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Readings for the Week of May 18, 2020

Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14: 15-21
Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26-16:4a
Tuesday: Acts 16: 22-34; Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday: Acts 17: 15, 22-18:1; Jn 16:12-15
Thursday: Acts 1: 1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28: 16-20
Friday: Acts 18: 9-18; Jn 16:20-23
Saturday: Acts 18: 23-28; Jn 16: 23b-28
Sunday: Acts 1: 12-14; 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11a

Parish Support

Offering by Mail \$ 1546.00

Last Year's Offertory Collection

Following Governor Scott's recent order for a phased restart of Vermont's economy that balances the need to improve overall social and economic wellbeing with the need to prevent a resurgence of COVID-19 outbreaks, our churches will be open for individual devotion and personal prayer beginning this Monday, May 11. No public assemblies of any type will be allowed in the buildings. Unfortunately, this means no public Masses, regularly scheduled sacramental celebrations, assemblies, or group devotions may be celebrated at this time.

For the safety of everyone, please follow the "social distancing" protocols and the guidelines that are posted on the church doors. Most especially do not come in if you feel sick or rundown or if you are in a "vulnerable group" - those who are over 70 years of age or have a pre-existing medical condition that puts them at risk. Please continue to "stay home and stay safe."

Bishop Coyne

Wednesday, St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest and Patron of Advertisers, Italy (d. 1444)—May 20:

Prayer is the raising of the mind to God. When we pray we go to meet Christ Who is coming to us. If our Creator and Savior comes from heaven with such great love, it is only fitting that we should go to meet Him. And this is what we do when we spend some time in prayer. (St. Bernardine of Siena)

Thursday, May 21, The Ascension of the Lord:

Ascending once again to the Inaccessible Light . . . You remain still in the valley of tears, hidden beneath the appearances of a white host. (St. Thérèse of Lisieux)

And I will pray the Father, and he will give you another Counselor, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him; you know him, for he dwells with you, and will be in you. I will not leave you desolate; I will come to you. Yet a little while, and the world will see me no more, but you will see me; because I live, you will live also. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. He who has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me; and he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.

Mass Intentions

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| Saturday May 16 | RIP | Jane Purdy (death rem.) By: Marquise family |
| Sunday May 17 | RIP | Vincenzo Ruggiero (death rem.) By: his family |

This Weekend

Daily Masses

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| Monday May 18 | | St. John I, Pope |
| Tuesday May 19 | RIP | Rose Cray Dodge By: Mary Folsom |
| Wednesday May 20 | RIP | Michael Shaughnessy By: Ronning Family |
| Thursday May 21 | | The Ascension of the Lord |
| Friday May 22 | | St. Rita of Cascia |

Next Weekend

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| Saturday May 23 | RIP | Blicharz & Ponck Family By: Deacon John & Jane |
| Sunday May 24 | RIP | Lois & Jerry Frohock By: Charlie & Betsy |

Thank You to all those mailed their offertory envelops. Please continue to support our church in this uncertain time.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Rev. Albert Dagnoli and for the consolation of his family and friends. May his soul rest in the peace of Christ, the Risen Lord.

Please note:

Regular online and phone office hours are open from Monday to Thursday from 11:00-4:00 PM to answer the phones and receive emails. Please dial 802-463-3128 for emergencies.



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Patrick Barry, Robert Fogg, Bernie Hindes, Nick Deistler, Ted Waryas, Peter Bodner, Ellah Williams, Fred Waryas, Maybelle Long, Joseph Mitchell, Heather Rodger, Patricia Jones, Frances Hackett, Colleen Paquet, David Robarge, Kathy Mearthy, Tom Burns, Mary Lou Fogg, Jim Nyberg, Cheryl Elysse Garrett, Ed Atkins, Conner Glover. **Please contact the rectory (463-3128) if you wish Father Maria Lazar to make a sick call or bring Holy Communion to someone who is unable to attend Mass.**

FAIRHAVEN · Father Albert Dagnoli, ss.cc., a member of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary· US Province, passed away on May 14, 2020 in New Bedford, MA after a brief period of hospitalization.

Father Al, who celebrated his 88th birthday on May 11, 2020, was born in Bellows Falls, Vermont to Adam and Madeline Dagnoli. In addition to his SSCC Brothers at Damien Residence in Fairhaven, where he resided, he is survived by his brother John Dagnoli and his sister Catherine Godsoe, both of New Hampshire.

After his graduation from Bellows Falls, Vermont High School in 1950, Fr. Al attended St. Jerome College in Kitchener, Ontario and St. Mary College in Winona, Minnesota. He entered the Novitiate of the Congregation in Fairhaven, MA, and made his profession of vows on August 22, 1962. On May 30, 1968 he was ordained to the priesthood in Jaffrey Center, NH. His first assignment was to St. Francis Church in Acushnet, MA.

In 1970 Fr. Dagnoli received permission from the Congregation to enter the United States Navy. For sixteen years he served as a Navy Chaplain and was awarded the Navy Achievement Medal for his service to crew members onboard the USS Enterprise. In 1986, having achieved the rank of Lieutenant Commander, he requested retirement from the Navy at which time his commander wrote: "Commander Dagnoli has done an absolutely superb job of ministering to the spiritual needs and enhancing the morale of over six thousand of the destroyer squadron eight family...making a magnificent contribution to fleet readiness, retention and most of all, peace of mind. I am saddened at the prospect of losing a splendid chaplain, naval officer, good friend and wise counselor."

Granted an honorable discharge, he return to Fairhaven to begin his beloved preaching ministry in parishes around the country, a ministry which he continued to enjoy until his retirement to Damien Residence in 2016.

Due to the current restrictions, a private Funeral Mass will be celebrated by Father Al SSCC Brothers at Damien Chapel in Fairhaven, followed by burial in the Sacred Hearts Community Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Sacred Hearts Community at Damien Residence, 73 Adams Street, PO Box 111, Fairhaven, MA 02719.

John 14:15-21

Jesus promises his disciples that he will send them another advocate, the Spirit of truth.

Today's Gospel is a continuation of last week's Gospel: Jesus is speaking to his disciples at the Last Supper. In today's reading Jesus offers encouragement to his disciples, who will soon see him crucified. He reassures them that even though he will leave them, he will not abandon them. Instead he will send them the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, through whom the disciples will continue to live in union with Jesus.

Jesus uses the term *Advocate* to describe the Holy Spirit, whom the disciples will receive. Another word used to describe the Holy Spirit is *Paraclete*, a legal term meaning "one who offers defense for another." Note that Jesus says that he will send "another Advocate." Jesus himself is the first advocate, interceding for his disciples with the Father. In today's reading Jesus contrasts his impending departure with the permanence of the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus will leave to return to the Father, but the Holy Spirit will remain with the disciples.

Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, the disciples will come to know and appreciate the unity of the Son and the Father. They will also understand that they too participate in the communion between the Father and the Son: "On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you" (John 14:20).

Today's reading is one example of the contrast that John's Gospel presents between the community of disciples, to whom God will reveal himself, and the unbelieving world, which will remain in darkness. The unbelieving world cannot accept the "Spirit of truth," whom the disciples will receive. Only through the Spirit will God's revelation and love be known. (Copyright © 2020 Loyola Press. All Rights Reserved. Used with permission. www.loyolapress.com)

USCCB Prayer for healing and protection from COVID-19

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe, Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas. We fly to you today as your beloved children. We ask you to intercede for us with your Son, as you did at the wedding in Cana. Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our nation and world, and for all our families and loved ones, the protection of your holy angels, that we may be spared the worst of this illness. For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance. Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful, wipe away their tears and help them to trust. In this time of trial and testing, teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind. Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts. We come to you with confidence, knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother, health of the sick and cause of our joy. Shelter us under the mantle of your protection, keep us in the embrace of your arms, help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.