

St. Roch Church



A Mother's Day Prayer

*F*ather, we ask your blessing on all those to whom You have entrusted motherhood. May Your Holy Spirit constantly inspire and strengthen them. May they ever follow the example of Mary, Mother of Our Lord, and imitate her fidelity, her humility, and her self-giving love. May all mothers receive Your Grace abundantly in this earthly life, and may they look forward to eternal joy in Your presence in the life to come. Amen.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, May 9, 2015
 4:00 PM Mary Gagliastre by Ginny & Maryann

Sunday, May 10, 2015
 8:30 AM Mother's Day Novena
 11:00 AM Mary Palmieri & Saveria Lagaccia by the family

Monday, May 11, 2015
 8:30 AM Mother's Day Novena

Tuesday, May 12, 2015
 8:30 AM Mother's Day Novena

Wednesday, May 13, 2015
 8:30 AM Mother's Day Novena
 6:30 PM

Thursday, May 14, 2015 ~ The Ascension of the Lord
 8:30 AM Mother's Day Novena
 6:30 PM

Friday, May 15, 2015
 8:30 AM Mother's Day Novena

Saturday, May 16, 2015
 4:00 PM Theodore J. Marotta (2nd Anniversary) by wife Gail

Sunday, May 17, 2015
 8:30 AM Joseph Smolenski by his sister
 11:00 AM Lucille LaPlante by husband Joseph

Scripture Readings

Sunday, May 10
 Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48
 1 Jn 4:7-10, Jn 15:9-17

Monday, May 11
 Acts 16:11-15
 Jn 12:26-16:4a

Tuesday, May 12
 Acts 16:22-34, Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday, May 13
 Acts 17:15, 22-18:1
 Jn 16:12-15

Thursday, May 14
 Acts 1:1-11, Eph 1:17-23
 Mk 16:15-20

Friday, May 15
 Acts 18:9-18, Jn 16:20-23

Saturday, May 16
 Acts 18:23-28
 Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday, May 17
 Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26
 1 Jn 4:11-16
 Jn 17:11b-19



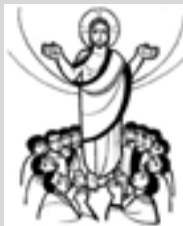
Thank you to all who have made a pledge or donation to the Partners In Charity Appeal. We have now reached our goal of \$45,000! Your generosity will make a difference in many lives. **THANK YOU!**

The twenty-eight agencies, ministries and programs that serve the people of our diocese still need funding. If you wish to make a pledge or donation but have not had the opportunity to do so, you can make your gift online by visiting www.partners-charity.net—click on the “Donate online now” tab or mail it to the rectory

Your Sacrificial Offering May 2 & 3

Offertory Envelopes (129)	\$3,663.00
Loose Money	355.00
Other sources of income	693.00
Total	4,711.00
Weekly Goal	5,881.00
Result	- 1,170.00

Thank You!



May 14th is the feast of The Ascension of the Lord
 A Holy Day of Obligation
 Masses will be celebrated
Tuesday, May 13th at 6:30 PM
Wednesday, May 14th at 8:30 AM & 6:30 PM

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Mass Schedule: **Saturday: 4:00 PM**
Sunday: 8:30 & 11:00 AM
Monday ~ Friday 8:30 am

Confessions: 3:00 PM Saturday or anytime on request.



PRAY FOR ... *Kathy Perry, Owen Benway, Irene Richardson, Jane Lewicki, Anthony Nguyen, Andrew Rivers, Judy Chiancola, Sean Cryan, Olga Brault, Raymond Joseph, Al Sinkis, Barbara Swenson, Connie Croteau, Pat Shong, Chloe Barbara Jones, Fr. Robert Kelley, Ruth Andrzejczyk, James Butler Jr., Craig Ladd, Carol Violette, Roseanne Ferlito, John & Bev Makowski, Rosellen Roy, Dale Mahota, Maddy Desrosier, Phyllis Day, John Hickman, John Barton, Walter McCarthy, Stephen Rice, Debbie Byrne, Timothy Bowes, Joel Winslow, Cindy Flores, Roger St. George, James Sumerlin, Julie Guertin, Anita Prunier, Liz Iandolli, Ed Carpenter, Charlene White, Bob St. George, Victor Pizzoloto, Ernest Lavallee, Danielle Genest, Francis McGrath.*



The Readings for next Sunday, May 17, 2015

Acts of the Apostles 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26
 First Letter of Saint John 4:11-16
 John 17:11B-19



My Dear Parishioners,

If you park between the rectory and the Parish Center and walk into church by my garage I hope that you have noticed the striking stainless steel cross that adorns the corner. Installing this cross and the landscaping around it was a project completed by John St. Germain in order to fulfill one of the requirements for attaining the rank of Eagle in Boy Scouts. The cross is truly significant to John's family. It was fashioned by his late grandfather, John St. Germain some years ago as a tribute to his own son John who died in 1984.

The elder John St. Germain, along with his wife Evonne, was deeply committed to working on the variety of fundraisers, especially the Festival, that are so much a part of our parish life. A skilled craftsman in metal he was responsible for the beautiful wrought iron fencing around our property. How heartening it is to see that that spirit of service has been caught by the next generation.

It is a remarkable accomplishment achieved by only a handful of scouts to attain the rank of Eagle. I am thankful that St. Roch's became part of that for young John St. Germain. The cross here by the rectory was only half of his project. The landscaping around the large granite cross at our parish cemetery had become completely overgrown. John and his crew of fellow scouts have greatly improved that monument.

Much still has to be done at the cemetery to get it ready for Memorial Day. Please consider giving a few hours on the Saturday mornings from now until the end of the month. I hope to see you there anytime from eight till noon. Bring a rake and some tarps if possible. Spend some time in the fresh air and together let us show our respect for those who for generations have been buried in this sacred ground awaiting the Second Coming of Jesus.

This past Thursday, May 7th was a blessed day for our parish and especially for twenty of our young people. They received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop McManus. The newly confirmed are: **Spencer Bodreau, Dalton Bodreau, Natalie Bolio, Joseph Fitzpatrick, Joseph Fusco, Andrew Jalbert, Julia Lambert, Dylan LaPre, Nathaniel Lee, Meaghan McCarthy, Shaun McCarthy, Andrew Morrison, Matthew Murphy, Rae-Ann Norquist, Marylee Panient, Madison Podedworny, Emily Sterczala, Justin Tessier, and Michael Warren.** We have been meeting every Sunday evening during this past year reflecting on what it means to be a Catholic and a disciple of Jesus in our world today. I have come to know and care deeply about these young men and women. They give me hope for the future that the mission of Christ and our Church will go on. Join me in keeping them and their families in prayer. As well as the twenty children who will receive First Holy Communion next Sunday, May 17th.

Let us continue to love one another,

Fr. Roy

NEW PARISH FAMILY DIRECTORY!

We are pleased to begin the process of producing a new family directory with *Lifetouch* and hope that all our parish families will participate. The portrait sessions will be take place in our church hall on **May 28, 29, 30, 2015**.

All participating families will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and a directory.

You will have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits at your session.



To make your portrait session appointment go to www.appt.lifetouch.com and follow the easy instructions to select your day and time. A confirmation will be emailed to you. If you need assistance, you may call Teri in the rectory office 508-987-8987.

A \$10 discount is offered for signing up online.

A 20% discount is offered to seniors.

(A make-up date will be set in June-please call the office if you absolutely cannot make the May sessions-there is limited space on this date.)



FESTIVAL JUNE 13, 2015

A day filled with fun, good food, raffles, an "Auction on the Stage", vendors and shopping opportunities followed by our Famous Chicken Barbecue is now being planned.

A lot of volunteers will be needed to ensure a successful festival. Can we count on you?

If you would like to volunteer (before or during the event), please let us know by calling the rectory office at 508-987-8987 or the parish center at 508-987-2382. Any amount of time you can give will be greatly appreciated! Everyone is welcome! We would love to see new faces ... this is a fun event and a great opportunity to get to know your fellow parishioners!

The garage is now open for dropping off garage sale items and books.

Please no furniture, clothing, tires, TV's or any type of electronics, stuffed animals or mattresses.

We will also be collecting new raffle items and gift certificates, craft items, bake items, and plants. These drop off times and locations will be announced soon.

**VENDORS WELCOME
(CALL 508-987-8987 TO RESERVE SPACE)**

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Christmas in June

Christmas in June will be happening at the Sunbridge Nursing Home on June 6th. We are asking that you take a tag marked "man" or "woman" and buy a gift for the residents at the nursing home. Some suggestions are large print books, pajamas, lap blankets, socks, body lotions, baseball caps, playing cards, sugar free candy, house dresses, etc. Anything that an elderly relative of yours could use would be appropriate. Please wrap the gift and return it with the original tag to the church by the weekend of **May 30th & 31st**. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of so many people.

Calling Anthony's Angels

Anthony Nguyen and his family still needs your help. He is doing better with the help of the doctors and family, but he and his family still need your prayers and financial support. **Call 508-987-8987** for information or send your donation to:

Anthony's Angels c/o St Roch Church,
334 Main St., Oxford, MA 01540

Blessings and gratitude for your continued prayerful support.



CARNIVAL

MAY 14-17

St. Roch's is sponsoring a Carnival on Joslin Park and our adjoining church lot on Rt. 12 (also known as the Town Common). Rides provided by *Mark Fanelli's Traveling Amusement Park, Inc.* There will be rides for all ages along with games and food.
Thurs & Fri 6-10 PM, Sat 12-10 PM, Sun 12-6 PM



SAINT ROCH CONFIRMATION

May 7 Confirmation Celebration at Sacred Heart—

May 24 Recognition of the Confirmed at the 11:00 Mass. Reception to follow in the church hall.

June 7 Corpus Christi, Newly Confirmed process following the 11:00 AM Mass, followed by a special welcome pot-luck family luncheon, with make your own sundaes.



1ST EUCHARIST SESSIONS

May 10 - Mother's Day -no classes

**May 12 First Eucharist Rehearsal
6-8 PM**

**May 13 Eucharist Portraits by
appointment**

May 17 First Eucharist Celebration Mass 2 PM
candidates arrive 1:15 in hall for group photo.

**June 7 Corpus Christi Procession 11:00 Mass, arrive
10:45 in hall.** All children who have received Holy Eucharist are invited to join the procession, too. The children will process to church in outfits worn for First Holy Communion.

Bible Adventure 2015

July 6th—10th 8:15 AM -12:15 PM

Come meet new friends & learn how great Our God is.

**Register for this summer open, so please call for
details 508-987-2382.**

The \$25.00 donation per child helps defer costs of the program materials and lunches. Please do not let family hardship keep your child away from this faith and fun filled experience.

Some volunteers are already in place, but more volunteers are needed to prepare and lead this year's sessions. **Once school is out, we will plan our day for preparation with youth and adults. Call to let us know your schedule 508-987-2382.**



ADULTS why not take time for enrichment? Education never ends. Join others **Tuesday mornings** for the *Echoes of Faith* series on *Liturgy and Sacraments*, in the parish center, room 1, **10-11:30 weekly**. Next class meets **May 12, 19, 2015**.

Call Terry Ann Renaud 508-987-2382.



We meet Sundays at **9:45 am** in the rectory. To be part of this process call **508-987-2382**.

Do you know anyone who would like to find out about becoming Catholic, receiving Sacraments as an Adult, or parents of older children, who need Baptism or Holy Eucharist: **Contact Terry Ann Renaud or Father Roy anytime 508-987-2382 or 508-987- 8987.**

Adults interested in walking with other adults in this process are asked to join us Sunday mornings between Masses at **9:45 AM in the rectory parlor.**



The next movie will be shown on **May 28th at 12:00 in room 1 of the parish center.** Adults will gather to watch a variety of films. Suggested titles welcomed for the last Thursday of each month.



Join us for another “33 Days to Morning Glory”, a retreat authored by Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC of the National Shrine of the Divine Mercy.

Want to transform your work, your marriage, your family and your life? Are you ready to learn the quickest, surest, and easiest way to holiness.

Retreats held at the **St. Roch Parish Center**, for 6 consecutive **Wednesdays, May 13, 20, 27, June 3, 10; at 6:30 – 8:00pm**; books will be available by pre-registering, 508-987-2382. All are welcome.

It will be offered also at: the St. Joseph Parish Center, 68 Central St. Auburn, 508-832-6683; St. Joseph Parish, 10H Putnam Rd., Charlton, 508-248-7862; St. Anne/St. Patrick, 16 Church St., Sturbridge, 508-612-7008, for 6 consecutive Tuesdays, beginning May 5, with sessions offered at both 9:30-11:00am and 6:30-8:00 pm.

The retreat will conclude with a **Mass and Consecration on Saturday, June 13, 2015 (Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary).**

For more information or to register, contact one of the churches listed, or **Terry Ann Renaud 508-987-2382.**

A GLORIOUS NEW MORNING

Blessings on those who consecrated themselves to Jesus through Mary on the Feast of the Annunciation, or previously. Anyone who wishes to follow up by gathering are welcome on the First Monday morning each month in Room 1 of the Parish Center at 9:45 AM.

Call 508-987-2382 for details.



- ◆ Watch this column for information on Marian devotions (rosary, scapular, chaplets teachings) and ways to keep your consecration alive.

**The Daughters of Isabella Proudly Present
2015 Fantastic Bus Tours**

May 17 Newport Playhouse—Cheeters” Show, Cabaret, & Delicious Buffet! 8:30 am Southbridge; 9:00 am Webster. Great Stage Show, Buffet Luncheon & Cabaret! What a Combo! \$85 Many more trips scheduled. For information please call Jan Caouette 508-887-2215 or Bernadette Langlois 508-943-8047.

MEETINGS

Festival Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, May 26th at 6:00 PM** in the parish center.

St. Vincent de Paul Society will meet on **Saturday, June 6th at 12:30 PM** in the church hall.

The next meeting will be held **Monday, September 14th at 7:00 PM** in the parish center.

Finance Committee will meet on **Tuesday, July 14th at 7:00 PM** in the rectory.



Bible Study

Wednesday morning **Bible Study** in the Parish Center 9:30 AM. All are welcome.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
COUNCIL #4241**

Meeting every **first Tuesday** of the month beginning with a Mass at 6:00 pm at St. Ann’s. Then we retire to the church hall to begin K of C Council Meeting at 6:45 pm.

Lots of things happening! If you are in need of something, please call a brother Knight. We are always looking for new men who are interested in joining!

You may contact us by email to: kofcoxfordmass.org

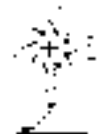
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To register, please call Ken or Jane Sprague 943-8955, Barbara Avery 943-1489 or Jeanne Guerin 943-2284.



KNITTING & CROCHETING CLUB



Tuesdays from 10 AM-12 PM or 7-9 PM

Join us for knitting, crocheting, fellowship and laughter. All are welcome! The group is also looking for used 100% wool sweaters which can be recycled into mittens.



**Dedication of the Outdoor Shrine of
Our Lady of Lourdes
Patroness of the Sick**

Saturday, May 16 11:00 am

St. Ann’s Church

652 Main Street, North Oxford

Blessing, recitation of the Rosary, Litany to Our Lady. Refreshment will follow the dedication.



Priest, Deacons & Youth Ministers Familiarization Trip

If you enjoy traveling and want to see how you can immerse your church community in helping children in need while transforming their own lives through service, visit a Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos (NPH, Spanish for "Our Little Brothers and Sisters") home with us. Your life may never be the same!

Visit the *Pequeños* at NPH Guatemala August 24th-28th, 2015

Come experience first-hand how NPH transforms the lives of the children it supports. We invite you to visit Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos (NPH, Spanish for "Our Little Brothers and Sisters") Guatemala with us. You will meet the amazing children, staff and volunteers of NPH and learn the ins and outs of their daily lives. If you are new to NPH, visiting a home is the best way to see what we do in action. If you are a longtime supporter or sponsor, come catch up with old friends and see how your godchildren are growing and flourishing. Join us – your life may never be the same!

About NPH Guatemala

Opened in 1996, NPH Guatemala is home to 335 children. It is located in San Andres, 16 miles from Antigua and an hour northwest of Guatemala City, the capital. It has approximately 25 acres of land, kinder through junior high school, a computer lab, vocational workshops, a clinic, gardens and a solar water heating system.

Trip Highlights

- Discover first-hand the effects that love, caring, and acceptance have on children who once struggled to survive
- Experience life as the children of NPH do each day with chores, school, sports, and sharing meals
- Develop meaningful relationships where language and culture have no boundaries
- Meet the leadership, staff and volunteers of NPH Guatemala
- See how your church can make a difference by introducing them to NPH whether it be with a future service trip, sponsorship drive, hosting a pequeño tour, or an NPH speaker!



Cost: \$250.00*

Includes:

- Accommodations at NPH Guatemala
- Local transportation
- Meals while at NPH
- NPH USA interpreter and guide
- Travel insurance and background check
- Airfare to and from Guatemala City

Not included:

- Outside meals
- Airport fees

Reservation Schedule

- Reserve a spot with a \$250 non-refundable deposit due June 10, 2015

*We would love to cover the cost of your airfare (approximately \$700.00 value) for the opportunity to be welcomed into your church this year!

*One representative per church.

Register online at www.nphusa.org/maneguatemala2015

For more information, please contact **Monica Henry: mhenry@nphusa.org or 617.206.4943**



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