

Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 17, 2015

WAITING FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT WITH
MARY THE MOTHER OF JESUS



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- To reach out to everyone with the joyful gospel of God’s saving love.
- To form one another as disciples who encounter Jesus Christ deeply through word, sacrament and service.
- To live as a Spirit filled, multicultural community of mercy, justice and compassion within the Catholic Church.

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Mass Intentions...

Saturday 4:00PM	May 16 Arthur Moreau, Jr. + Marie Dedrick + William Dedrick +
Sunday 8:30AM	May 17 Mieczyslaus Miaskiewicz+ Lois Caron +
10:30AM	Joseph Medina +
Saturday 4:00PM	May 23 Michael Butler + Januario Terra +
Sunday 8:30AM	May 24 Ronald Fabiszewski +
10:30AM	Parish Community

Mass cards are available in the Parish Office after all Sunday Liturgies and during the week Mon.- Fri., 9:00 am-12:00 pm

Scripture for the week of May 17, 2015

17 SUN	Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19
18 Mon	Acts 19:1-8/ Jn 16:29-33
19 Tue	Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a
20 Wed	Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19
21 Thu	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26
22 Fri	Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19
23 Sat	Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25
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



Please remember Mary Louise Call, Andrew Gallant, Patricia Deorio, the deceased of our Parish and those who were buried from St. Thomas Parish during the past weeks. May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Schedule for Weekend Mass
Please join us often!

St. Thomas the Apostle	St. John the Baptist
Saturday, 4:00 PM	Saturday, 4:00PM
Sunday, 8:30AM, 10:30AM, 7:00PM Brazilian Mass	Sunday, 8:00AM, 10:00AM, 11:30AM(Spanish), 5:00PM
Weekday Masses: Monday & Friday, 8:30 AM	Weekday Masses: Monday - Saturday, 6:45AM
Reconciliation: Saturdays, 3:15PM	Reconciliation: Saturdays, 3:00-3:30PM

Parish Activities


Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 18	8:30AM Mass—Chapel
May 19	6:15PM Girl Scouts Troop#361
May 20	6:15PM Girl Scouts Troop#233 7:00PM Bible Study—S.L.C.
May 21	6:30PM Living Faith—S.L.C.
May 22	8:30AM Mass—Chapel

 **Upcoming Dates to Remember**

June 11	Parish Pastoral Council Mtg-7PM
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 **Attention all Liturgical Ministers:**

First, my thanks to the many of you who have responded to the letter I emailed and sent out about the upcoming schedule. For those who have not yet responded, please let me know your preferences as soon as possible, and **no later than May 25th**, so that I can prepare the June-July-and August schedule. Remember, our Mass schedule will change in July and August!



Liturgy Memorials

The Altar wine & hosts have been donated for the month of May for the honor and glory of God in memory of Fr. David Bartley, The Sanctuary Lamp has been donated in memory of David & Mary Gabriel by the Gabriel family and the Candle Oil in memory of Donald & Hazel Carlin from Paul Carlin.

Thank you to all those who have donated Wine & Hosts, Candle Oil, Sanctuary Lamps and flowers for our Liturgy.



St. Thomas Children's Closet

We are in need of boys & girls slacks, dungarees, jerseys, blouses sizes 5 to 16. Donations may be dropped off at the closet between 1-3pm on Saturdays.



Green Thumbs

The Green Thumbs are cleaning up our church property. Anyone can join, just bring gloves and see John. He will show you where you can help out. No special training is needed. The Green Thumbs meet every Monday on the church property from 4pm to 6pm.

If you can't make it on Monday's and would like to help give John Hayes a call at 978-745-0505 and he will give you your own area to spruce up. Come on down and meet your fellow parishioners and get to enjoy the sun, fun and fresh air.



This week, May 17, 2015

The First collection will be for the parish.

The second collection will be for
The Seminarians.

May 10th Collection: \$3,435.75
Communications Campaign: \$ 838.00

Next week the first collection will be for the parish.

The second collection will be for
Parish Insurance

Thank you for your generous sacrifice.

Thrift Shop

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Thrift Shop. We need Jewelry, pots, pans, kitchen wares, small appliances, toys, old tools, rugs, men's toiletries, just about anything you don't need. As usual you can drop things off on Saturdays between 9am to 1pm or call Bob & Sylvia at 978-977-9672 to arrange a time. God's blessing to all of you. Please remember we cannot accept T.V.'s, microwaves, etc.

Bulletin Deadlines

Items for the bulletin must be received by Thursday, 1 week prior to the weekend you would like it to appear (10 days before). We ask that you submit any notices to our parish email stthomas344p@comcast.net. Please note that all items will be reviewed by the pastor before printing. If you have any questions regarding submissions for the bulletin please call the office Monday-Friday 9am-12pm.

Upcoming Liturgical Ministers Schedule

May 23 - May 24: Pentecost Sunday	4:00 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Joanne Mizioch - 1-Plate Sophia O'Brien - 2-Cup Sally Hayes - 3-Cup	Cynthia Victory - 1-Plate Millie Moore - 2-Cup Christine Capillo - 3-Cup	Elsie Moynihan - 1-Plate Kevin Shea - 2-Cup Maddie Pimenta - 3-Cup
Lector	Mildred Gates Pauline Bautista	Peter Victory Stephanie Dallaire	Maria O'Toole Tony Porcello
Altar Server	Bob Burke <i>-volunteer needed</i>	Kaitlyn McLaughlin Brandon Thompson	Eddy Staco <i>-volunteer needed</i>

Living Faith

...that we might grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. 2 Peter 3:18

Our next session of **Living Faith** will be held on Thursday, May 21st in the Fr Dan Sheehan Spiritual Life Center from 6:30-8:30 PM.

Our sessions this month are:

1. *The Life of the Holy Spirit in the Acts of the Apostles*
Deacon Leo Martin
2. *The gospel of John-the community of the Beloved Disciple*
Seminarian Godfrey Musabe
3. *Surrounded by Grace: A look at the Saints depicted in stained glass windows*
Sr. Janelle

Since the rooms upstairs are small we will cut off the numbers at 15 persons for the groups that meet there.

If you wish, you can pre-register for the presentation of your choice by e-mailing Eloise Gabriel at eloise-gab@yahoo.com or by calling Sr Janelle at the St Thomas parish office (978-531-0224,x14). If you would like to bring some food to share for our supper please contact us!

We look forward to seeing you on the 21st of May!

Youth Group

St. John's and St. Thomas have a youth group. The group meets from 7 PM to 9 PM on Tuesdays in the lower church at St. John's. Teens currently in high school or college are invited to share their faith and discover a community of peers through dinner, prayer, and social and spiritual activities. For parents seeking more information, or those willing to be added to a list of adult resources for the group, please email peabodyyouthgroup@gmail.com.



Join us for our next ACTS Retreat! It is a weekend to enrich your faith journey or maybe begin one. Give yourself or a teen you know, the gift of getting closer to our God by saying "yes" to joining us on an ACTS weekend. Applications are available at the doors of the church or for more information contact:

John Stueve @ 978-857-7185
or
Trish Stueve @ 978-979-7271.

Men's Weekend – June 4-7
Women's Retreat – June 11-14
Teen Retreat – June 25-28

Weekly Envelopes

Anyone who does not currently receive St. Thomas the Apostle Parish offertory envelopes and would like to have them for donations, please call the parish office, Monday– Friday 9AM-12PM.

"Liturgical Memorials"

The following items used at liturgy are available as memorials or commemorations each month at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish.

Hosts & Wine: to be consecrated at all Liturgies during the month (donation \$25.00).

The Oil used in the altar candles during the month (donation \$25.00).

The Sanctuary Lamp is the candle that burns constantly, except on Good Friday, before the Blessed Sacrament in the Tabernacle. For each month (donation \$30.00).

Flowers, for the weekend only, before the Main Altar and on the Side Altars for Saturday Vigil and Sunday Liturgies (Not during Lent). Main Altar (donation \$40.00), Side Altars (donation \$30.00).

Donations and donors will be listed in the Bulletin each week of the month.

If you wish to donate any of the above, please call Sheila or Tracy at the parish office Monday-Friday 9AM-12PM.

Celebrating the Gift of the Lord in the Eucharist

On Sunday, June 7, the Church will celebrate the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of the Lord, a feast which is also known by its Latin name, *Corpus Christi*. Over the weekends since Easter our parish communities have been celebrating First Holy Communions, days of joy for us as our children come to the table of the Lord and receive the Body of Christ for the first time. At one Mass on June 7 some of our older children will make their First Holy Communion after having gone through a special preparation because of particular circumstances in their lives. Their coming to the Eucharist a little later is a reminder to us that it is never too late to come ...or to come back...to the Lord in this sacrament of Divine Love. I will devote my pastor's letter today to a reflection on this unique gift of the presence of the risen Lord that is so important in our Catholic tradition.

Love for the Eucharist. The best way that we can manifest our love and respect for the Lord Jesus in the Eucharist is to participate fully in the Mass. Jesus gave us the sacrament of his body and blood as the means by which we are nourished as individuals and as a community on the Lord's Day each week. The table of the Lord where God speaks to us through the scriptures and feeds us with the body and blood of his son Jesus is also the altar on which we celebrate the one, perfect, saving sacrifice of Christ, who offered himself once and for all on Calvary and was raised from the dead .

For Catholics, the Sunday Eucharistic Liturgy is our fulfilling the third commandment, to keep holy the Sabbath. Our Sabbath is Sunday, the day of the Lord's resurrection. Many Catholics have taken a rather casual approach to the Sunday Mass obligation. When told by a director of religious education about the seriousness of this duty, a parent once responded with surprise, almost shock, and took this reminder as a threat or intimidation. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states clearly: "The Sunday Eucharist is the foundation and confirmation of all Christian practice. For this reason the faithful are obliged to participate in the Eucharist on days of obligation, unless excused for a serious reason (for example, illness, the care of infants) or dispensed by their own pastor. Those who deliberately fail in this obligation commit a grave sin." (CCC, 2181)

Celebrating the Eucharist as a Community. Our clergy and liturgical ministers strive to make our celebration of the Eucharist as welcoming, prayerful and meaningful as possible. To understand and embrace the meaning of the Mass, however, we need to get beyond the consumer and convenience mentalities that may wrongly shape our attitude toward many things including our faith. This attitude might be described this way: "If it doesn't suit my feelings or my personal needs, I won't bother with it." Sound familiar? I find this with people who describe themselves as "spiritual but not religious." For them God is a purely interior experience of well-being that does not involve giving something external to God. To the contrary, we worship God not to please ourselves but to please God, to give praise and thanks to him for his blessing, to see his grace and guidance in our lives, and to be strengthened as persons and a community of faith. The Eucharistic presence of Jesus is wake up from the Lord and the Church to us that faith and the spiritual life are not all about me!

Respect for the Eucharist. The Mass is not the only way we can encounter the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. We can do so any time we come to Church. Many people find that they engage in a deeper way in the Mass when they arrive at church early and spend time in prayer. Let's keep this in mind as we come into church by not speaking loudly so as to disturb their prayer. It's also worth remembering that when we enter a church we should reverence Christ present in the tabernacle by genuflecting toward the tabernacle and by spending some time in prayer in his presence. Visits to the Blessed Sacrament at other times are encouraged as well. I am exploring with our parish communities more opportunities for this as we did during Lent when we kept our churches open on Fridays all day while keeping our churches safe and secure.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The Church encourages periods for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament when the Eucharist is exposed on the altar. We offer this in the chapel at St. John's every Tuesday from 5 PM to 9 PM. There is adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every day at the Carmelite Chapel at the Mall. On Sunday, June 7, there will be a special time of adoration after the 11:30 AM Mass at St. John's, when the Eucharist will be brought in procession to the chapel and then exposed until 3:00 PM.

I encourage you to join me in giving God praise for the gift of the Eucharist by faithful celebration of the Mass each weekend (or even on weekdays) and by prayers and encouragement to those who have fallen away from going to Mass. Take time to prepare for Mass and to pray in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament whenever possible. God bless.
Fr. John



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Wed. 6:00-9:00 pm **Basic Truths of the Catholic Faith**, *Rev. Paul E. Ritt* (MAM Core)

Wed. 6:00-9:00 pm **Introductory Latin**, *Dr. M. Kakavas* (Elective)

Session II: May 26-July 9 (2 credit electives)

Tues. 6:00-9:00 pm **The "Terrible Beauty" of the Prophecy of Jeremiah**, *Prof. Celia Sirois*

Tues. 6:00-9:00 pm **Religious Education & the Impact of the Second Vatican Council**, *Prof. Susan Kay*

Wed. 6:00-9:00 pm **Spirituality for Ministry**, *Rev. George P. Evans*

Wed. 6:00-9:00 pm **Theology of Love: Being, Incarnation, and Contrariety**, *Dr. David Franks*

Thurs. 6:00-9:00 pm **Challenging the Landscape of Loss: Spiritual and Psychological Insights for Bereavement**, *Rev. Terence Curley*

Thurs. 6:00-9:00 pm **Women, Sex, and the Church**, *Dr. Angela Franks*

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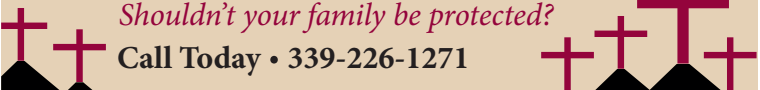
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Jeremiah 31:15-17



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