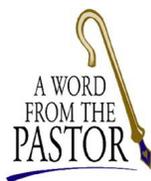
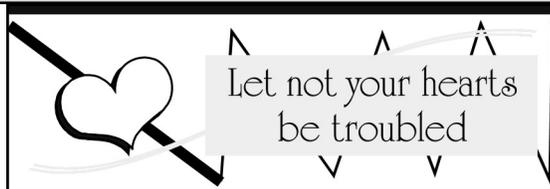


## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - MAY 10, 2020



### Dear Parishioners-

How much we all continue to miss (physically) gathering together to celebrate the Eucharist! I know this time apart has been painful and difficult. It is a true sacrifice that we are being asked to make. I hope that you are staying connected to the parish through the daily Masses being livestreamed from here on Facebook and YouTube at 8 AM (Monday thru Saturday) and 10 AM on Sundays. We are always united in prayer. God's work continues. May we see this time of deprivation as a call to strengthen our conviction and deepen our faith in the Eucharist. Once we return, may it be with a renewed reverence and gratitude for the Real Presence. Meanwhile...

First and foremost, please know that all parishioners and family members are in the daily prayers, both personal prayers and private Masses, of Father. Brice and I. For those who are considered essential workers on the frontlines, we know that you are doing heroic work. You are the presence of Christ for those who need you most at this time. God Bless you! You have our gratitude, admiration and prayerful support.

Speaking of Masses, since public Masses cannot be celebrated, Father Brice and I are still fulfilling all the Mass intentions which you have requested, booked and paid for. Be assured that these intentions are being offered.

First Communion, Baptisms and Confirmation have all been postponed indefinitely. As soon as it is safe to do so, these celebrations will be rescheduled.

The church remains open for private prayer every day from 9 AM until 4 PM. It is only locked during those hours if we are livestreaming the Sunday Mass or celebrating a Funeral Liturgy Outside Mass.

Confessions are still being heard on Saturdays from 4 PM to 5 PM. We ask that all penitents refrain from kneeling or touching surfaces in the confessionals but remain standing. Thus far, it seems to have worked out well.

When can we resume our regular Mass schedules and "normal" parish activities? To be honest, there is not much I can offer on that subject as of now. Whatever the new "normal" is, I am sure that it will demand much patience and flexibility from all of us. Stay faithful and focused! Keep informed by checking out the website and the bulletin online.

Happy Mother's Day!



**Father Forcier**

### Vigil - Fifth Sunday of Easter

5:00 PM - Deceased Members of the Neri Family

### Sunday, May 10 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

7:00 AM -

9:30 AM - Memorial - Anna and Norman Arage

11:30 AM - Memorial - Rosamond and Edward Flynn  
Joan Marsula

5:30 PM - 56th Wedding Anniversary - Lou and Bette Bisci

### Monday, May 11 - Easter Weekday

7:00 AM -

5:30 PM - 13th Anniversary - David Cimini

### Tuesday, May 12 - Saint Nereus and Achilleus

7:00 AM - 23rd Anniversary - Anna DeLuca

### Wednesday, May 13 - Our Lady of Fatima

7:00 AM -

5:30 PM - Memorial - Louis and Rose Rioles

### Thursday, May 14 - Saint Matthias

7:00 AM -

### Friday, May 15 - Saint Isidore

7:00 AM -

5:30 PM - 1st Anniversary - Gil Sechio

### Saturday, May 16 - Easter Weekday

8:00 AM -

### Vigil - Sixth Sunday of Easter

5:00 PM - 25th Anniversary - Gloria Silvestri

### Sunday, May 17 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

7:00 AM -

9:30 AM - 20th Anniversary - Patricia Catoni

11:30 AM - 6 Month Memorial - Ida DiTomasso

5:30 PM - 5th Anniversary - Joseph Gazerro

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Better days are on the horizon. Soon we will all be together again. During this time, let us pray and give each other hope from afar. Until the time comes that we can gather and worship together as faithful servants of God, please consider signing up for Parish Giving so we can continue the mission of Saint Augustine Church. Visit our website - [www.churchofsaintaugustineprov.com](http://www.churchofsaintaugustineprov.com) to sign up today!

**Thank you for your generous support**



## Catholic Charity Appeal

Due to the ongoing crisis of COVID-19, the original plans for this year's diocesan Appeal have had to be revised and adjusted. Our volunteer collectors will be contacting you soon. Because of the "social distancing" in effect, you will NOT be contacted in-person, but by phone. Please help us by answering your phones and being prepared to respond to the Catholic Charity volunteer's request for a pledged gift or a one-time donation. If you are not usually contacted by a volunteer or don't want to delay making your contribution, you may drop off your donation in the rectory mail slot or mail to us at 20 Old Road, Providence, RI 02908. We prefer that you not mail your gift to the diocese as it is easier for us to process here at the parish level and then forward it to them. Thank you to all those who have already made donations to this year's Appeal. Please continue to pray for the overall success of the Appeal and the 39 ministries served through your generosity and sacrifice.

### SYNOPSIS OF THE SUNDAY READINGS FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

#### First Reading: Acts 6:1-7

During the early growth of the Church, the apostles realized that they needed more disciples in order to carry out effectively the ministry of the Church. The community selected seven men, one of whom was Stephen.

#### Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9

Citing many uses of the word "stone" in the sayings of Jesus and in the Old Testament, Peter urges the Christians to be "living stones...an edifice of spirit."

#### Gospel: John 14:1-12

In this beautiful passage from the words of Jesus at the Last Supper, Jesus promises that he is preparing a place for the apostles. He tells them, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through me." When Philip asks Jesus to show them the Father, Jesus answers, "Whoever has seen me has seen the Father."

### Readings for the Fifth Sunday of Easter

#### Sunday

Acts 6:1-7; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

#### Monday

Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26

#### Tuesday

Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a

#### Wednesday

Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8

#### Thursday

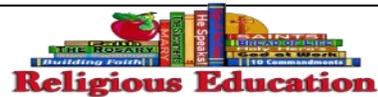
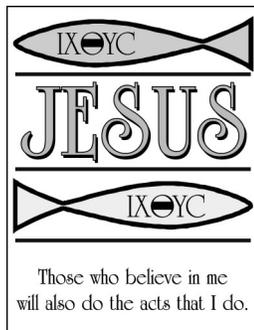
Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17

#### Friday

Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17

#### Saturday

Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, BIBLE & RCIA CLASSES

Due to the Coronavirus, all classes are cancelled until further notice.

### Our Lady of Guadalupe

*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.*



### PRAY THE HOLY ROSARY DAILY

### Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that Thou art present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love thee above all things and I desire Thee in my soul. Since I cannot now receive Thee sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though thou wert already there, I embrace Thee and unite myself wholly to Thee, permit not that I should ever be separated from Thee.