



HOLY CROSS COMMUNITY

Stonington & North Stonington, Connecticut

SUNDAY, MAY 29, 2022

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



“I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one.” - Jn 17:22-23a

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

“Behold, I see the heavens opened
and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.” (Acts 7:56)

PSALM:

The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth. (Ps 97)
Or Alleluia.

SECOND READING:

The one who gives this testimony says, “Yes, I am coming soon.”
Amen! Come, Lord Jesus! (Rev 22:20)

GOSPEL:

That they may be brought to perfection as one,
that the world may know that you sent me,
and that you loved them even as you loved me. (Jn 17:23)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 29, 2022

Sunday: *Ascension*: Acts 1:1-11/ Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/
Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53
Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 7:55-60/Ps 97:1-2, 6-7,
9 [1a, 9a]/Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/Jn 17:20-26

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/
Lk 1:39-56

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/
Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/
Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: *Morning*: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/
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/Rom 8:22-27/
Jn 7:37-39
Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/
Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30/Rom 8:22-27/
Jn 7:37-39 *Day*: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34/
1Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17/Jn 20:19-23 or
Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26



THE Visitation

REFLECT

FIRST READING

In Acts, we are first introduced to Saul (Paul) at the stoning of Stephen, the first recorded Christian martyr. After his conversion, Paul would look back at his persecution of the Church with deep remorse. How do you deal with regret in your life?

SECOND READING

We hear today the final vision that John received. How do you imagine John thought about all the visions he had received from the Lord?

GOSPEL

In his final prayer during the farewell discourse, Jesus speaks about his disciples as the Father's gift to him. What gifts have God given you?

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MASS INTENTIONS

MAY 28—SATURDAY VIGIL: 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- 4:00 pm St. Michael: † Betty and Chet Bukowski
Requested by Tim and Pamela Klapproth
- 5:00 pm St. Thomas More: † Sy Borys
Requested by the choir
- St. Patrick: † Parishioners
- 5:30 pm St. Mary: † William Osga (7th anniversary)
Requested by his daughter Sharon

MAY 29—SUNDAY: 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- 7:00 am St. Michael: † Dennis Thibodeau
Requested by his family
- 8:00 am St. Mary: † Joan Grabowski
Requested by Kay and Dick Daniele
- 8:30 am St. Michael: Parishioners
- St. Patrick: † Irene Van Wagner
Requested by Charlene Corkhill
- 10:00 am St. Michael: † Robert and Madeline Kaiser
Requested by their family
- 10:15 am St. Patrick: † Peter Balestracci
Requested by Janet and Richard Przybysz
- 11:45 am St. Michael—High Mass (*Latin*): † Dennis Thibodeau (6th anniversary)
Requested by Janette Phillips and family

MAY 30—MONDAY: MEMORIAL DAY

- 8:00 am St. Michael Cemetery: † Deceased Veterans
- 12:05pm St. Patrick: † Deceased Veterans

MAY 31—TUESDAY: THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

- 7:00 am St. Michael: #798 Daughters of Isabella, Living and Deceased
- 8:00 am St. Mary: † Dorothy Travers
Requested by Our Lady of Fatima Society
- 12:05pm St. Patrick: † Daniel Henry
Requested by Joan Balestracci

JUNE 1—WEDNESDAY: ST. JUSTIN, MARTYR

- 7:00 am St. Michael: † Fred Perkins
Requested by Barbara Dolan
- 8:00 am St. Mary: † Manuel Goulart, Jr.
Requested by his family
- 12:05 pm St. Patrick: † Rose DeCorte
Requested by Susan McMillin

JUNE 2—THURSDAY: EASTER WEEKDAY

- 7:00 am St. Michael: † Fred Perkins
Requested by St. Michael Rectory Staff

JUNE 3—FRIDAY: EASTER WEEKDAY

- 7:00 am St. Michael: † Fred Perkins
Requested by the Kmetz family
- 8:00 am St. Mary: † Antonio and Eulalia Tavares
Requested by Tony and Maria Henry
- 12:05 pm St. Patrick: † Daniel Henry
Requested by Irene Romanella

JUNE 4—SATURDAY: EASTER WEEKDAY

- 7:00 am St. Michael: † Jose B. Tavares, Jose and Maria Vicente, and son
Requested by Liduina and children
- 9:00 am St. Michael: Our Lady of Fatima

JUNE 4—SATURDAY VIGIL: PENTECOST

- 4:00 pm St. Michael: † Donald Robinson
Requested by Dan Terrell
- 5:00 pm St. Thomas More: † Rita Whewell
Requested by Maureen Karsten
- St. Patrick: † Intentions of the Giannattassio, Sharble, and Palembas Families
Requested by Loretta Palembas
- 5:30 pm St. Mary: Parishioners

JUNE 5—SUNDAY: PENTECOST

- 7:00 am St. Michael: † Maria A. and Jose F. Vicente, and Alcinda and Antonio Teixeira, and Jose A. Vicente
Requested by the Vicente family
- 8:00 am St. Mary: † Dottie Travers
Requested by her friends
- 8:30 am St. Michael: † Gilda DaCosta
Requested by her husband and family
- St. Patrick: Parishioners
- 10:00 am St. Michael: † Joseph, Carmella, Mark and Marla Liburdi
Requested by Victor and Marsha Liburdi
- 10:15 am St. Patrick: † Irene Van Wagner
Requested by Charlene Corkhill
- 11:45 am St. Michael—High Mass (*Latin*): † Fred Perkins
Requested by Jim and Celena Drury

To schedule Mass intentions for Masses at St. Mary, St. Michael, and St. Thomas More, please contact Anita at the parish rectory at 860-599-5580 or by email at akapolowicz@stmichaelpawcatuck.com. To schedule Mass Intentions for Masses at St. Patrick, please contact Kim at the parish rectory at 860-536-1800 or by email at secretary@saintpatrickmystic.org.

**Saint Mary
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Sunday Mass

5:30 pm (Saturday), 8:00 am

Weekday

8:00 am Monday—Friday
except Thursday



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Sunday Mass

4:00 pm (Sat.), 7:00 am,
8:30 am, 10:00 am, 11:45 am
(Traditional Latin Mass)

Weekday Mass

7:00 am Monday—Saturday

Confessions

3:00—3:45 pm Saturday



**Saint Thomas More
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87 MYSTIC ROAD

Sunday Mass

5:00 pm (Saturday)



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Tom Dowling, Alfred Fratoni, John Fratoni, Barbara Fuller,
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Karen Hess, John Hesse, Margaret Hickey,
Francesca Kinnecom, Martha Kowack, Paul Kowack,
Helen Lauterio, Ledyard Lewis, Sean Madden,
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Raoul Roy, Judy Schiller, Brandon Smith, Jerome Ward,
Margaret Ward, Jennifer Flaherty Whipple

STEWARDSHIP

**ST. MARY • ST. MICHAEL • ST. THOMAS MORE
May 22, 2022**

Weekly Offertory _____	\$	6,387.00
EFT _____	\$	978.43
Church Kitchen & Steeple (formerly Mortgage Collection _____)	\$	530.00
St. Bernard _____	\$	130.00
Ascension _____	\$	93.00
Seminarian Fund _____	\$	60.00
Annual Catholic Appeal _____	\$	50.00
Cemetery _____	\$	20.00

Many thanks for your generous support.

Electronic Funds Transfer

For your convenience, the churches of St. Mary, St. Michael and St. Thomas More offer the option of Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) for your weekly offering. For more info, email Amy Bennett at abennett@stmichaelpawcatuck.com.

**ALL ARE INVITED TO USE THE
ST. MARY PRAYER TREE**

All are invited to use the Prayer Tree in the rear of St. Mary Church in Our Lady of Fatima's room. The petitions are emailed weekly to a large group of parishioners who pray for the intentions.



MEMORIAL DAY MASS MONDAY, MAY 30TH

8 am St. Michael New Cemetery

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

Our Lady asked Fatima visionary Lucia dos Santos to promote the Five First Saturdays devotion. For five consecutive months, the faithful are asked to make this devotion on the First Saturday of the month, with the intention of reparation for blasphemies and sins against the Immaculate Heart of our holy mother.

The devotion consists of: (1) receiving Holy Communion; (2) reciting five decades of the Rosary; (3) meditating for 15 minutes on the mysteries of the Rosary; and (4) going to Confession (within 8 days of the first Saturday). Speaking to Lucia about the faithful who make this devotion, Our Lady said, "I promise to assist them at the hour of death with all the graces necessary for the salvation of their souls."

In honor of the 105th anniversary of the apparition of Our Lady of Fatima, St. Michael will be holding special First Saturday Masses and Confessions from May through October. In addition to our regular 7:00 am Mass, we will hold a second morning Mass at 9:00 am in St. Michael's Church. Receiving Communion at either of these Masses will suffice for satisfying the devotion. Between the two Masses, Fr. Perkins and Fr. Ellis will hear confessions of all the faithful who wish to participate in this devotion.

Join us on Saturday, June 4th, as we honor Our Lady and pray in reparation for the sins and blasphemies committed against her Immaculate Heart.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

June 3, 2022 • 8:30 am—10:30 am • St. Mary's

"To converse with You, O King of glory, no third person is needed, You are always ready in the Sacrament of the Altar to give audience to all."

—St. Teresa of Avila

SPRING FUNDRAISING CHALLENGE

The St. Michael Maria Assunta Society will match donations toward the completion of the St. Michael Church Kitchen and Steeple up to a grand total of \$50,000. The challenge runs from Easter Sunday to Fathers Day (June 19th). Special thanks to the Maria Assunta Society and all who participate!

DIOCESAN VIRTUAL SUMMER MISSION

Join us for the Diocesan Virtual Summer Mission on Wednesdays evenings June 1, 8, 15, and 22 from 7-7:45pm.

The mission is called *Go and Make Disciples: What the Bible Teaches Us about Evangelization*. Evangelization—just the thought of it can make us squirm. Talking to people about Jesus? How can we do that naturally without everyone feeling awkward? Thankfully, we have a guidebook that teaches us exactly how to do it—the Bible. Speaker Emily Ricci will walk us through evangelization strategies found in the Old and New Testaments. Emily Ricci is the owner of Gloriam Marketing as well as the New Testament Teacher at Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh, NY. To join us, contact Marianne Nicholas at manicholas@norwichdiocese.net or call (860)8482237 ex. 304.

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL WITH BISHOP ROBERT BARRON

Join us to see Bishop Robert Barron as we kick off the Eucharistic Revival in the Diocese of Norwich. Beginning in June, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops will launch a multi-year Eucharistic revival which will culminate in a National Eucharistic Congress. Throughout the next three years, the Diocese of Norwich and its parishes will foster a deeper love for the Holy Eucharist among the faithful. **To kick off the event, the Office of Faith Events is sponsoring a bus trip to Boston's Eucharistic Congress in Lowell, MA on June 18th.** The trip will leave from the Cathedral of St. Patrick or St. Matthew, Tolland at 6am. The cost is \$93 which includes the conference fee, transportation and taxes. To register, go to <https://bit.ly/2Laol7Y> or contact Marianne Nicholas at manicholas@norwichdiocese.net or call (860) 848-2237 ex.304.



Saint Patrick Church

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Sunday Mass:

5:00 pm (Sat. Vigil), 8:30 am and 10:15 am

Weekday Mass:

12:05 pm Monday — Friday except Thursday

Confessions:

4:00 pm — 4:45 pm Saturdays

5:00 pm — 6:00 pm First Tuesday of month

Rev. Kevin M. Reilly, Pastor
 Kim McGowan, Parish Secretary
secretary@saintpatrickmystic.org

Richard Georgetti, RCIA Coordinator
 Elizabeth Limkemann, Organist
 Richard Schumacher, Choir Director

STEWARDSHIP

May 22, 2022

Offertory _____	\$	4,534.00
EFT _____	\$	1,092.75
Campaign Paid to Date _____	\$3,174,001.60	
Pledge Total _____	\$3,368,415.46	

We are grateful for your generous support!

MONTHLY DIOCESAN PRO-LIFE MASS

The monthly Diocesan Pro-Life Mass will take place at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on Saturday, June 4th, at 8:30 am. Following the Mass, the Rachel Rosary will be prayed at the Cathedral. A brunch in the Cathedral Hall will follow the Rosary this month.



The Memorial Day Mass, this Monday, May 30th, will be held at the St. Patrick Cemetery at 9:00am. Please bring your own chair.

In the case of inclement weather the Mass will be moved to the Church, still at 9:00am.

The Rectory Office will be **CLOSED** and the secretary will be away from Monday, May 30th, through Thursday, June 2nd. The office will re-open on Friday, June 3rd, at 9am.

Fr. Kevin will be away from Friday, June 3rd, through Sunday, June 5th.

THE ST. PATRICK OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The St. Patrick Outreach Committee is in need of mops, buckets, brooms and dustpans for Safe Futures of New London. Items may be dropped off in the church center. If locked, please leave them by the basket towards the entrance of the church. Thank you for your continued support!

SAFE ENVIRONMENTS ABUSE PREVENTATIVE TRAINING

In the Diocese of Norwich, all volunteers who have regular contact with minors, all employees, all clergy, and all religious, are required to complete safe environments training.

This training is also available to any parishioner, or parent of a parochial school child, regardless of whether or not they wish to volunteer at their parish or school.

The Diocese of Norwich offers two Praesidium programs. Both cover the same material, just in different formats. You can take the on-line program, **Praesidium**, or attend a one-time DVD presentation, **Called to Protect**.

Due to the current pandemic, the in person **Called to Protect** in person training classes have been postponed. **Praesidium** is available and the preferred training at this time. As soon as in person gatherings are permitted, **Called to Protect** in person training will resume.

Please contact the **Child Advocate** at your parish or school office in order to be enrolled, or for more information.

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE

Sunday, May 15th, was an exciting day for the St. Michael School Band. They had the opportunity to perform their Spring Concert at the United Theatre in downtown Westerly. The students loved performing for their family and friends in an actual theatre. The students did an amazing job, and if you haven't had the opportunity to check out the recently renovated United Theatre, you are missing out! Thanks go to our band director, Ryan Piccolo, and the management of the United Theatre for a wonderful afternoon of entertainment and an amazing opportunity for the students.

The following Wednesday, the entire school performed a spring concert for their family and friends. The auditorium on the third floor was filled. The classes performed under the direction of music teacher, Mrs. Diana Blanda Smith. From the PreK performing "This Little Light of Mine," to Grades 5 – 8 performing an enthusiastic rendition of "Joyful, Joyful," the evening was a resounding success. Mrs. Blanda Smith and her students have been working very hard on this concert and their hard work really paid off. Adding to the evening was a performance by our violin students under the direction of Mr. Tim Coffey of Paul Effman Music.

All in all it has been a wonderful couple of weeks for the St. Michael School Music Program!

Doris Messina



The St. Michael School Band recently performed for family and friends at the United Theatre.



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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

God's Game of Telephone

You've probably played the game of "pass it on" before, maybe years ago on the playground. It's a simple concept: one person whispers something in another person's ear, and it gets repeated person by person throughout the group, until finally the last one to hear the message has to say it out loud. Whatever ends up being said at the end of the game is usually a far cry from the original statement, and everyone has a good laugh.

As individuals, we don't receive news in the same way. Our personalities, our histories, our weaknesses, and our strengths determine how we interact with information we encounter in the world, both good and bad. One person will interpret a compliment positively; someone else will take offense. One person reacts to news of a job promotion with joy, another is disappointed that now they will have less time with their family. The same news can mean completely different things to different people.

But what God gives us is the truth in love, and the truth in love is the same in every place and in every time, for every person of every race. When Christ prayed to the Father that "the love with which you loved me may be in them," he was asking that the magnificent gift that had been imparted to him would also be imparted to us.

Our job is to play a game of pass it on with this gift of love. How do we keep it from becoming warped? Through remaining committed to the word of God, to the sacraments, and to one another.

In this game, we don't change the message. The message changes us. And we have to give it away to keep it.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Joan of Arc | Feast Day May 30



St. Joan of Arc (1412 – 1431) has had her story told throughout history through many books, movies and plays. She was born in the village of Domrémy, near the province of Lorraine, to a French peasant family. At a young age, she began to experience visions and voices, which were later identified to be of St. Michael, St. Catherine of Alexandria, and St. Margaret of Antioch. At the age of 13, all three saints told her that she was to drive the English from French territory, and that she must bring the Dauphin to Reims for his coronation. Trusting in God, she did as she was told.

During the Hundred Years War, St. Joan of Arc led French troops against the English and recaptured the cities of Orléans and Troyes. Captured near Compiègne the following year, she was sold to the

English and placed on trial for heresy and witchcraft, eventually being found guilty and burned at the stake in Rouen.

St. Joan of Arc was canonized by Pope Benedict XV on May 16, 1920, and is the patron saint of military members. ©LPi

LIVE THE LITURGY

We all have our ideas of who God is. We have to remember, however, that our ideas of God often do not capture who God really is. God is a wonderful mystery whose identity is inexhaustible. This makes life an exciting journey in search of belief, love, glory, and unity. Displaying all of the tenderness of a real love story, we hear from Jesus that God wants nothing more than for the world to believe. The same depth of affection given to Jesus, God the Father desires to share with us. Receiving this love gives the believer an even greater understanding of what gives us purpose and meaning. With God's unconditional love as our anchor, we can endure the greatest of hardships knowing that we carry the hope of glory within us. Sharing in the same incredible eternal destiny and glory that God gave His Son, we can all be one just as Jesus and the Father are one. Why is understanding all of this important? Because given the myriad choices of what can possibly define us, we now have the primordial truth of who we are given to us by God. We know, beyond doubt, where to look for true happiness and where our lives will end. ©LPi

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Unity and diversity can exist together. Our western minds have a grave difficulty seeing unity without conformity. We tend to believe that

unless everyone believes the same thing, assents to the same body of truths, styles, and opinions, unity is not possible. Jesus, in today's Gospel, expresses a tenderness and an intimacy that the disciples actually can witness. This same tenderness and love are also reflected in his desire for unity and

oneness. Jesus passionately wants all to be one. It is very clear that the success of Jesus' mission and the advance of the Gospel rises or falls with whether this unity is achieved. And it is a unity that is achieved around a person and not particulars.

Our church is extremely divided. These divisions all center on various theologies, philosophies, structures, and styles. We allow these particular

concerns and interpretations, valid as many can be, to drive wedges between us and put us at odds with each other. They enrage us and cause us to lash out



at other members of the Body of Christ. Differences are bound to exist in any group. We are unique and diverse people. Staunchly clinging to particular agendas and ideologies while waving the "we're right, you're wrong" banner as we forge ahead in battle does little to advance the real mission of Christ. We are perceived as weak, fractioned, self-focused and serving, and lacking empathy and love. How can the work of salvation be accomplished like this?

We sacrifice our credibility. For what?

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." These words describe exactly who the glorified Christ really is. Jesus wants us to see this glory! Believe this! This is the unifying principle that draws the Body of Christ together as one, not our particular preferences of worship! We give too much power to our preferences, and all too easily forget that the

real mission of Christ is much more than that! If we can work at truly loving each other as members of Christ's Body despite the differences that can so quickly divide us, then maybe we'll a bit more convincing to those who do not believe. The Risen Christ comes to us through the Eucharist. It doesn't matter where or how. Gather wherever you can and receive. We cannot substitute Jesus' passion with our own. We are one. ©LPi

Jesus prayed saying: "Holy Father, I pray not only for them, but also for those who believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me."—Jn 17:20-21

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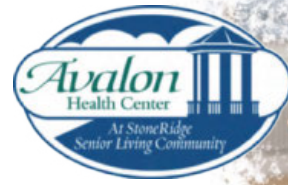
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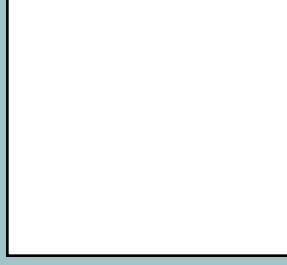
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