

# Seventh Sunday of Easter

## Mass Intentions - Week of May 13<sup>th</sup>

<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 pm @ SM	<b>May 12 Vigil of 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> Francis, Evelyn & Redmond Bansfield, by the family
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00 am @ SH 10:30 am @ SH	<b>May 13 Seventh Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day</b> All Mothers, living & deceased Sergio Ragusa, by M/M Joseph Spadea
<b>Monday</b> 8 am @ SH	<b>May 14 St. Matthias</b> All OLSH parishioners living & deceased
<b>Tuesday</b> 8 am @ SH	<b>May 15 Easter Weekday/St. Isadore</b> Holy Souls from the Nov. 2 <sup>nd</sup> offering
<b>Wednesday</b> 8 am @ SH	<b>May 16 Easter Weekday</b> The Donovan & Quinlan families, by Kathy Aldrich Kruzal
<b>Thursday</b> 8 am @ SH	<b>May 17 Easter Weekday</b> Evelyn Benedetti (1 <sup>st</sup> ann.), by M/M Ed O'Malley
<b>Friday</b>	<b>May 18 – No Mass Today</b>
<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 pm @ SM	<b>May 19 Vigil of Pentecost</b> Anne Bard (23 <sup>rd</sup> ann.), by the family
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00 am @ SH 10:30 am @ SH	<b>May 20 Pentecost</b> Rita Paré, by M/M Bernard Kulas William Woods, by Ken & Peg Goudreau – Mass with Children

Please pray for our brothers & sisters who have asked for our prayers:



*Dee Barrett, Lisa Marie Berthel, William Boland, William Broadbent, Dora & Ray Brunelle, Micah Burt, Linda Carpenter, Michael Carpenter, Melvin Chisholm, Richard & Margaret Cordiero, Fr. Dave, Edgar Donais, Scott Falls, Doris Fenton, Callie Fitzgerald, Carol, Gail, John, Mary, Pauline, Theresa Walter & Rev. Charles Gonet, Rev. Louis*

*Gould, Brian Hanrahan, Deborah Kaplavka, Bernie & Priscilla Kulas, Theresa Lupacchino, Juanita Morse, Julie Nydam, Isabella Paolucci, Janyce Parker, Karen Trainor Resseguie, Janice Smith, Guido & Jean Tessazini, Brian Trudeau, Richard Trudeau, Patricia Tuttle*

We pray for all the deceased members & benefactors of our parish; all those in Military Service; and those suffering from the effects of natural disaster, epidemics, and political strife.

## First Communion Joy

Thanks to all who made last Sunday's First Communion so memorable.

Thanks especially to Tina Fitzgerald, our Parish Director of Religious Education, to Lynn Fitzgerald, their teacher, to Matthew Trudeau, our Choir Director, and to all others who helped to make Sunday afternoon so special.

Congratulations & blessings for the First Communion Class of 2018. Please continue to pray for and encourage these six happy children in their growth in Christ:

**Ryley Brigham  
Stella Buffone  
Eibhlin Chaffee  
Kaelin Hurlbrink  
Caleb Mailloux  
Mairenn Vonhold**



## Last Weekend's Offertory

<b>General</b>	<b>\$3,362</b>
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*The bank accepts checks written in BLUE or BLACK ink only.*

Special Collections	
Partners in Charity Appeal Continues	
<b>5/12 &amp; 13</b>	<b>Monthly Renovation Fund</b>
<b>5/19 &amp; 20</b>	<b>Pentecost</b>

### ~Stewardship~

*"Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God,  
God abides in him, and he in God."*

– 1 JOHN 4:15

How strong is your faith? When you have an opportunity to either defend or clarify a question about our Catholic faith, do you do it? Or, do you remain silent so that others don't think you are weird? Pray for the courage to be strong in all circumstances and to share your witness with others.

### ~Word of Life~

"We can all help encourage our government and other institutions to support life. They must always aid and support mothers and children, and never offer to pay for the destruction of life as a 'solution' to the challenges women face. The call to uphold women's dignity and well-being, and that of their unborn children, is one and the same." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Poverty and Abortion: A Vicious Cycle"

## Mary & Martha Sunday Movie Matinee

Come join us for an inspirational film.

**NEXT SUNDAY @ 2pm IN DUGAN HALL**

**Refreshments!! Free!! Bring a friend!!**



*This weekend marks the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of  
Fr. Chet's ordination & the celebration of his  
first Mass!  
Here's to many more!*

**Religious Education News...**

Sunday 5/13 – No Classes – Mother’s Day

Sunday 5/20 – Last Class – Mass with Children by Grades 3 & 4 @  
10:30 am followed by end-of-year party for ALL  
grades in Dugan Hall

The Brookfield COA presents

A whole new fun game for seniors by  
**A&B Music DJ/Karaoke Services LLC**

Come join us for smiles & laughs at  
**Brookfield Congregational Church**  
**Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> @ 11:30 am**

Gifts & handouts for all winners!

This program is sponsored by the Brookfield Cultural Council in coordination with  
the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

**Saint Matthias – Feast Day May 14<sup>th</sup>**

According to Acts 1:15-26, during the days after the Ascension Peter stood up in the midst of the brothers—about 120 of Jesus’ followers. Now that Judas had betrayed his ministry, it was necessary, Peter said, to fulfill the scriptural recommendation that another should take his office.

“Therefore, it is necessary that one of the men who accompanied us the whole time the Lord Jesus came and went among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day on which he was taken up from us, become with us a witness to his resurrection” (Acts 1:21-22).

They nominated two men: Joseph Barsabbas and Matthias. They prayed and drew lots. The choice fell upon Matthias, who was added to the Eleven.

Matthias is not mentioned by name anywhere else in the New Testament.

**Reflection**

What was the holiness of Matthias? Obviously, he was suited for apostleship by the experience of being with Jesus from his baptism to his ascension. He must also have been suited personally, or he would not have been nominated for so great a responsibility. If the apostles are the foundations of our faith by their witness, they must also be reminders, if only implicitly, that holiness is entirely a matter of God’s giving, and it is offered to all, in the everyday circumstances of life. We receive, and even for this God supplies the power of freedom.

~<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-matthias/>

**Summer Mass Schedule for June, July, & August, beginning the weekend of June 2 & 3:**

- **Saturday: Confessions @ 3:15 & Mass @ 4:30 pm, both at Sacred Heart in W. Brookfield**
- **Sunday: Mass @ 8 am at St. Mary in Brookfield**
- **Sunday: Mass @ 10:30 am at Sacred Heart in W. Brookfield**

May this summer schedule satisfy the majority of our parishioners and visitors.



- **Bible Study 5/14**
- **33 Days to Morning Glory Consecration 5/13**
- **Mary & Martha Movie Matinee 5/20**
- **K of C Blood Drive 5/24**



**KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS**  
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Next Officers’ Meeting Monday May 14<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm

**ASPARAGUS & FLOWER HERITAGE  
FESTIVAL**



Next Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>

10 am - 4 pm

West Brookfield Town Common

Local Growers - Live Music & Animals - Artisans  
- Crafts - Games

*Be sure to visit the K of C “KNIGHTS’ BITES”  
booth for delicious burgers, hot dogs, &  
sausages!*

**Partners in Charity 2018**

**“Loving God by Serving Others”**

Thanks to an *extremely generous annual donation from a beloved benefactor of our parish, along with gifts from several other parishioners, we now have reached 89% of our \$33,000 goal. We need less than \$4,000 to make it!*

*If you have not yet made a donation, won’t you please prayerfully consider a one-time gift or ten-month installment pledge and help us continue our tradition of meeting our goal? Thank you.*

*(Special thanks to the anonymous kind Samaritan who fixed our Partners sign at Sacred Heart after it blew down in the wind storm, and again last weekend. You’ve taken to heart the theme of this year’s appeal, “Loving God by Serving Others.”)*

*Fr. Chet*



**A Mother’s Day Prayer**

*God our creator,  
we come before You and lift up in  
prayer all mothers, grandmothers,  
stepmothers, and mothers-to-be  
who give the gift of life. We give  
you thanks for their presence,  
talents, and the gifts which they  
share in our church, society, and  
world. May all mothers know of  
Your loving and gentle presence,  
and may they always turn towards  
You in times of joy, sorrow, and  
glory.*

*We ask this in Your Name. Amen.*

