunch Ages 0-18

New Hours Started April 5, 2021

WHEN: Mon, Wed, Fri 11am-1pm & 5pm-6pm

Closed on Tuesdays & Thursdays

Where: Memorial Elementary School
12 Walnut St. Milford, MA

in the cafeteria parking lot

No advanced sign up or paperwork required to receive the free meal for pick up. Free and open to all.

More info please visit:

facebook.com/MilfordPublicSchools

Reserve the Date:

Saturday, June 5th

"Festa Junina"

St. Mary of the Assumption Parish

CASH RAFFLE

DRAWING ON JUNE 5, 2021

At the end of the Festa Junina

TICKETS ARE \$20 APIECE

Prizes are:

\$5,000; \$3,000; \$1,000; \$ 500

All proceeds benefit Saint Mary's Parish to balance the budget during the COVID-19 emergency. Tickets are available after weekend Masses after.

Your support for our parish is appreciated.



Seventh Sunday of Easter

Make Us Peacemakers

Father, you sent your Son into the world to bring us into deeper relationship with you. You know our hearts, and you know our desire to be known and loved. Help us to bring reconciliation, peace, and compassion into a world that lacks in all three. Give us the strength to say: thank you, I'm sorry, and I forgive you. Grant that we might be peacemakers in our families, our communities, our nation, and the world. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

May 16, 2021 The Family: A School for Holiness

Today's readings: Acts 1:15–27, 20a, 20c–26; Psalm 103:1–2, 11–12, 19–20; 1 John 4:11–16; John 17:11b–19. In today's epistle, we hear once again a proclamation: the Father sent the Son as Savior of the world. We hear what it means to remain in God and for God to remain in us. We must believe in Jesus and through him in God's love for us. Then we must love one another. Pope Francis has often spoken about families as a school for holiness because they offer endless opportunities to forgive, love, and serve. In fact, it is often with our families that it is hardest to do those things. Most of us probably know a family, if it is not our own family, that is divided by conflict. It seems impossible that reconciliation can occur. Families are complicated and messy. Mental and physical illness, financial trouble, addictions, anxiety about the future, and day-to-day frictions are part of family life. Into this mess, the mess of what it means to be human, God came. God did not abandon us in our troubles, but experienced them with us. He offered us a different possibility: that we remain in love, offering mercy, forgiveness, and compassion because we have received it. Sharing the peace that he has given us, God remains in us and we in God. The Holy Family can inspire us. By becoming part of a human family, God makes all families holy. Is there a person in your family with whom you need to reconcile? What is the first step in repairing that relationship?

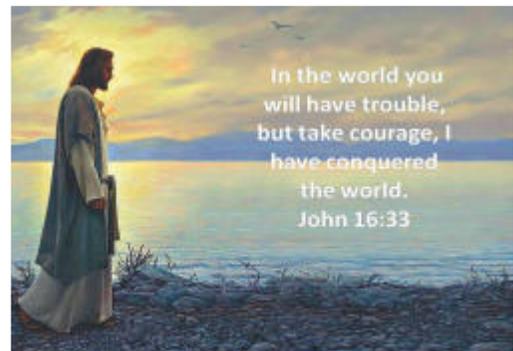


Dear friends, since God so loved us,
we also ought to love one another.
1 John 4:11

This Week at Home

Monday, May 17 Transformed by the Spirit

In the reading from Acts, the men begin to speak in tongues after Paul lays hands on them. Our lives should also look markedly different because the Holy Spirit is within us. Where do you see the Holy Spirit at work in your life? When making big decisions, do you rely on the guidance of the Spirit? How can you invite God to be part of your process of discerning your best way forward? Today's readings: Acts 19:1–8; Psalm 68:2–3ab, 4–5acd, 6–7ab; John 16:29–33.



Tuesday, May 18 Bearing Witness

As Paul looks at the possibility of his future martyrdom, his words echo the words of Jesus before the passion. Both focused on the people they served, the people who were their mission. Jesus, sent by God, and Paul, sent by the risen Christ, both call all people into the light so that the plan of God might be fulfilled. God is always sending us too. How are you called to “bear witness to the gospel of God’s grace”? Today's readings: Acts 20:17–27; Psalm 68:10–11, 20–21; John 17:1–11a.

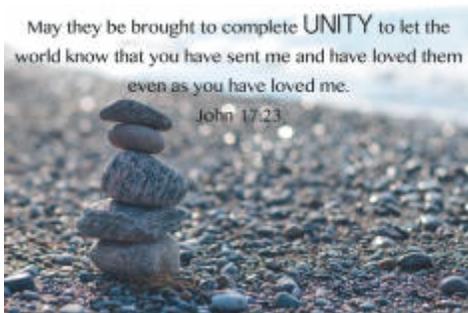
Wednesday, May 19 Spring and New Life

As spring progresses in the northern hemisphere, the natural world abounds with beauty. Take some time to walk in nature and experience the beauty of God's creation. Is this a time when it is easy for you to experience God's presence? How can you take more time for listening in this way? Care of creation is one of our duties as human beings, to whom God entrusted the natural world. Is there something simple you can do to care for God's creation today? Today's readings: Acts 20:28–38; Psalm 68:29–30, 33–35a, 35bc–36ab; John 17:11b–19

Thursday, May 20 Peacemakers

The reading from Acts portrays an event in which religious people react to Paul's actions out of their conviction. So stirred up are the factions that they have a difficult time responding peacefully. Sometimes people who love the Church can be like this. Strong emotions arise when people become defensive, when it seems like their ways of being in relationship with God are challenged. Yet we are called to be peacemakers, even as we are called to speak the truth and give prophetic witness. Christ's peace is received in the Eucharist. How can you live out this call to make peace within the Church?

Today's readings: Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; Psalm 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; John 17:20-26.



Friday, May 21 Our Lives as a Gift

The number of times Peter declares his love for Jesus corresponds to his three denials of the Lord before the crucifixion. With these affirmations, Jesus tells Peter to "feed my sheep." No matter what we have done in the past, God is waiting to redeem it. Everyone's life can be offered as a gift to God, the giver of life.

Today's readings: Acts 25:13b-21; Psalm 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; John 21:15-19.

Saturday, May 22 Preparing for Pentecost

Consider planning a celebration for Pentecost. Gather party supplies in red, the liturgical color of the day. The celebration could be a birthday party, since Pentecost is often considered the birth of the Church. Decorate with doves or tongues of fire. Prayer cards could highlight the gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, knowledge, understanding, counsel, fear of the Lord, piety, and fortitude.

Today's readings: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Psalm 11:4, 5 and 7; John 21:20-25



Religious Education 2021-2022

In the fall, we hope to be back in the building with small groups under the direction of catechists. In order for that to happen, we need **volunteers**.

Confirmed teenagers and adults may volunteer to teach .

Please let us know if you will be available to take on this commitment.

Thank you! kmoran@stmarymilford.org

Home Study will also be an option in the same format as this year.

As of today, we have 5 volunteers to cover grades K thru 10!

Registration opens on June 1st.





ESTA SEMANA EM CASA – 7º Domingo de Páscoa

Faça-nos pacificadores

Pai, você enviou seu filho ao mundo para nos trazer um relacionamento mais profundo com você. Você conhece nossos corações, e você conhece nosso desejo de ser conhecido e amado. Ajude-nos a trazer reconciliação, paz, e compaixão em um mundo que carece de todos os três. Dê-nos a força para dizer: obrigado, Simto muito e eu te perdô. Conceda que sejamos pacificadores em nossas famílias, nossas comunidades, nossa nação, e o mundo. Por Cristo nosso Senhor. Amen.

16 de maio de 2021-A Família: Uma Escola de Santidade

Leituras de hoje: Atos 1: 15-27, 20a, 20c-26; Salmo 103: 1-2, 11-12, 19-20; 1 João 4: 11-16; João 17: 11b – 19. Nos dias de hoje epístola, ouvimos mais uma vez uma proclamação: o Pai enviou o Filho como Salvador do mundo. Nós ouvimos o que significa permaneçam em Deus e para que Deus permaneça em nós. Devemos acreditar em Jesus e por meio dele no amor de Deus por nós. Então nós devemos amei uns aos outros. O Papa Francisco sempre falou sobre as famílias como um escola de santidade porque oferecem oportunidades infinitas perdoar, amar e servir. Na verdade, muitas vezes é com nossa família que é mais difícil fazer essas coisas. A maioria de nós provavelmente conhecer uma família, se não é a nossa própria família, que está dividida por conflito. Parece impossível que a reconciliação possa ocorrer. As famílias são complicadas e confusas. Mental e físico doença, problemas financeiros, vícios, ansiedade sobre o fricções futuras e do dia a dia fazem parte da vida familiar. Nessa bagunça, a bagunça do que significa ser humano, Deus veio. Deus não nos abandonou em nossos problemas, mas experimentou-os conosco. Ele nos ofereceu uma possibilidade diferente: que permaneçamos apaixonados, oferecendo misericórdia, perdão e compaixão porque a recebemos. Compartilhando a paz que ele nos deu, Deus permanece em nós e nós em Deus. O A Sagrada Família pode nos inspirar. Tornando-se parte de um ser humano família, Deus torna todas as famílias santas. Existe uma pessoa em sua família com quem você precisa se reconciliar? O que é primeiro passo para reparar esse relacionamento?

Segunda-feira, 17 de maio-Transformado pelo espírito

Na leitura de Atos, os homens começam a falar em línguas depois que Paulo impõe as mãos sobre eles. Nossas vidas também devem olhar marcadamente diferente porque o Espírito Santo está dentro de nós. Onde você vê o Espírito Santo trabalhando em sua vida? Quando tomar grandes decisões, você confia na orientação do Espírito? Como você pode convidar Deus para fazer parte do seu processo de discernindo seu melhor caminho a seguir? *Leituras de hoje: Atos 19: 1-8; Salmo 68: 2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; João 16: 29-33.*

Terça-feira, 18 de maio-Testemunho Cabal

Enquanto Paulo olha para a possibilidade de seu futuro martírio, seu palavras ecoam as palavras de Jesus antes da paixão. Ambos focado nas pessoas que serviam, as pessoas que eram seus missão. Jesus, enviado por Deus, e Paulo, enviado pelos ressuscitados Cristo, ambos chamam todas as pessoas para a luz para que o plano de Deus pode ser cumprido. Deus está sempre nos enviando também. Como você foi chamado para “dar testemunho do evangelho da graça de Deus”? *Leituras de hoje: Atos 20: 17-27; Salmo 68: 10-11, 20-21; João 17: 1-11a.*

Quarta-feira, 19 de maio-Primavera e vida nova

Conforme a primavera avança no hemisfério norte, o natural mundo está repleto de beleza. Tire algum tempo para caminhar na natureza e experimentar a beleza da criação de Deus. Esta é uma hora quando é fácil para você experimentar a presença de Deus? Como você pode dedicar mais tempo para ouvir desta forma? Cuidar de a criação é um dos nossos deveres como seres humanos, a quem Deus confiou o mundo natural. Existe algo simples você pode fazer para cuidar da criação de Deus hoje? *Leituras de hoje: Atos 20: 28-38; Salmos 68: 29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab; João 17: 11b – 19.*

Quinta-feira, 20 de maio-Pacificadores

A leitura de Atos retrata um evento em que os religiosos as pessoas reagem às ações de Paulo com base em sua convicção. Então agitadas são as facções que enfrentam dificuldades respondendo pacificamente. Às vezes, as pessoas que amam o A igreja pode ser assim. Emoções fortes surgem quando as pessoas tornam-se defensivos, quando parece que suas formas de estar em relacionamento com Deus são desafiados. No entanto, somos chamados a ser pacificadores, mesmo quando somos chamados a falar a verdade e dar testemunho profético. A paz de Cristo é recebida no Eucaristia. Como você pode viver esta chamada para fazer as pazes dentro da Igreja? *Leituras de hoje: Atos 22:30, 23: 6-11; Salmos 16: 1-2a e 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; João 17: 20-26.*



Sexta-feira, 21 de maio-Nossas vidas como um presente

O número de vezes que Pedro declara seu amor por Jesus corresponde às suas três negações do Senhor antes da crucificação. Com essas afirmações, Jesus disse a Pedro para “apascentar minhas ovelhas”. Não importa o que tenhamos feito no passado, Deus está esperando para resgatar. A vida de todos pode ser oferecida como um presente a Deus, o doador de vida. *Leituras de hoje: Atos 25: 13b-21; Salmo 103: 1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; João 21: 15-19.*

Sábado, 22 de maio-Preparando-se para o Pentecostes

Considere planejar uma celebração para o Pentecostes. Reúna os materiais da festa em vermelho, a cor litúrgica da época. A celebração poderia ser uma festa de aniversário, já que o Pentecostes é frequentemente considerado o nascimento da Igreja. Decore com pombas ou línguas de fogo. Os cartões de oração podem destacar os dons do Espírito Santo: sabedoria, conhecimento, compreensão, conselho, temor ao Senhor, piedade e fortaleza. *Leituras de hoje: Atos 28: 16-20, 30-31; Salmos 11: 4, 5 e 7; João 21: 20-25.*

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AVISOS: CEMITÉRIO DE SANTA MARIA

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ESTA SEMANA EN CASA –7º Domingo de Pascua

Hazos conciliadores

Padre, tú enviaste a tu hijo al mundo para profundizar nuestra relación contigo. Conoces nuestro corazón y sabes de nuestro deseo de ser conocidos y amados. Ayúdanos a llevar reconciliación, paz y compasión a este mundo que carece de todo ello. Danos la fuerza para decir: gracias, lo siento, te perdono. Concédenos ser conciliadores de nuestra familia, comunidad, nación y del mundo. Te lo pedimos por Cristo nuestro Señor. Amén

Domingo, 16 de mayo de 2021-La familia, escuela de santidad

Lecturas del día: Hechos 1:15–27, 20a, 20c–26; Salmo 103:1–2, 11–12, 19–20; 1 Juan 4:11–16; Juan 17:11b–19. En la epístola escuchamos que el Padre envió al Hijo para salvar al mundo. Oímos lo que significa permanecer en Dios y que Dios permanezca en nosotros. En Jesús debemos creer y, a través de él, en el amor de Dios. El papa Francisco ha hablado reiteradamente de la familia como escuela de la santidad, pues ofrece un sinfín de oportunidades para perdonar, amar y servir. Quizá conozcamos a una familia, cuando no la propia, dividida por el conflicto y sin reconciliación a la vista. La familia es algo complicado cuando hay enfermedades mentales y físicas, insolvencia económica, adicciones, temor al futuro o fricciones día con día. A este embrollo humano, vino Dios para vivir con nosotros. Nos ofreció permanecer en el amor, ofrecer misericordia, perdón y compasión porque todo ello hemos recibido. Dándonos su paz, Dios permanece en nosotros y nosotros en él. La Sagrada Familia es nuestra inspiración. Al volverse parte de una familia humana, Dios hace santas a todas las familias. ¿Debe reconciliarse con alguien de su familia? ¿Cuál es el primer paso para reparar esa relación?

Lunes, 17 de mayo-Transformados por el Espíritu Santo

Los hombres de la lectura de Hechos se ponen a hablar en lenguas en cuanto Pablo les impone las manos. Nuestras vidas deberían ser decididamente diferentes, pues en nosotros está el Espíritu Santo. ¿En qué parte de su vida obra el Espíritu Santo? ¿Depende usted de la guía del Espíritu Santo para tomar decisiones importantes? ¿Cómo invita a Dios a que lo ayude a discernir la mejor forma de seguir adelante? *Lecturas del día: Hechos 19:1–8; Salmo 68:2–3ab, 4–5acd, 6–7ab; Juan 16:29–33.*

Martes, 18 de mayo-Anunciar la Buena Noticia

Pablo medita la posibilidad de ser martirizado; sus palabras hacen eco a las de Jesús antes de la pasión. Ambos se dedicaron de lleno al pueblo al que habían servido, el pueblo que fue la misión de ambos. Jesús, el enviado de Dios, y Pablo, el enviado del Cristo resucitado; ambos llaman a los pueblos a la luz y así cumplir el plan de Dios. También a nosotros Dios nos comisiona. ¿Cómo lo llama a usted para “anunciar la Buena Noticia de la gracia de Dios”? *Lecturas del día: Hechos 20:17–27; Salmo 68:10–11, 20–21; Juan 17:1–11a.*

Miércoles, 19 de mayo-La primavera y la vida nueva

Avanza la primavera en el hemisferio boreal y la naturaleza exuda belleza. Deseo la oportunidad de caminar por la naturaleza y experimentar la belleza de la creación de Dios. ¿Es entonces cuando le resulta fácil sentir la presencia de Dios? ¿De qué modo dedicará usted más tiempo a sentirse así? Cuidar la creación es uno de los deberes que tenemos los humanos, a quienes Dios nos ha encomendado el mundo. ¿Qué cosa sencilla hará usted hoy para cuidar la creación de Dios? *Lecturas del día: Hechos 20:28–38; Salmo 68:29–30, 33–35a, 35bc–36ab; Juan 17:11b–19.*

Jueves, 20 de mayo-Conciliadores

En la lectura de Hechos, la gente religiosa reacciona según sus convicciones a las actividades de Pablo. Tan caldeados están los ánimos entre las facciones, que les resulta difícil responder pacíficamente. Así se comportan a veces quienes aman la Iglesia. Las personas asumen una postura visceral y a la defensiva cuando sienten que les están cuestionando su relación con Dios. Pero hemos sido llamados a conciliar y también a decir la verdad y dar testimonio profético. La paz de Cristo se recibe en la eucaristía. ¿Cómo vive usted este llamado de conciliación dentro de la Iglesia? *Lecturas del día: Hechos 22:30, 23:6–11; Salmo 16:1–2a y 5, 7–8, 9–10, 11; Juan 17:20–26.*

Viernes, 21 de mayo-Nuestra vida como ofrenda

Pedro declara su amor por Jesús tantas veces como negó al Señor antes de la crucifixión. Tres. Ante tales afirmaciones, Jesús dice a Pedro, “Apacienta a mis ovejas”. No importa lo que hayamos hecho antes, Dios aguarda para redimirlo. Todos podemos ofrendar nuestra vida a Dios, el dador de vida. *Lecturas del día: Hechos 25:13b–21; Salmo 103:1–2, 11–12, 19–20ab; Juan 21:15–19.*

Sábado, 22 de mayo-Alistarse para Pentecostés

Celebre Pentecostés. Consiga artículos de fiesta color rojo, el color litúrgico del día. La celebración sería una fiesta de cumpleaños; Pentecostés se considera el nacimiento de la Iglesia. Decore con palomas o lenguas de fuego. Con estas pas religiosas enfatice los dones del Espíritu Santo: sabiduría, ciencia, entendimiento, consejo, temor de Dios, piedad y fortaleza. *Lecturas del día: Hechos 28:16–20, 30–31; Salmo 11:4, 5 y 7; Juan 21:20–25.*



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