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DAILY MASS MON/TUE/THURS/FRI 9 am St. Lucy FIRST SATURDAY 9 am St. Monica WEEKEND SAT 4 pm (Vigil) both parishes SUN 9 and 11 am St. Monica, 10 am St. Lucy

**HIGHLIGHTS** MAY 23, 2021

#### From Fr. Joe

Jesus prays: "Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world. And I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may be consecrated in truth." To consecrate means to set apart for a holy purpose.

Only freedom which submits to the Truth leads the human person to the true good. The good of the human person is to be in the Truth and to do the Truth. Our present-day culture has lost sight of this essential bond between the truth, the good, and freedom. As a result, helping mankind to rediscover this bond is a major priority in the Church's mission for the salvation of the world. It is the Church's job to help mankind understand the basic truth about human nature. Our nature is a created nature. It is ultimately subject to something bigger than itself, namely the Creator Who is God. God created us and gave us the gift of freedom, but it is a freedom given in order for us to seek the truth. Mankind fails to understand the meaning of freedom so God sends His only Son to show us.

The crucified Christ reveals the authentic meaning of freedom; he lives it fully in the total gift of himself and calls his disciples to share in his freedom. Freedom is rooted in the truth about mankind and it is ultimately directed toward communion, toward love. Total self-gift is a key point. Jesus made a total gift of Himself to mankind when opened His arms on the Cross. He shows the full meaning of human freedom just at the point when He surrenders

even the freedom of movement. freedom to pursue the good of

What is the full meaning of human freedom? The gift of self openly punish us for exercising in service to God and **neighbor.** In communion with our Crucified and Risen Lord, the advantage of that Church lives in freedom, making a total gift of herself and serving all of mankind. As members of the Church, we are consecrated in truth, set apart for a holy purpose. We make a total gift of Our Lord's Holy Sacrifice, please ourselves in the vocation to which God calls us. Some of us are called to total self-gift in marriage and the raising of children. Others are called to total self-gift in the priesthood or the consecrated, religious life where we nurture spiritual children rather than biological children. Still others choose neither and remain in a chaste. single state, thus having more "freedom" to pursue a greater excellence in the world and support the other two groups in their tasks. God gives the gift of freedom to all of us in order that we might live the truth of the human good in self-sacrificing love, in the service of God and our neighbor. And our model in doing all of this is Our Lord and Savior. Jesus the Christ.

Jesus is the living summation of perfect freedom in total obedience to the will of God. His crucified flesh fully reveals the unbreakable bond Resurrection from the dead is the supreme exaltation of the fruitfulness of freedom lived out in truth. And His Ascension raises all humanity to the truth about its real destiny to be with God forever.

As one example, prayer is one of many great acts of service to God and neighbor. God has given us the

self-gift to God and one another. Our nation doesn't that freedom, at least not yet. So by all means, take freedom. Worship and love God through prayer and action in daily life.

As we approach the Altar of pray for me and for all priests. Pray for more vocations to priesthood and the consecrated life and for more men and women to say yes to that vocation. Pray for the men who will be ordained this coming Saturday the 22<sup>nd</sup> for this Archdiocese. Pray for and support good, holy, and fruitful marriages. Pray for those who remain single that they may live chaste, happy, and fruitful lives of service for the sake of the Kingdom. Pray in reparation for sins and sacrileges committed against Our Lady and Our Lord, especially in the Most Blessed Sacrament. Have a loving and honest conversation with God everyday. Pray the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet for the sick, the dying, and the Holy Souls.

Pray! Pray! Prayer is conversation with God and no relationship can survive without conversation. Thank God for His between freedom and truth. His love and mercy and tell Him that you love Him. We pray as Jesus prayed: "Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I send them into the world. And I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may be consecrated in truth." consecrates us, sets us apart for a holy purpose, from the altar of the Holy Sacrifice as from the Altar of the Cross.



Father Theo Okpara of Cross Catholic Outreach will be visiting St. Monica Parish on the weekend of June 5 and 6 to speak at all the Masses on behalf of the poor in developing countries.

Cross Catholic Outreach was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and

the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.



## Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality

On Tuesday, May 11, the members of the Sodality visited the women living at Haven of Hope in Methuen for their

Annual Handbag Project.

It was a very enjoyable evening and the ladies were so appreciative of the gifts. A thank you to all the Sodality members, their families and friends who donated to this beautiful event.

We are a sodality dedicated to our Blessed Mother in service to our parish and our community.

Other news: The 2021 Sodality Fall Craft Fair has been cancelled.

We will be meeting in the coming weeks to plan other fundraising events for the 2021-2022 year.



# Congratulations

Congratulations to our priests who are celebrating their priestly ordination anniversaries!

Fr. Joe D'Onofrio - 5/21 - 2005

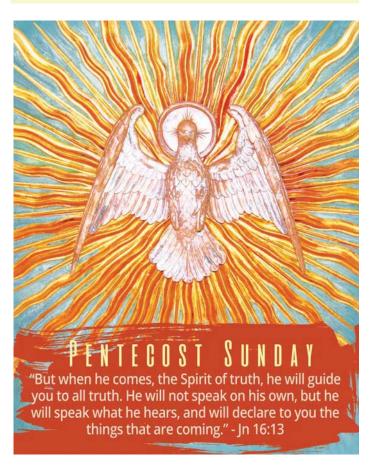
Fr. Patrick Armano - 5/24 - 2003

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Fr. Darin Colarusso - 5/27 - 2006

Lord Jesus Christ, You love Your Church and those called to share Your priesthood! With our love and prayers, we join You in asking our Heavenly Father to continue to pour out His gifts of holiness, compassion and zeal on our priests. Inspire each of them to offer his life as an "Ambassador of Christ", bringing reconciliation and healing to the world.

Mary, Mother of all Priests, inspire us to live in peace and joy. Amen.



#### FIRST READING:

Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. (Acts 2:3)

#### PSALM:

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. (Ps 104) Or Alleluia.

#### SECOND READING:

In contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.

Against such there is no law. (Gal 5:22-23)

#### GOSPEL:

"But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth." (Jn 15:27, 16:13)

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#### **OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 23, 2021**

Sunday: Pentecost Sunday

Monday: Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

Tuesday: St. Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church;

St. Gregory VII, Pope; St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, Virgin

Wednesday: St. Philip Neri, Priest

Thursday: St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

Saturday: St. Paul VI, Pope; BVM Next Sunday: The Most Holy Trinity

# PENTECOST MISSION RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT!

MAY 23: "Baptism in the Spirit" by Ralph Martin MAY 30: "Holy Spirit: The Game Changer" by Pete Burak

JUNE 6: "Spiritual Gifts" by Peter Herbeck JUNE 13: "Healing" by Dr. Mary Healy

8-9:15 p.m. (ET)

For more info and to register, visit www.renewalministries.net/pentecost-mission/



Join us on five consecutive Wednesday evenings at 6pm to watch a one hour video presented by Ralph Martin. The videos were made in the early 80s and each have a prophetic message for the current culture that we live in.

5/26 A Crisis of Truth: The Attack on Truth & Morality 6/2/2021 A Crisis of Truth: The Uniqueness of Jesus 6/9/2021 A Crisis of Truth: The Second Coming 6/16/2021 A Crisis of Truth: The Coming Judgment

Ralph Martin is the president of Renewal Ministries, an organization devoted to Catholic renewal and evangelization. Renewal Ministries is the sponsor of The Choices We Face, a widely viewed weekly Catholic television and radio program distributed throughout the world.

He is the author of the widely read The Fulfillment of All Desire: A Guidebook for the Journey to God Based on the Wisdom of the Saints, and many books on spirituality and evangelization, such as Will Many Be Saved?, What Vatican II Actually Teaches and Its Implications for the New Evangelization, and The Urgency of the New Evangelization, as well as many articles in scholarly and popular publications.

Bring a pencil and paper to jot down interesting points in the talks. We will follow each talk with a short discussion. Contact Bonnie Doherty at 978-270-3366 or bonnieocds@gmail.com to get the Zoom link. There is no cost for the classes.

#### ST. MONICA PARISH

Saturday, May 22

4:00pm Florence DiZazzo

Sunday, May 23

9:00am Multiple Intention

Nancy Tardif

Andrew Szablowski Alyce Arsenault George Abdulla

11:00am Carmen Caron

Saturday, May 29

4:00pm Catherine Olson

Sunday, May 30

9:00am Multiple Intention

Carole & Cecile Locke Charles & Mary Lamarche Timothy & Margaret Woods

Leo & Agnes Maher Margaret Nimerowski

11:00am Carlos Apentenco



# Consecration to St. Joseph

Pope Francis has declared this year as the "Year of St. Joseph".

The Knights of Columbus will be leading a Consecration to St. Joseph based on Father Calloway's book "Consecration to

St. Joseph - The Wonders of our Spiritual Father".

All St. Monica and St. Lucy Parishioners, family, and friends, are welcome to participate. Please contact Bob Beaudry at <a href="mailto:erbeaudry@aol.com">erbeaudry@aol.com</a>, or call 978-685-4746 for more details.

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Saturday, May 22

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4:00pm Vito & Jennie Milone

Sunday, May 23

10:00am Multiple Intentions

Brian E. Keefe Adelle Casalla

Maria Fatima & Joao Freitas

Teresa J. Milone

Mary-Ann C. Fitzgerald

Theresa DiCenzo

Monday, May 24

9:00am Manny Gianni & Christine Gianni

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Tuesday, May 25

9:00am Living Intentions

In honor of St. Anthony for favors

received Emma Jackson

Thursday, May 27

9:00am Elizabeth Chojnowska

Friday, May 28

9:00am Charlie Szablowski

Saturday, May 29

4:00pm Real Taschereau

Sunday, May 30

10:00am Multiple Intentions

Vincenzo Grande Robert Sacchetti Francesco Damico Pasquale Giliberti Angelo Patti Sebastiano Tine Leonita A. Klier Francis R. Covey, Jr. Carole Charles





### Confessions

Fridays 4 - 5 pm Gethsemane Chapel Saturdays 3 - 3:45 pm St. Monica Church & St. Lucy Church



#### YES I CAN PROGRAM

We are in need of canned soups, mashed potatoes, and canned corn.

We have placed food collection baskets in both churches. You may also drop off food at the side door of Gethsemane Chapel during the week, but please do not leave food donations at the main door or entranceway of the chapel. Thank you for your generosity!

#### **PRAYER CORNER**

Please pray for Frannie N., Justine C., Tom C. Edera M., and Roger Branchaud.

Please pray for Rita Rayball, Loretta Saulen, and **Constance Carney** whose Funeral Masses were recently celebrated at our parishes. May their soul and the souls of all our faithful departed rest in peace.

Please pray for our priests, seminarians, and vocations daily. Pick up a Pray for Our Priests calendar and a seminarian prayer card at the back of the church or use this list each day. Our priests and seminarians need our prayers!

Day	Priest	Seminarian
Sunday	Fr. Mark Coiro	Brian Daley
Monday	Fr. Paul Ritt	Zachary Francisco
Tuesday	Fr. Joel Santos	Dong Pham
Wednesday	Fr. Richard McLaughlin	Marcelo Ferrari
Thursday	Fr. Joseph Mazzone	David Joanis
Friday	Fr. Joseph Gaudet	Chris Letizia
Saturday	Fr. J. Thomas Gignac	Thuy Nguyễn

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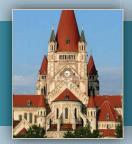




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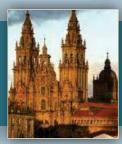
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