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Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 10, 2020

Mass Schedule

WEEKENDS: Saturdays: 5:00pm &
Sundays: 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30am
HOLY DAYS: 7:00am & 7:00pm

WEEKDAYS: Mon, Tue, Thu 8:15am & Fri 6:00pm

WEDNESDAY: Adoration at 5:00pm & Mass 7:00pm

CONFESSION SCHEDULE:
Wednesdays 6:15-7:00pm & Saturdays 9:30-10:00am otherwise by appointment.

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS & FUNERALS:
Contact the rectory office.

SICK & HOMEBOUND PASTORAL CARE:
Please notify rectory.

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:
Wed, Thu & Fri: 9:00am to 2:00pm.

CLERGY:
Fr. Tom Koys, M.A.,S.T.L., Pastor,
Fr. Edward Gleeson, Pastor Emeritus
Fr. Robert Coleman, Resident
Deacon John Wilkinson, C.K.M.
Deacon Doug Szarzynski

WE FLY TO YOUR PROTECTION, O HOLY MOTHER OF GOD; DO NOT DESPISE OUR PETITIONS IN OUR NECESSITIES, BUT DELIVER US ALWAYS FROM EVERY DANGER, O GLORIOUS AND BLESSED VIRGIN.

VISIT US AT HISTORICSTJAMES.ORG OR FACEBOOK: www.facebook.com/SaintJamesAtSagBridge. DON'T FORGET TO SIGNUP FOR INFO MESSAGES SENT TO PARISHIONERS VIA FLOCKNOTES: text: jamesatsag to 84576. Follow the link to "St. James All" group to get the St. James' regular messages.

St. James at Sag Bridge
Altar & Rosary Society
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HAPPY MOTHERS DAY!!! Best wishes to all the Mothers, Grandmothers, Sisters and those who have stepped up to serve as Mothers. We honor our Blessed Virgin Mary our heavenly Mother as well as our Mother's who are with us here or who have passed and remain in our hearts. Please keep them in your prayers. Remember May is the month we offer special celebration to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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FROM THE DESK OF, FR. THOMAS KOYS, M.A.,S.T.L., PASTOR

Don't forget it's Mary's Month
Say a rosary every day!

Isabella Overdorf crowned Our Lady on May 1 and then smiled with her mom, Heather, and sister, Emma

"Recently I heard a bishop from Germany say that in the future there will be no more Eucharistic assemblies, only the liturgy of the Word. But this is Protestantism. Top of Form Eucharist is not a right or a duty: it is a gift that we receive freely from God and that we must welcome with veneration and love. The Lord is a person, no one would welcome the person he loves in a bag or otherwise in an unworthy way. The response to the privation of the Eucharist cannot be desecration. This really is a matter of faith, if we believe we cannot treat it unworthily." *Cardinal Sarah*

MISSION ST. JAMES

Your opinion is important!

The **LITURGY TASK FORCE** would like to hear from you regarding the Tridentine (Traditional Latin) Mass. Please grab a **survey** from the kiosk by the Grotto or visit our website.

NEED A REFRESHER ON OUR MANIFESTO? Go to the *Mission St. James* tab on www.historicstjames.org. Watch for an important Flocknotes message coming soon.

APOSTOLATE TO THE POOR – Especially during this pandemic, could you help?

- May 10 is the 2nd Sunday of the month, when St. James helps the men of Zacchaeus House. If you are able, please send or drop off a donation.

- Help those in need of food at the **WEST SUBURBAN COMMUNITY PANTRY** in Woodridge. Call (630) 512-9921 for more info.

A MOVIE OF DEVOTION TO MARY *THE 13TH DAY*

(released in 2009 and based on the memoirs of one of the seers, Lucia) dramatizes the true story of three young shepherds who witnessed six apparitions of Our Lady between May & Oct 1917, culminating in the final prophesied *Miracle of the Sun* on Oct 13. Our Lady of Fatima brings an urgent message of hope to the world through three children whose belief in Our Lady never wavered.

Thursday, May 14th, 7pm watch The 13th Day on **FORMED.org** (St. James code:KFWMDB). Then join in Zoom (**https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83907867686 or call or call: 1-312-626-6799, Meeting ID: 839 0786 7686#)** to discuss this miracle & Our Lady's message with Fr. Koys.

Pope Francis declared a Detroit church as a basilica -- a rare honor for U.S. churches. St. Anne Parish began in 1700 and is the second oldest running Catholic parish in the country. Its current church was built in 1886. Our parish in Chestnut Hill dates to 1898, so we aren't likely to gain such a lofty designation.

As banished children of Eve, we lament our parish being idle. We walk around to visit it and see crumbling stairs, erupting concrete, but she stands tall.

Returning to St. Anne's Detroit, the parish documented extensive data to meet the criteria for becoming a Minor Basilica. Most notable, its liturgical activity and architectural stature.

St. Lawrence Church is far less well-known than St. Anne's. Our parish was designed by Franz Joseph Untersee, a Swiss American architect, who also drew the plans for St. Anthony Church, Brighton, and probably most noteworthy today, the Brookline bank building, currently used as a marijuana dispensary. It is sometimes said our church was built for or by the Irish help in Chestnut Hill -- their trust fund.

St. Lawrence's structure reminds us of Norman France, with dark wooden beams, traditional leaded stained-glass windows and a Gothic spire. Surely, we are close to being a national landmark. Once, at least in Europe, a traveler could orient him or herself by finding the tallest spire in town, which was a church. Now, gleaming skyscrapers have overtaken the landscape. Not only is it difficult to locate a spire today, it is often hard to find anyone on the street who can identify a church. We are centrally located on Boylston Street, near the fire station and medical offices. Given this site, you would guess it is widely known. But we often hear even from Catholics we know: "Where is St. Lawrence and wasn't it closed?" Once again, we patiently explain that they probably pass it at least weekly, if not more often, going into Boston. Yet, given the parking is in the rear, via a short road, across from the fire station, it is often overlooked.

While this beautiful church is our parish home, we could use a greater attendance -- a criterion for basilica designation. Some folks are still able to claim their baptism, marriage and sometime in the future, funeral, at St. Lawrence, but many are newly arrived or here for grad school.

Now to our corporal strength -- our parishioners. If these are chaotic times, we rely on our parish community all the more. Small in numbers, we are high in seniors, so our attendance fluctuates. Seniors escape shoveling snow in favor of sunny Florida or a cruise ship. Given this reality, everyone has to step up to the plate. If no one has risen to bring the gifts, six or so leap up to assist.

No Saturday dances take place in the parish basement like the Golden Age of the 1950s, but small gestures are warranted. Preparing food for coffee hour, collecting small bills in a glass jar for purchasing staples, and making certain old linoleum floors pass health inspection are all important. Twice a month, we gather to make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches (as long as the bread lasts) in the basement (with linoleum floors) to be brought by a volunteer family to St. Francis House, a Boston shelter for the homeless.

Other common parish activities rely on volunteers. The Thanksgiving dinner menu signup begins early in November, so if you are going to be away, you can still provide items. The Christmas bulletin board shows the requests of children living in shelters. Take a label from its pin and bring gifts unwrapped so the mothers can wrap them.

Our choirmaster (a volunteer) sends a weekly email to bring us up to date on illnesses, births, a reflection on the upcoming liturgy and other news. Music is our best prayer. In keeping with the liturgical calendar, there is a good deal of 19th century Charles Wesley music we sing because we grew up learning the words. Occasionally, when warranted, it can be added a harp, drums or flute. A sprinkling of Latin is incorporated to educate the young.

If you like the miracle of the loaves and the fishes, we have the miracle of attendees. As we arrive none too early for 9 a.m. Mass, we think, "Oh dear, there are so few here." But by the time the liturgy is underway and it's time for Communion, a bonanza of parishioners has joined us.

This is no in-and-out congregation. Folks cluster and catch up with each other. The apple of our parish's eye is the O'Neil family. From Ireland, the parents have four Ethiopian children. Their family business is a series of grub pubs, all sparkling clean. One is the Squealing Pig in Mission Hill, where the medical people like to meet. The children, so devout, are altar servers and readers. During the Covid-19 quarantine, the O'Neill children assisted our pastor, Father Jonathan Gaspar, at St. Mary's Brookline for Easter Mass.

Empty churches and a rainy St. Peter's Square seemed appropriate for this Lent. But we are all eager to join together in our parishes when they reopen. We miss the warmth of our parishioners and the traditional beauty of our church. Until the day the doors are opened, we will take a turn around the parking lot and check on the tulips planted by the Redemptoris Mater seminarians next door.

- Kevin and Marilyn Ryan, editors of "Why I'm Still a Catholic," worship at St. Lawrence Church in Brookline, Mass.

Our Weekly Offering

OUR MANY THANKS TO OUR REGISTERED FAMILIES USING ENVELOPES & THE CASH-AND-CARRY FOLKS.

Our **CHURCH CLEANERS FOR FRI – 5/15/2020**
Are, Margaret G., Bronislawa & volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the rectory office at 630.257.7000.

VOTIVE OFFERINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 5/10/2020

St. James Altar & Rosary Society
All the Poor Souls in Purgatory
All the Sick & Departed Souls from COVID-19
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That the Blessed Mother Intercede for Us in this Crisis

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JUMP IN FOR MORE PHILOSOPHY

It's not too late to join the brain-wrinkling as Fr. Koys guides us through the profound teachings of St. Thomas Aquinas.
Tuesdays
~~ 9am & 7pm ~~

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www.historicstjames.org
~~ Formation ~~
Thomas Aquinas

Mass Intentions

Monday, May 11th
8:15 AM ✞Zofia & ✞Stanislaw Plata

Tuesday, May 12th
Sts. Nereus, Achilleus & Pancras
8:15 AM ✞Daniel Starha

Wednesday, May 13th
Our Lady of Fatima
7:00 PM ✞Jozef & ✞Dannta Gornikowski
Blessings & Thanksgiving ~ Raj Family
In Loving Memory of ~ ✞Donna Wilkinson

Thursday, May 14th
st. Matthias
8:15 AM *Quick Resolution to Pandemic & a Return to God*

Friday, May 15th
St. Isidore
6:00 PM ✞Linda Giacomino

Sixth Sunday of Easter - - - - - -

Saturday, May 16th
9:00 AM *For True Devotion to Our Blessed Mother Mary*

Sunday, May 17th
8:30 AM ✞Charles & Genevier Howard
10:00 AM ✞Stan Ruminski
11:30 AM ✞Terry Harris

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