

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2020

MASS SCHEDULE

The Priests will celebrate a private Mass for each of the particular intentions on the day indicated. In charity, he also remembers all of the parishioners and the silent intentions of their hearts. If you need Confession or Anointing of the Sick, please call the rectory.

Saturday, May 9th

Lionel Daigneault (Fr. Robert) by his wife and children
Hugette Authier (Fr. Hahr) by Michele Pierrette Authier

Sunday, May 10th

Mass for the People (Fr. Hahr)
Ray & Giovanna Belanger (Fr. Robert) by their children

Monday, May 11th

Mass for all souls by a parishioner
Eric Robillard (Fr. Robert) by Tracie, Gabrielle & Luke

Tuesday, May 12th

Alice Morgan (Fr. Hahr) by Jean McGregor & family
Jeanine Macbeth by (Fr. Robert) by M/M Richard Ryes

Wednesday, May 13th

Robert D. Johnson & dec. family members (Fr. Robert) by M/M Bill Young
Melanie Jaffee (Fr. Hahr) by Amy Marcinko

Thursday, May 14th

Intentions of the Good Shepherd Catholic School (Fr. Robert) by Fr. Robert
Rita Howard (Fr. Hahr) by Amy Marcinko

Friday, May 15th

Gerard Scott (Fr. Hahr) by M/M Spike Wellman
Dan Lorena (Fr. Robert) by M/M Pierre Berube

Saturday, May 16th

Wendyl & Rita Reis (Fr. Robert) by Susan Dugan
John Wall, Jr. (Fr. Hahr) by his estate

Sunday, May 17th

Mass for the People (Fr. Hahr)
For the Church (Fr. Robert) by Amy Marcinko

Please keep our parishioners in mind who are ill & in need of your prayers, especially: Charlene Chase, Connie, Lapage, Martin Fortin, George Thurston, Charlie Weis, Randy Thomas & Jerry Prevost.

A Note From the Bishop:

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

The **FORMED** program is available to everyone in our parish. To start enjoying this free gift, please visit the FORMED website:

1. Go to: nekatholic.formed.org
2. Click on REGISTER to create a personal account

FINANCIAL REPORT

Fiscal Year: 7/1/19-6/30/20 Budget: \$282,000 (\$6,000 needed per week)
Reg. Collection Year-to-date: \$202,496 + **On-Line:** YTD: \$44,840

Collections and Receipts: May 7, 2020

Regular Offertory: \$5,760.00

Many thanks to those who are able to mail in their Collection Envelopes.

Please consider using the Online Giving tool for your weekly offertory donations. Visit our website at: nekatholic.com and click "Give Online" to sign up! Leave your checkbook at home, and save the parish the expense of envelopes!

Thank you to those who are continuing to contribute to the weekly offertory. We appreciate your ongoing support in these difficult times!

PARISH EVENTS

All Parish events are cancelled until further notice.

PLEASE NOTE: Confirmation and First Holy Communion has been postponed. The new date will be announced a.s.a.p. All students need to continue with their religious studies from home. Thank you.

The Name of Mary

Hear now how much my Son honored my name! My name is Mary, as it is said in the Gospel. When the angels hear this name, they rejoice in their mind and thank God for the great mercy that He worked through me and with me and because they see my Son's Humanity glorified in His Divinity. Those within the fire of purgatory rejoice exceedingly, just like a sick and bedridden man does if he receives a word of comfort that pleases his soul: he is suddenly overjoyed! When the good angels hear my name, they immediately move closer to the righteous for whom they are guardians, and rejoice over their progress in good deeds and virtues.

All humans have been given both good angels for their protection, and bad angels to test them. The good angels are not separated from God; they serve the soul without leaving God. They are constantly in His sight. Yet they work to inflame and incite the soul to do good. All the demons, however, shudder with fear at the name of Mary! When they hear the name, "Mary", they immediately release a soul out of the claws with which they had held her. Just as a bird or hawk, with its claws and beak embedded into its prey, releases it immediately if it hears a sound, but soon returns when it sees that no action follows, so do the demons - frightened when they hear my name - release the soul. But they return and fly back as fast as an arrow if no improvement follows.

No one is so cold in his love of God (unless he is damned) that he will not experience the devil releasing him from his habitual sins if only he invokes my name with the true intention of never returning to his evil deeds. The devil will never return to him unless he resumes the will to commit mortal sins. Sometimes, though, the devil is allowed to trouble him for the sake of his greater reward. However, the devil shall never own him. (from: The Revelations of St Bridget)

Happy Mother's Day!

Congratulations!

Mr. & Mrs. Matthew and Katrina Houde
Married at St. John the Evangelist
May 9, 2020

Beginning Monday May 11th, St. John's Church will be open
daily for private Prayer from 8am – 6pm

"Woman, behold thy son; son behold thy Mother."

O tenderness of the Heart of Jesus, which confided us to His holy Mother! The Lord Jesus in the midst of His torments omitted nothing which concerned His office as Savior. He was solicitous for all His brethren, and procured them an asylum to which they might have recourse in all their necessities. Already He had given His Father to be ours, by the words, "Our Father, who art in heaven." Now He gives us His Mother in order that we may be His brethren. Let us appreciate such a prerogative, and comprehend also the mystery hidden under these words of the Gospel, "The disciple whom Jesus loved." St John is not distinguished by His own name, but by that which is common to all of us, for we are also disciples of Jesus, and disciples loved so dearly, that we may say with the great apostle, He loved me, and delivered Himself up for me.

O tenderness of the Heart of Jesus, which permits us to share His title of child of Mary! Oh, the greatness of the gift which Jesus makes us by this solemn bequeathal! He desires that we should have for Mary the filial love by which His own Heart was filled, and that this most holy Mother should have for her children of Calvary the care and affection which she always had for Jesus. Consider that the Heart of Jesus addresses the like words to you when you have the happiness of hearing the holy Mass: "Love My Mother; she is thine. Confide in her powerful protection, rely on her tenderness." Yes, let us love Mary; she will teach us to love Jesus as she loved Him herself. Admirable school of the Heart of Jesus! henceforth let us love this Sacred Heart alone.

Examine yourself in presence of this adorable Heart. What is your devotion for the Blessed Virgin? Does it not consist more in words, than in constancy in praying to her, and, above all, in imitating her? Are you really the servant of the Sacred Heart of Jesus? You bear the name of being so: then verify it by a truly Christian life. Study the sentiments of the Heart of Jesus, in order to conform your own to them; it is the spirit he would desire you to have, and without which it is impossible to preserve peace and union with your neighbor.

O good and loving Heart of Jesus, who hast given me Thy holy Mother as the most precious pledge of Thy tenderness, I beseech Thee to pardon the indifference with which I have responded to Thy love and to her watchful solicitude. How little grateful have I been, O Jesus, for this favor, the source of so many benefits to me! Vouchsafe, through Thy infinite merits, to make amends for my weakness and misery. Thy Heart shall be my treasure of gratitude which I will offer to our heavenly Father, to our blessed Mother, and to Thyself, adorable Redeemer. Amen.

"Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: 'Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all.'"

– Proverbs 31:28-31

May 14th: Feast of Saint Matthias

"It is written in the book of Psalms: Let their habitation become desolate, and let there be none to dwell therein. And his bishopric let another take. Wherefore of these men who have companied with us, all the time that the Lord Jesus came in and went out among us, beginning from the baptism of John, until the day wherein He was taken up from us, one of these must be made a witness with us of His resurrection. And they appointed two, Joseph, called Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias. And praying, they said: Thou, Lord, who knowest the heart of all men, shew whether of these two thou hast chosen, to take the place of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas hath by transgression fallen, that he might go to his own place. And they gave them lot, and the lot fell upon Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles." (Acts 1:20-24)

Wherefore of these men which have companied with us, continues Peter. Observe how desirous he is they should be eye-witnesses. It is true indeed that the Spirit would shortly come; and yet great care is shown with regard to this circumstance. Of these men, he says, which have companied with us, all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us. He shows that they had dwelt with Christ, not simply been present as disciples. In fact, from the very beginning there were many that then followed Him. Observe, for instance, how this appears in these words: One of the two which heard John speak, and followed Jesus.— All the time, he says, that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John. John 1:40 True! For no one knew what preceded that event, though they did learn it by the Spirit. Unto that same day that He was taken up from us, must one be ordained to be a witness with us of His resurrection. He said not, a witness of the rest of his actions, but a witness of the resurrection alone. For indeed that witness had a better right to be believed, who was able to declare, that He Who ate and drank, and was crucified, the same rose again. Wherefore it was needed that he should be a witness, not only of the time preceding this event, nor only of what followed it, and of the miracles; the thing required was, the resurrection. For the other matters were manifest and acknowledged, but the resurrection took place in secret, and was manifest to these only. And they do not say, Angels have told us; but, We have seen. For this it was that was most needful at that time: that they should be men having a right to be believed, because they had seen.

~ Saint John Chrysostom