

Pentecost Sunday

May 31, 2020

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 30th

8:30 - St. John – No Mass

Sunday, May 31st PENTECOST SUNDAY

8:30am - St. John – No Mass

10:30 am - St. Elizabeth – No Mass

4:00 pm - St. John – No Mass

Monday, June 1st Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

8:30 am - St. John – John Wall, Jr by his estate

Tuesday, June 2nd Sts Marcelinus and Peter

8:30 am - St. John – Raymond & Claire Proulx by M/M Pierre Berube

Wednesday, June 3rd St. Charles Lwanga & Companions

8:30am - St. John – Deceased members of St. J. Knights of Columbus

Thursday, June 4th

8:30 am - St. John – Fr. Phillip Lamonthé by Amy Marcincio

Friday, June 5th St. Boniface

8:30 am - St. John – Deceased members of Schoppe/Fisher family & spiritual welfare our children by M/M Scott Schoppe

Saturday, June 6th St. Norbert

8:30 am - St. John – Priest Intention

4:30 pm - Queen of Peace – Mass for the People

Sunday, June 7th

8:30 am - St. John – Joseph Duguay by Priscilla Messier

10:30 am - St. Elizabeth – Deceased members of Byram family by Freda, Noella & Heidi

4:00 pm - St. John – Deceased members of the Brahaney family by Susan Dugan and Evan

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.

PARISH EVENTS

All Parish events are cancelled until further notice.

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: \$206,944+ **On-Line: YTD:** \$44,140

Collections and Receipts: May 20, 2020

Regular Offertory :\$2,475

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!

From Fr. Hahr:

As you probably already know, Fr. Robert has asked for, and was granted, temporary medical leave by the Bishop. Please see the message that Fr. Robert wrote to parishioners in the May 17th bulletin, and which he also posted on social media. Please continue to pray for Fr. Robert as he takes this time away. Since we are down to one Priest, outside of office hours, and if I'm away from the rectory for an extended time, I will be forwarding phone calls to my cell phone. If I don't happen to answer, please leave a message as I will be sure to check in frequently. Thank you.

Resuming Regular Public Masses

Masses will resume on June 1st. The diocese has provided an extensive list of protocols to which we need to conform in order to reopen. Please be patient as we try to meet these new regulations for the celebration of Mass.

Message from Bishop Coyne:

It is with an abundance of joy and gratitude that I announce the first phase of the reopening of our churches to celebrate daily and Sunday Mass beginning June 1.

The obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains lifted until further notice, especially if you are part of a vulnerable population and/or have an underlying health condition.

Please approach the celebration of Mass with charity and love for our clergy and faith community by following the protocols:

- Stay home if you are sick or not feeling well.
- Wear a mask in Mass.
- Sanitize your hands upon entry. Due to shortages of sanitizer, please bring your own if possible.
- Sit in designated pews and respect social distance between others of 6 feet or more unless you are one family unit.
- Refrain from congregating in tight areas or entering cordoned off areas.
- Follow the protocols to receive Holy Communion as directed at Mass.
- Follow your church protocols regarding registration if necessary due to the 25 % capacity limit.

While these protocols are intrusive, they are necessary as they allow us to celebrate the Sacraments in person while doing our part to help stop the spread of coronavirus.

Looking forward to seeing some of you "live" at Mass again, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Christopher J. Coyne
Most Reverend Bishop of Burlington

New Mass Schedule

With the opening of the churches, and being down to one Priest, the Bishop has asked me to redo the Mass schedule, keeping these guidelines in mind:

- 1.) Maximum of 4 Masses per weekend
- 2.) Keep 2 hours between Masses
- 3.) St. John church because it is centrally located and seats more people needs to have 2 Masses, one of them being on Sunday morning.

With these in mind I presented this schedule which has been approved by the Bishop and the Parish Council:

Saturday

4:30 pm Queen of Peace

Sunday

8:30 am St. John

10:30 am St. Elizabeth

4:00 pm St. John

I'm hoping this schedule will meet our needs at this time. Also, for the time being the Bishop has given permission for Holy Communion to be distributed outside of Mass, to those praying Mass electronically. This will be made available at a particular church(es) at a set time, probably Sunday afternoon. If you're interested in this please stay tuned for more information in next week's bulletin, on the web page, and via Facebook.
~ Thank you for your cooperation.

May 31st: Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The feast of the Visitation recalls to us the following great truths and events: The visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to her cousin Elizabeth shortly after the Annunciation; the cleansing of John the Baptist from original sin in the womb of his mother at the words of Our Lady's greeting; Elizabeth's proclaiming of Mary—under the inspiration of the Holy Ghost—as Mother of God and "blessed among women"; Mary's singing of the sublime hymn, *Magnificat* ("My soul doth magnify the Lord") which has become a part of the daily official prayer of the Church. The Visitation is frequently depicted in art, and was the central mystery of St. Francis de Sales' devotions.

The Mass of today salutes her who in her womb bore the King of heaven and earth, the Creator of the world, the Son of the Eternal Father, the Sun of Justice. It narrates the cleansing of John from original sin in his mother's womb. Hearing herself addressed by the most lofty title of "Mother of the Lord" and realizing what grace her visit had conferred on John, Mary broke out in that sublime canticle of praise proclaiming prophetically that henceforth she would be venerated down through the centuries:

"My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. Because he that is mighty, hath done great things to me, and holy is His name" (Lk 1:46). —Excerpted from the *Cathedral Daily Missal*

This feast is of medieval origin, it was kept by the Franciscan Order before 1263, and soon its observance spread throughout the entire Church. Previously it was celebrated on July 2. Now it is celebrated between the solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord and the birth of St. John the Baptist, in conformity with the Gospel accounts. Some places appropriately observe a celebration of the reality and sanctity of human life in the womb. The liturgical color is white.

THE ACTION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Presence of God – *O Holy Spirit, make me realize Your action in my soul; teach me to recognize it and correspond with it.*

MEDITATION: Just as the Holy Spirit dwelt in the most holy soul of Christ in order to bring it to God, so He abides in our souls for the same purpose. In Jesus He found a completely docile will, one that He could control perfectly, whereas in us He often meets resistance, the fruit of human weakness; therefore, He desists from the work of our sanctification because He will not do violence to our liberty. He, the Spirit of love, waits for us to cooperate *lovingly* in His work, yielding our soul to His sanctifying action freely and ardently. In order to become saints, we must concur in the work of the Holy Spirit; but since effective concurrence is impossible without an understanding of the promoter's actions, it is necessary for us to learn how the divine Paraclete, the promoter of our sanctification, works in us. We must realize that the Holy Spirit is ever active in our souls, from the earliest stages of the spiritual life and even from its very beginning, although at that time in a more hidden and imperceptible way. However, His very precious action was there, and it consisted especially in the preparing and encouraging of our first attempts to acquire perfection. By giving us grace, without which we could have done nothing to attain sanctity, the Holy Spirit inaugurated His work in us: He elevated us to the supernatural state. Grace comes from God; it is a gift from all three Persons of the Blessed Trinity: a gift created by the Father, merited by the Son in consequence of His Incarnation, Passion, and death, and diffused in our souls by the Holy Spirit. But it is to the latter, to the Spirit of love, that the work of our sanctification is attributed in a very special manner. When we were baptized, we were justified "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit"; nevertheless, Sacred Scripture particularly attributes this work of regeneration and divine filiation to the Holy Spirit. Jesus Himself pointed out to us that Baptism is a rebirth "*of ... the Holy Spirit*" (Jn 3:5), and St. Paul stated: "*For in one Spirit were we all baptized*" and "*the Spirit Himself giveth testimony to our spirit, that we are the sons of God*" (1 Corinthians 12:13; Romans 8:16). Therefore, it is the Holy Spirit who has prepared and disposed our souls for the supernatural life by pouring forth grace in us.

COLLOQUY: "*O Holy Spirit, divine Guest of our souls, You are the noblest and most worthy of all guests! With the agility of Your goodness and love for us, You fly rapidly to all souls who are disposed to receive You. And who can tell the wonderful effects produced by You when You are welcomed? You speak, but without noise of words, and Your sublime silence is heard everywhere. You are always motionless, yet always in movement, and in Your mobile immobility, You communicate Yourself to all. You are always at rest, yet ever working; and in Your rest You perform the greatest, worthiest, and most admirable works. You are always moving, but You never change Your place. You penetrate, strengthen, and preserve all. Your immense, penetrating omniscience knows all, understands all, penetrates all. Without listening to anything, You hear the least word spoken in the most secret recesses of hearts.*

"O Holy Spirit, You stay everywhere unless You are driven out, because You communicate Yourself to everyone, except to sinners who do not want to rise from the mire of their sins; in them You can find no place to rest, nor can You endure the evil emanating from a heart which obstinately persists in wrongdoing. But You remain in the creatures who, by their purity, make themselves receptive to Your gifts. And You rest in me by communication, operation, wisdom, power, liberality, benignity, charity, love, purity; in short, by Your very goodness. Diffusing these graces in Your creature, You Yourself prepare him suitably to receive You" (St. Mary Magdalen dei Pazzi).