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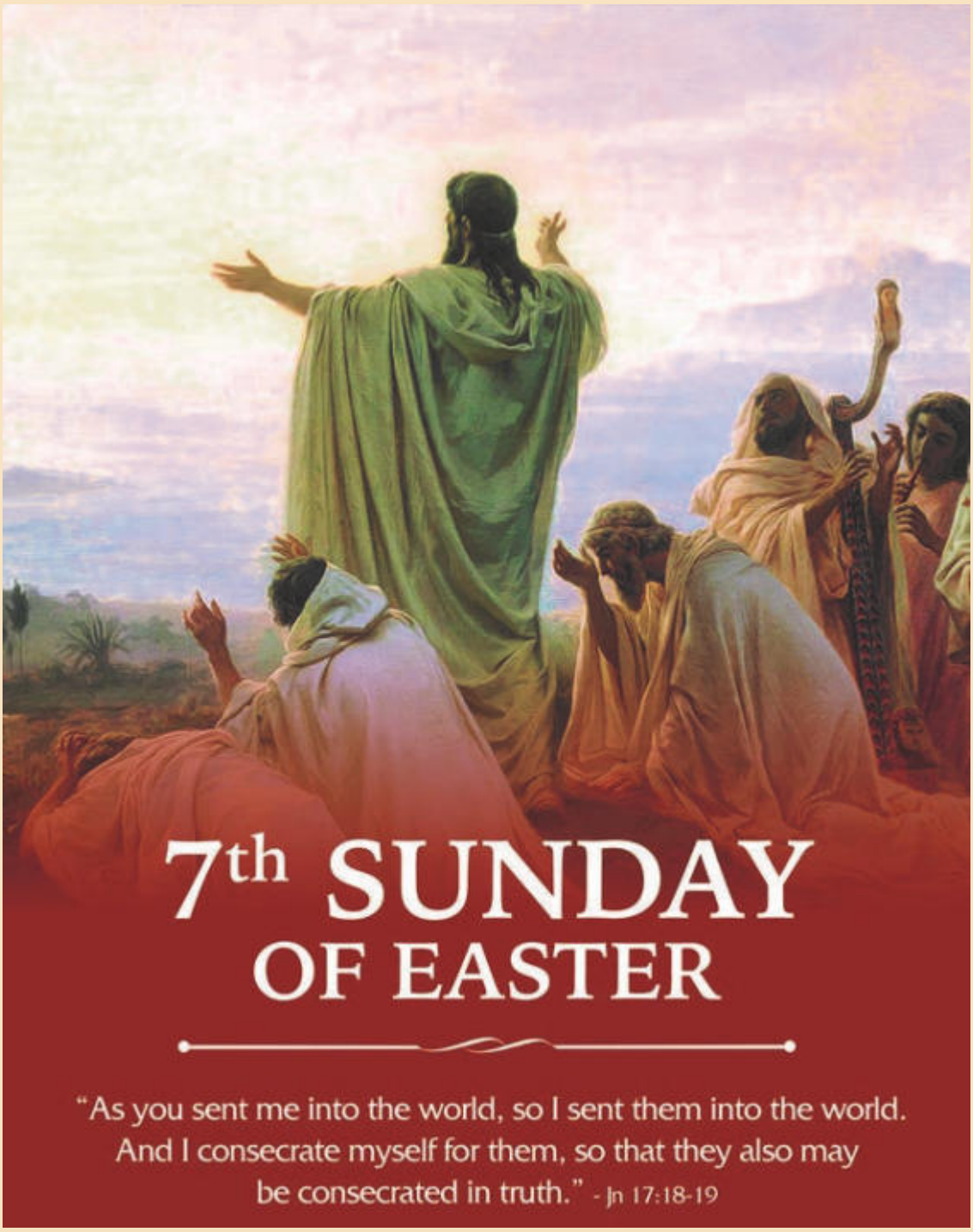

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK: UPDATE ON STAFF

I write to formally inform all that Stacy Dawson and Eleanor Hurley have submitted to me their letters of resignation as St. Isidore Parish Music Director and First Eucharist Coordinator respectively.

The last day for Stacy Dawson will be May 23, 2021 (Pentecost Sunday). Stacy has served our Faith family as Music Director for 7 years.

The last day for Eleanor Hurley will be May 16, 2021. Eleanor has served in our Faith Formation, coordinating our First Communion Students and their families for 8 years.

Also, the two facility positions have been consolidated into one. Jean Leveque has moved on. He has served us as facility manager for about 6 years. John Dunham now takes up the responsibility as the St. Isidore Parish facility manager for our three churches (Sacred Heart, Saints Martha & Mary and Saint Rose of Lima). The effective date for this consolidation was May 10, 2021.

We are grateful to Stacy, Eleanor and Jean for their dedication, commitment, sacrifice and friendship, and we wish them well in their future endeavors. We also wish John Dunham well in his new responsibility as St. Isidore Parish facility manager. Let's keep them in our prayers.

Fr. JT, Pastor

GOSPEL MEDITATION
Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

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.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Bill Dow, Regina R. Perez, Ruth Santos, Jim Medas, Jacob Layman, Wanda Daglis, Joyce Parenteau, Elaine Tomlinson, Christopher Perry, Marie LaFrance, Marissa-Lynn, Janet Macedo, Kevin O'Hara, Melissa Hatfield, Aidan Dougherty, Joseph Drolette, Rebecca & Steven Cummings, Katie Westhaver, Bernard Moisan, Jessica Morrison, Alan Douillette, Marilyn Campbell, Maryann Wilson, Kechy Ikejiofor, Nathan Ware, William Hedlund, Jr., Kathaleen Arruda, Marianne Cokely, Claire Rousseau, Vivian Lee, Brian Martin, Mickey Clark, Eva Jackson, Brenda Soares and Kathleen DeAngelis

To be added to the prayer list please call the parish office.
Names will remain on the list for one month and will only be listed as requested by family members please.

Mass Intentions—Saints Martha & Mary

Sunday, May 16th
7:30 a.m. Joseph Francis Monsini, Jr., Birthday Memorial
9:30 a.m. Primlie Chiocca, 2nd Anniversary

Monday, May 17th
8:00 a.m. Mark Paul Hayes, Month's Mind

Tuesday, May 18th
8:00 a.m. John Beaton, Memorial

Wednesday, May 19th
8:00 a.m. Pat Lomba, Memorial

Thursday, May 20th
8:00 a.m. Glen L. Griffith, Month's Mind

Friday, May 21st
6:00 p.m. Special Intention

Sunday, May 23rd
7:30 a.m. Perry Little, 1st Anniversary
9:30 a.m. Marjory Bosse, Memorial

Mass Intentions—Sacred Heart

Saturday, May 15th
4:00 p.m. Josephine Crosta, Memorial

Sunday, May 16th
11:00 a.m. Marianna Burns, 20th Anniversary

Saturday, May 22nd
4:00 p.m. Miguel Carlos Fletcher, Memorial

Sunday, May 23rd
11:00 a.m. Gerald Durette, 5th Anniversary

Mass Intentions—St. Rose of Lima

Sunday, May 16th
8:00 a.m. Robert Bastarache 6th Anniversary and Noah DaCosta, 14th Anniversary

Sunday, May 23rd
8:00 a.m. Theresa Dufresne, 1st Anniversary

5-9-2021	
Saints Martha & Mary	$2,235.00
Sacred Heart	$3,468.00
St. Rose of Lima	$740.00

Seminarians (Pentecost)

Next week's second collection supports the formation and training of seminarians in the Archdiocese of Boston for future service as priests. We are blessed that many are responding to the call to serve as priests. Please be generous and support these seminarians on their journey toward their ordination to the priesthood. For more information, please visit www.VocationsBoston.org

Weekly Bible Study With Father JT

Thursday, May 20, 2021
Saints Martha & Mary Church Hall
11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Genesis 28:10-22 **Milestone and Landmark**

Eucharistic Adoration with Mass & Divine Mercy Chaplet

Every Friday 6:00 p.m. -7:30 p.m.

Intention for the week of May 21st
For an end to the Coronavirus Pandemic through the mediation of the Blessed Immaculate Virgin Mary

Pregnancy Help

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ST. ISIDORE TIMELINE PLAN FOR THE YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST

Know that nothing in the plan is written on stone. Adjustments/tweaking may happen if real need arises, especially within the pandemic environment.

Sunday, May 22/23 (4th Sun): NEXT WEEKEND
Homily Topic - Eucharist & Priesthood
Monday, May 31, 5-6pm: Outdoor Rosary Procession- Bible Rosary of Luminous Mysteries (RoL) POSTPONED

Sunday, June 19/20 (3rd Sun) - Corpus Christi:
Closing Mass of YoE 9.30am (M&M) or 11am (SH), Followed by Parish Luncheon & Socials POSTPONED

FORMED
THE CATHOLIC FAITH, ON DEMAND

This week on Explaining the Faith, we are on Part 8: **Catholicism and the Sacrament of Confession Exploring one of the great Sacraments of Mercy**. Fr. Chris discusses its Biblical foundations, the importance of apostolic succession in guaranteeing the efficacy of the Sacrament, and how to make a good Confession.

This week kids let's learn about the sacrament of
Reconciliation with Brother Fancies: The Blessings of Confession.
This joyful presentation reminds old and young alike about the great gift of God's forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation!

Did You Know?

Why do we pray to Mary when we could just pray to Jesus?

When we pray to Mary to bring our petitions to Jesus, it in no way lessens the direct mediation of our Savior. There is only one mediator and that is Jesus. We do not replace Jesus with someone else. Jesus brings our prayers to the Father and brings the Father's response to us. Jesus is the mediator, the one that bridges two sides or two parties. Jesus is both God and man, divine and human. Therefore, He alone is mediator between heaven and earth, between God and humanity.

So, what is an intercessor? An intercessor is someone who makes a request on behalf of another, like those in the Gospel that interceded for their loved ones to Christ. They would ask Him to cure someone of a sickness or possession. They even asked Him to bring some back from the dead to life. Intercession does not violate or make less the mediation. At Mass through the ministry of the priesthood, the priest is an intercessor on behalf of the people to Jesus. The priest offers our prayers and needs. In return, the priest brings the faithful Jesus; blessings, gifts, and response.

It is in this same way that Mary and all the Saints intercede for us. When someone at Church or among our family and friends ask us to pray for them, don't we offer prayer for them? If we can do this why can't the saints in heaven do the same for us? Who better to ask to talk to Jesus for us than Mary, who is the first of all saints, the mother of God and the mother of the Church, the closest to her Son Jesus. As Saint Louis de Montfort said, the fastest way to Jesus is through Mary.

Fiat

Fiat, a gathering of women interested in learning more about religious life, cordially invites you to the next meeting on Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. (ET) on Zoom. The topic will be Community Life. If you are interested in attending, please contact Sr. Marian Batho, CSJ at marian.batho@csjboston.org or 617-746-2025 for more information and the link to the meeting.

Setting Our Hearts Aflame

Seeds of Change, Seeds of Hope

Every springtime, as the seasons change, I find myself renewed. The birds are chirping again, green grass grows and flowers begin to appear in the wild, in gardens and in front of businesses. It seems as if everyone is more hopeful. This year perhaps, even more so.

In this past two or three weeks I have attended several webinars and Zoom discussions on the topic of rebuilding our local parishes– not from the angle of putting people in the pews and collecting money, but mainly from the angle of how can we help people post pandemic? How can we bring Christ to others in a post pandemic world? Some of our parishioners have come back, some are not yet ready and still others may never come back. What do you think? Every winter we face the cold and snow– the trees are barren and the birds have gone to warmer climates but yet the birds, the warmth and the leaves return in the spring to give us hope.

One thing the webinars and discussions stressed was that it is going to take every single one of us to use our gifts of time talent and treasure to rebuild our local parish faith community. We need to plant the seeds of life and faith again into our community. Several times in prayer this week these words came to me:

Be the seeds of Change... Be the seeds of Hope...
Be the seeds of Love...
With God's Blessings, Let Us Dare to Dream!

I invite you today to begin to ask yourself "How can I help to build my parish up again? What can I do to help?" Let us dare to dream... and dream big!

Peace to you, Holly

Thrift Shop News

The hours of operation are Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.!

The Thrift Shop is currently accepting donations!
Please no computers, furniture, mattresses or televisions.

We are looking forward to an amazing year!
Thank you to all of our volunteers and all of our shoppers!
See you soon!

St. John I, Pope and Martyr

Feast Day May 18th
Death 526

St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest

Feast Day May 20th

St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

Feast Day May 21st
Birth 1869
Death 1927
Beatified November 22, 1992
by Pope John Paul II
Canonized May 21, 2000
by Pope John Paul II

St. Rita of Cascia, Religious

Feast Day May 22nd
Patron of impossible cases, difficult marriages, and parenthood
Birth1381
Death 1472
Beatified by Pope Urban VII in 1627
Canonized by Pope Leo XIII on May 24, 1900

Live the Liturgy—Inspiration for the Week

When Jesus was physically with his disciples, he guarded and protected them. One of his greatest desires was that they share his joy completely. God's love is the source of all things and their sustenance. As we conduct the normal routines of our lives it is easy to get caught up in the immediacies of this world and lose focus. We become very self and worldly dependent, forgetting that God wishes to guard and protect us. The joy the resurrected Christ can offer cannot be found in this world. It takes a bit of faith to realize that God's will is a constant in our lives and that God desires only the sustenance and goodness of both our bodies and our souls. We need to trust in God's constant and rejuvenating love. This radical resurrection trust allows us to experience the joy of Gods presence in all of the good and the bad, positive and negative, life building and life destructive events that we encounter. God remains where love remains.

PRAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY

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St. Isidore
Pray for Us

Al-Anon and A.A.

Al-Anon: Meets at Saints Martha & Mary downstairs in the Parish Hall every Tuesday morning at 10:30 a.m.

Schedule of Masses

Saturday Eve
4:00 p.m. Middleboro

Sunday
7:30 a.m. Lakeville
8:00 a.m. Rochester
9:30 a.m. Lakeville
11:00 a.m. Middleboro

Weekday
Monday—Thursday 8:00 a.m. Lakeville
Friday 6:00 p.m. Lakeville with Eucharistic Adoration & Divine Mercy Chaplet

Holy Days - As Announced

Confessions
Mondays and Thursdays 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Lakeville

For the Sacraments of Baptism, Marriage and Anointing of the Sick, please contact the Parish Office

Readings for the week of May 16, 2021

Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or
4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20 Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:15-17,
20a, 20c-26/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 [19a]/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19
Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab [33a]/Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 [33a]/Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68: 29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab [33a]/Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Jn 17:20-26
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab [19a]/Jn 21:15-19
Saturday: Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 [7b]/Jn 21:20-25
Next Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/
Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39
Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Ex 19:3 -8a, 16-20b/
Dn 3:52, 52, 53, 55, 56 or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7,
8-9/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or
Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

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