



“Receive the Holy Spirit.
Whose sins you forgive are
forgiven them, and whose
sins you retain are retained.”

- John 20:22-23

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May 24, 2015 Pentecost Sunday

Sunday Mass:

Vigil 4pm; 9am, 11am

Daily Mass:

Mon - Fri: 9am

Morning Prayer 8:45am

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursdays 6:30 - 7:30pm

Confessions Available

First Saturday Mass: 9am

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Reconciliation: Saturdays 3:15-3:45pm and during Eucharistic Adoration.

Baptism: Celebrated the 3rd Sunday at 1pm. Call to register for Baptism Prep.

Anointing of the Sick: Notify the office when a person is seriously ill. Extraordinary Ministers are available to bring the Eucharist to the homebound.

Marriage: Call at least 6 months in advance of your wedding





Saturday, May 23

4pm Richard Martin

Sunday, May 24

9am Mass

11am Mass for the People of St. Athanasius

Monday, May 25

No Mass

Tuesday, May 26

9am Carmen & Jerry Maglitta

Wednesday, May 27

9am Raymond DeFranzo

Thursday, May 28

9am Mass

Friday, May 29

9am Ecla & Amabile Marotta Anniversary Memorial

Saturday, May 30

4pm Mass for the People of St. Athanasius

Sunday, May 31

9am Giuseppe Fodera Memorial Mass

11am Vincent Miraglia

High Altar Candles Donation by Anonymous

Please pray for our military and civilians who defend our freedom, especially:

The 26th "Yankee" Brigade, and 1st Lt. Ryan Johnson, US Army, Patrick Cavanaugh, and PFC Kyle Lepore



Remember those in need of prayers, especially:

Maryann Lucerto, Stephanie Lombardo-Saulnier, Gina Campagna, Margaret Sumner, John Cadigan, Mary Lou, Dianne, Bill, Joan D., Scott, Dan Hallidy, David S. Attachi Family, Olga Calautti, Stephen O'Neill, Kathy Oliveira, The Haines Family, Cindy O'Connell, Paula, Joanne Curran, Jimmy, Charles Morrison, Frank F., Frank DelGreco, Barbara Coffin, John F. O'Brien, Ruthie, Richard Rossi, Robert D, Thomas D, Andrew D, Richard D, Phil T, Jen M, Fran P, Bryan M, Marion M, Anna Windels, Mary Mc Nerney, Richard M, Larry Y, Denise S., John, Annemarie, Mary G., Shirley N, Mary O'C., Carol & Frank, Deborah, Patricia Maines, Justin L., Paula, Mike, David, Bubba Toussaint, Joan D, Nana K., Bob, Remo, Katie Willenborg, Denise, Josephine

These names will stay in the Prayer Corner until Sunday, June 7th. Call the office or email Sathanasiusbulletin@parishmail.com to add or renew your loved ones on the list.

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 24

- 24 SUN Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15
- 25 Mon Sir 17:20-24/Mk 10:17-27
- 26 Tue Sir 35:1-12/Mk 10:28-31
- 27 Wed Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17/Mk 10:32-45/26
- 28 Thu Sir 42:15-25/Mk 10:46-52
- 29 Fri Sir 44:1, 9-13/Mk 11:11-26
- 30 Sat Sir 51:12cd-20/Mk 11:27-33
- 31 SUN Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Mass Attendance: 406

First Collection: \$5811

This Week: Catholic Communications Collection

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Monday, May 25	Office Closed - No Mass	
Thursday, May 28	Adoration	6:30 pm
	Canadian Shrine Pilgrimage Talk	7:30 pm PAC
Saturday, May 30	YM Service Day Church Grounds	10:30 -1pm
	Retrouvaille Post Sessions	3:30-9pm Hall
	Wine Tasting	6-10pm PAC



Pentecost Sunday

There are some days and moments in life that really change us. They are moments of decision, growth, choice, and loss. Some will be noted as anniversaries, others will be anonymous dates overshadowed by the events of the day. But we are defined by our experiences and the lessons they teach. It changes how we look at ourselves and can help us define the purpose of our life.

The Apostles experienced a similar moment in their life of faith. The Holy Spirit descends upon the Apostles and they are transformed from a group of frightened and fearful men, who squabbled over positions of authority and importance into fearless preachers of the Gospel. Filled with the power of the Spirit, they will become loyal and devoted servants of the Word and the world will be changed. United together in the power of the Spirit, they will carry out their mission and even give their lives for the sake of the Gospel.

The gifts of the Holy Spirit are essential to the life of every Christian. We may not remember the date of our Baptism or Confirmation, but the events of those days have been a daily part of our life. We are never left on our own, but are always given the grace we need to live and practice what we believe, becoming a stronger witness every time we allow God to work in and through us. Through Word, prayer and sacrament, the Lord renews us for our mission. Be not afraid, but confident in the power of the His Holy Spirit.

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Congratulations to the First Holy Communicants (May 2, 2015)



Prayer Group Forming

Micah 6:8 says: "He has shown you, Oh mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." Isaiah 1:17 says, "Learn to do right! Seek justice, encourage the oppressed. Defend the cause of the fatherless. Plead the case of the widow. Countless times, we are called by God to assist those who are less fortunate than us and those who suffer. Gary Haugen, President of International Justice Mission argues: "The work of justice begins with prayer. As we seek justice on behalf of others, we rely on an all-powerful God to help us do what is only possible with and through him." While it's true that seeking justice requires money, time and resources, it also requires prayer. Katie Curtis is starting a prayer group that will meet at 3:00 on Sundays to pray for issues of injustice in the world, and for those who seek justice. Anyone can come and there's no commitment. Just come with something you would like the group to pray for. Contact Katie at: sweetavenue19@gmail.com if you are interested in coming and/or have any questions.

Picture from Supper Social at Brother's Restaurant

Parishioners enjoying their monthly supper social at Brother's Restaurant took the occasion to thank Bob and Lorraine Kevorkian for their years of service and friendship as they leave Reading looking forward to retirement.



Wine Tasting Fundraiser

Saturday, May 30th 6:00-10pm

\$40 per person

Food, Auctions and Wine
Tickets available in the office 9am-4pm,
Through May 26th

Funds raised at this event will help our
Parish budget needs for the summer.

Please join us for a fabulous night!



St. Athanasius Parish Outreach

HAPPY EASTER! Continue to enrich your faith this Easter season by joining us for any of our upcoming youth ministry activities.

Like us on FACEBOOK at St. Athanasius and St. Agnes Youth Ministry (#ReadingCatholicYM) and/or follow us on INSTAGRAM @saintasyouth (#ReadingCatholicYM). Find updates about our youth ministry program, Catholic quotes, images, and more.

We're inviting youth to participate in a couple hours of outdoor volunteer service at the St. Athanasius Parish campus, including lunch, on Saturday, May 30th at 10:30am-1pm. This could include gardening, cleaning, raking, etc. Please contact me if you're interested as space is limited.

Our next Youth Commission leadership meeting is Sunday, June 14th at 7-8pm in the St. Athanasius Parish Center. Anyone who would like to take a leadership role in Catholic youth ministry here in Reading are welcome to attend, including parents and youth. Dessert will be provided.

We need parent volunteers for any and all events and activities so please contact me if you'd like to get involved. If you have any questions or interest in any of these offerings please feel free to contact me at [585-200-2831](tel:585-200-2831) or bagostinelli@parishmail.com.

Peace,
Brad Agostinelli

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Information night:

Thursday May 28th after Adoration

We are expanding our outreach efforts so that we may better assist those in our community who may need a helping hand in a variety of ways. We are looking for volunteers who would be willing to assist in the following ways:

- ◆ Drive parishioners to church
- ◆ Prepare meals
- ◆ Visit parishioners who may be unable to attend church
- ◆ Bake desserts for the Sawtelle Hospice House

Please let us know if you can provide any of these important services. If you are already on the Hospice House dessert list, you **do not** need to volunteer for that effort again since we already have your contact information. Please contact Ellen Terry at eterry18@yahoo.com or 781-944-5431 to volunteer for any of these programs. THANK YOU!

Homeschooling Families

The Office for Homeschooling of the Archdiocese of Boston was established to spiritually support and connect homeschooling families with one another. For more information, please call anytime Fr. Ed Riley at 617-746-5425.

Please join us Friday, June 5th for our Annual Homeschooling Family Gathering at Saint John's Seminary for Mass, Vocation Talks, Lunch and recreation.

Please RSVP to Denise Fortin @ [by Monday, June 1st!](mailto:dfortin@rcab.org) dfortin@rcab.org

Reading Food Pantry

May donation suggestions:
Laundry & dish detergents, household cleaners

25th and 50th Wedding Anniversary Mass

His Eminence, Sean Cardinal O'Malley, OFM invites all couple celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2015 to the Silver and Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross. The Mass will be celebrated on June 14th at 11:30 and will include a renewal of vows. Family members and friends are welcome to attend. For more information and to register, please visit bostoncatholic.org/WeddingAnniversaryMass or call the parish office at 781-944-0330. Please register by June 1 to have your name included in the printed list of anniversary couples. A formal invitation and more information will be mailed to each registered couple in May.

VNA Workshop

“You Want Me to Meet Who? Conversations about Dating after the Loss of a Spouse or Partner”

Wednesday, May 27th or Wednesday June 3rd
6-8pm

Call 339-219-0050 for more info.

Thank You from Catholic Charities

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Eucharistic Healing Service

Tuesday, May 26th

St. Theresa Parish 978-664-3412
63 Winter Street, North Reading, MA

Celebrant: Fr. Jurgen Liias

Concelebrant: Fr. Thomas Reilly

- 6:00 Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:15 Rosary and Confessions until 6:45
- 6:45 Benediction & Reposition
- 7:00 Holy Sacrifice of the Mass with Anointing of the Sick
- 8:00 Laying on of Hands

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By Monday 9 am

Coffee Hour

We need hosts for May 31st or coffee hour will be cancelled.

Contact Sophie at 781-944-9085 or sign up in the Parish Center .



Donation Opportunities for Special Items

Heating Oil (1 week)	\$500.00
1 Month of Altar candles	\$100.00
Flowers for the week	\$50.00
Bread & Wine for the week	\$40.00

Rachel mourns her children; She refuses to be consoled, because her children are no more. Thus says the Lord: "Cease from your cries of mourning. Wipe the tears from your eyes... There is hope for your future."
Jeremiah 31:15-17



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~Cardinal Sean O'Malley

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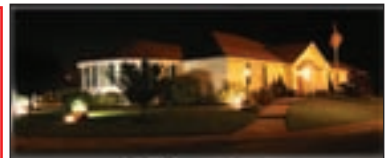
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