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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER — MAY 15, 2022

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MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY

Adult Faith Formation: Women of the Bible. Join us as we explore the lives of seven fascinating women of the Bible. We will study the lives of Hannah, Rahab, Esther, Martha and Mary, the Samaritan woman, and Mary Magdalene. Learn their stories as they encourage us through their trials and triumphs. Discover the times in which they lived. Ponder their legacy in Scripture and contemplate the life lessons they teach. Classes are at 7 pm on May 17, May 24, May 31, June 7, June 14, and June 21 in the St. Thomas Old School building. For information, email Mary Maddalena at aff@stmariannecope.com.

The Parish Outreach Ministry, with Knights of Columbus Council 7460, is holding a **Food Drive** on Saturday, May 21, 10 am-noon, at the St. Thomas Old School building to help the needy in the greater Newburgh area. Items needed: soup, canned tuna and chicken, snack packs individually wrapped (apple sauce, pudding, soft bars, etc.), bottled water, cereal, oatmeal, pasta, spaghetti sauce, canned vegetables and fruit, spaghetti o's, pop tarts, mac and cheese, ramen noodles, mashed potatoes, canned beans (black, baked, pink, kidney), rice, creamy peanut butter, jelly, coffee, tea, hygiene products (toothpaste, toothbrushes), detergents, hand soap, dish soap, and paper products (napkins, toilet paper, paper towels). Monetary donations are welcome for perishable items. Questions? Email outreach@stmariannecope.com.

Mass times for the **Ascension of the Lord** on Thursday, May 26 are at 8:30 am, noon, and 7 pm. It is a holy day of obligation.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court St. Rita #264 News...

~ Zoe Raia is the recipient of our Annual Scholarship Award. Congratulations! We wish you the very best in your future endeavors.
~ Congratulations to the 10-Month Raffle Winners for May: \$50.00 (#203) Margaret Shevlin; \$75.00 (#079) Rebecca Ring.

The **Prayer Shawl Ministry** is looking for people who can knit, crochet, quilt, embroider, etc. and are willing to make shawls which will be used to comfort the ill and/or bereaved. (Shawls can also be purchased, if you do not feel you can make one.) We usually meet on the 1st Monday of the month in the St. Thomas Old School building. Please contact the Parish Office or Regina Lieby (rlieby411@gmail.com) with any questions. Our next meeting will be June 6 at 10 am.

Bulletin Cover Image: "The Virgin Adoring the Host", Jean Auguste Dominique Ingres. Source: Wikimedia Commons.

The **Archdiocesan Golden Jubilee Wedding Mass** will be held on Sunday, June 5 at 2:30 pm in St. Patrick's Cathedral. His Eminence Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan will be the celebrant. The Golden Jubilee Mass is for couples in the Archdiocese of New York who are celebrating 50 years of marriage during 2022. To register, call the Parish Office at (845) 534-2547 before Monday, May 16th at 3 pm.

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THE PASTOR'S CORNER

IT WILL COME (THE PERSECUTION)

LAST WEEKEND, we had to take more than the usual precautions during Sunday Mass. Sometime ago, under the organization of Pete McGovern (our deacon candidate) and the Knights of Columbus, with the guidance of the Orange County Sheriff's department, the parish implemented "Operation Archangel" in response to the violence that a number of congregations around the country suffered. Parishioners who are current and former members in law enforcement were recruited and knew what to look for and how to ensure the safety of those attending Mass. Simple measures like locking doors and doing perimeter walks, becoming familiar with traffic patterns and equipment at hand would be important deterrents. It was scary to think about but we were confident in our preparation.

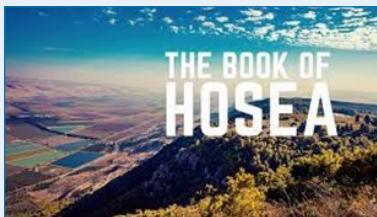
Of course, we had been warned prior to last Sunday that protesters, in the wake of the leak of Justice Sam Alito's draft opinion in the recent Dobbs versus Jackson case before the Supreme Court, might disrupt Catholic worship in the area. Though the FBI did not believe there was any concrete reason to expect something to happen in the Archdiocese, Cardinal Dolan thought it best to be prepared. In particular, we were instructed to work with local law enforcement, not to engage protesters directly, and not to discuss the situation with media. Happily, I received calls well before the weekend from Mayor Jim Gagliano, Chief Steve Dixon, and understand Assemblyman Colin Schmidt was proactive in notifying municipalities of the possible threat. You may have seen the empty patrol car on Hudson Street (which I'm sure kept the speed down) and the occasional visit by one of our finest, but happily we were able to worship in freedom and peace. To my knowledge, only one parish in the Archdiocese received any "visitors."

I did ponder beforehand what our response might be to any disruption and discussed it with neighboring pastors. Father Joe, once an emcee at

St. Patrick Cathedral and a veteran of many protests, said he usually made light of the situation, defusing the anger with a little humor: "Oh, don't worry about them. That's just my mother and sisters. I'm used to it!" There may have been a little truth in the statement: know he prayed for protesters with genuine care for their souls. I myself could only come up with one possible defense. If it had happened, I determined I would invite everyone to kneel down and join me in a rosary for our "guests." Might that suggest the best remedy for these turbulent days. Why wait for something to happen?

I had a visit a few days later from a lovely couple, husband and wife. She is Catholic and he is a non-denominational Christian. At the end of our meeting, he asked if I might answer a question for him. Obviously devout, he expressed worry about all those who do not understand that the life of a soul knit in the womb of a mother at conception is a life from God Himself. He wondered, and perhaps was afraid, that the Catholic Church, because it has been singled out as the object of abortion proponents' anger, might step back from its vigorous defense of life. He knew there was no more consistent voice for the sanctity of all life than the Catholic Church's. I was reminded in a moment, then, of what Jesus said about the persecution we must all face if we are to be accounted true disciples (Matthew 5:10-12, Matthew 10:6-8, Mark 10:29-30, John 15:19-20, to name a few). We may recall that it was the site of a crucified man that made his Roman persecutor realize this was the Son of God. We must take hope in the persecution that most assuredly will come our way. "Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong." (2 Cor 12:9-10)

THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE



HOSEA IS THE 35TH BOOK IN OUR BIBLE, and technically it begins the final scroll of the Hebrew Bible, our Old Testament. The last 12 books of this first of two Testaments in our Christian Bible are those of the Minor Prophets, and all are found on one scroll in the Hebrew Bible, unlike the Major Prophets (Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and Daniel) each of whom was on a separate scroll. All of these final twelve, similar to the other four, move in their message from challenge to promise.

Hosea is married to Gomer, and her unfaithfulness is a sign of Israel's unfaithfulness to her God. Similarly, just as Gomer comes back to Hosea, so too Israel's people to God. Hosea is an 8th Century B.C. prophet, and, according to commentator Timothy P. Schehr cited in earlier book summaries, three spiritual lessons found in Hosea that are paramount (and useful for ourselves) are: "No matter where we have strayed we can always come home to God. Nothing is more valuable than a relationship with God. Faith can transform a desert into a garden." [ISBN 978-0-86716-598-2, p. 119]

In Hosea's pages, we will read of Hosea and Gomer's three children each of whom had a name signifying something about God's relationship with Israel's people: God Make Fruitful, She Is Not Pitied, Not My People (ch.1); we see elements of punishment and redemption, good Lenten themes (ch. 2); we see how love of raisin cakes is right up there with idolatry (ch. 3); we journey to Beth-Aven [House of Evil] (ch. 4); we see the effects of stubbornness (ch. 5); we read a wonderful passage as we prepare for our own personal times of Penance celebration (ch. 6); we encounter conspiracy (ch. 7), apostasy (ch. 8), futility (ch. 9), and captivity (ch. 10); fortunately, we also witness God's compassion despite Israel's ingratitude (ch. 11); we meet rebellion and perversity (ch. 12), judgment and ruin (ch. 13), but finally repentance and conversion (ch. 14).

When you finish this book, you will have read 35 (47.9%) of the 73 books of the Bible, yet 1,021 (76.5%) of the 1,334 chapters of the Bible.

Permission granted by Rev. Robert J. Schrader (based on Timothy Schehr's book, The Bible Made Easy: A Book-by-Book Introduction).

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, May 16

8:30 +Anne Campbell by Crispo family

Tues, May 17

8:30 Mother's Day Novena

Wed, May 18: St. John I

8:30 +John O'Mara by Kathy Kissel

Thurs, May 19

8:30 +Michael and Frances Unnic by family

Fri, May 20: St. Bernardine of Siena

8:30 +Carol Ann Lombardi by Boucher family

Sat, May 21: St. Christopher Magallanes & Companions

8:30 Mother's Day Novena

4:30 +Dec. Mbrs. of the Rogan and Pelella families by Deacon and Mrs. John Pelella

Sun, May 22: Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00 +Eileen Fitzgerald by John and Helen Hickey

10:00 Liv/Dec Mbrs of the Mothers Prayer Group by Angely Gilman

12:00 Pro Populo (for the people of the parish)

The Sunday Mass at noon will ALWAYS be offered only for the People of the Parish. The offering for an unannounced Mass is \$10; for an announced Mass—\$15.

READINGS FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Reading I – Acts 14:21-27

Paul and Barnabas report to the Antioch community all the good things that the Lord had done with them on their first missionary journey.

Reading II – Revelation 21:1-5a

John's vision includes that of a new heaven and a new earth. God will end the old order marked by pain and death.

The Gospel – John 13:31-33a, 34-35

God's kingdom will be known by a people who will truly love one another.



Scan the QR code to visit the **Worship Aid** page for the readings, antiphons, and music for the Sunday Mass.

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