# Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 21, 2017

## Calendar

Saturday, May 20th

4:oopm Vigil Vincent Boudreaux Sr, Vincent Boudreaux Jr, Rose Annette Chisesi, Joy Nalty Hodges, Harold Pilie Jr, Mr & Mrs Joseph Simon, Vetter Amadeo Taylor, and Christopher Vanderbrook

Sunday, May 21st

8:00am Mass All parishioners

10:30am Mass The Reverend John Arnone, Patrick Broune, Paul Haygood, Lester & Ethel Heidingsfelder, Joy Nalty Hodges, Earl LeCorgne, Ronald & Pauline Marchessault, Deacon Paul A. Nalty, Miriam Ogden, Christopher Vanderbrook, the Cassard Family, the Derbes Family, and the Vaughn Family

Monday, May 22nd

St Rita of Cascia, Religious (pictured)

6:30am Mass Emma Templet

Tuesday, May 23rd

6:30am Mass The Boudreaux & Bergeron Families

4:45pm Eucharistic Adoration 6:00pm Mass Christopher Vanderbrook

Wednesday, May 24th

6:30am Mass William Allen

6:oopm Rosary (@ Our Lady of Good Counsel)

Thursday, May 25th

St Bede the Venerable, priest, doctor of the Church

St Gregory VII, Pope

St Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, virgin

6:30am Mass Mary Wendt

7:00am Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, May 26th St Philip Neri, priest

6:30am Mass The Reverend John Arnone

Saturday, May 27th

*St Augustine of Canterbury* 

10:00am Rosary (@ Church of St Henry)



The Sanctuary Light in the church will burn this week for the repose of the soul of the Reverend John Arnone .

The Sanctuary Light in the chapel will burn this week for the Intentions of the Pope.



Mass Setting

The Mass setting for the Easter Season is the *Mass of Renewal*, the Assembly Book of which is found in the pews.

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# Banns of Matrimony

Amanda Jocelyn Yager & Ethan Faylor Popovich

Frances Page Tompkins & Ryan Lawrence Goodwin

# Lay-Ministers Schedule for May 28th

## 4:00 pm

Lector: Judith Simon

Eucharistic Ministers: Artie Baehr, André Mouledoux, and Eleanor Mouledoux

## 8:00 am

Lector: J.C. Paciera

Eucharistic Ministers: Dana D'Anzi, Daniel LeBlanc, and David Wojciechowski

## 10:30 am

Lector: Caroline & Sophie Ondrusek

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Richard Eason, Lynne Howard (loft), Douglas Kariker, Gay Kariker, Jane Nalty, and Matthew Ponseti



"Philip understood very well Jesus' words: 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments.' We learn of Philip's devotion to prayer, evangelizing and healing in the region of Samaria; made up of communities that would not be very receptive to the followers of Jesus. Philip is a model steward, living his discipleship day by day in the Lord without being obstructed by feelings of what cost his actions might entail. Good stewards summon the courage to proclaim the Lord and to serve Him by ministering to others. As an Easter people, eager to rejoice in the Lord, it is important to reflect on how we are living out our own commitment to discipleship."

Collection Report	May 7th	July 1st-May 7th
Total Collections	\$6,502.00	\$320,462.48
Budget	<u>\$6,684.69</u>	\$300,811.05
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$182.69)	\$19,651.43

#### **Second Collections/Miscellaneous Donations**

Restoration Fund	\$17,691.00
Clarion Herald	\$13.00
Priests of the Archdiocese Retirement	\$1,730.00

## The Monthly Prayer-Request for Priests

## May

$1^{\mathrm{st}}$	The Rev. Ronald L. Calkins*
$2^{\mathrm{nd}}$	The Rev. Antonio Serio*
$3^{ m rd}$	The Rev. Timothy D. Hedrick*
$4^{th}$	The Rev. Ray A. Hymel
$5^{ ext{th}}$	The Rev. John J. Payne, JCL*
$6^{ m th}$	The Rev. Joseph Dau Nguyen*
$7^{\mathrm{th}}$	The Rev. William H. Blank
$8^{\text{th}}$	The Rev. Harry J. Adams*
$9^{ m th}$	The Rev. Francis J. Carabello*
$10^{ m th}$	The Rev. Allen Weinert, CSsR
$11^{ m th}$	The Rev. Anthony Okwum, SSJ
$12^{ m th}$	The Rev. David Rabe*
$13^{ m th}$	The Rev. Richard Miles*
$14^{ m th}$	The Rev. Bernard Francis*
$15^{ m th}$	The Rev. Joseph Dang Vu, SDD*
$16^{ m th}$	The Rev. Charles Andrus, SSJ
$17^{ m th}$	The Rev. Paul D. Calamari
$18^{\mathrm{th}}$	The Rev. Clayton "Beau" Charbonnet*
$19^{ m th}$	The Very Rev. Gregory Boquet, OSB*
$20^{ m th}$	The Rev. Justin Kauchak, OP
$21^{\rm st}$	The Rev. Gerard Stapleton*
$22^{ m nd}$	The Rev. Raul Lobo*
$23^{\mathrm{rd}}$	His Holiness Pope-Emeritus Benedict XVI
$24^{\mathrm{th}}$	The Rev. Norman O'Neal, SJ*
$25^{ m th}$	The Rev. Philip Neri Powell, OP
$26^{\mathrm{th}}$	The Rev. Louis Molinelli, SDB*
$27^{\mathrm{th}}$	The Rev. Peter M. Mongeon
$28^{th}$	The Rev. Gary P. Copping*
$29^{\mathrm{th}}$	His Holiness Pope Francis
$30^{\mathrm{th}}$	The Rev. James E. Schott*
$31^{st}$	The Rev. Francis Majors*

<sup>\*</sup> birthday † deceased

Courtesy of The APRP Apostolate



# Lightning Apologetics

#### by Phillip Bellini, DRE



## Mary, Mediatrix of All Graces

Since we are in the Our Lady's month, May, let's take a look at her title, "Mediatrix of All Graces" (pictured), and try to understand its meaning.

Mary being the Mediatrix of All Graces has not yet been defined by the Church, but is very certain; for, it is clearly suggested in Sacred Scripture. It is expressed by the Fathers and Doctors of the Church. It has been specifically mentioned in many Pontifical documents. It is actually accepted by an overwhelming amount of outstanding theologians and is implied in many liturgical texts. This title of Our Lady has long been part of universal Catholic belief.

The office of mediator consists in joining together those between whom one mediates, for the purpose of reconciliation or for the obtaining of favors. The mediator must be accepted by both parties. The nearer he is to them, the more effective will be his mediation. In the sphere of grace, or *supernaturally*, the two parties to be brought together are God and man. To this end, Christ is the sole, principal, and perfect mediator. "For there

is one God, and one mediator between God and a redemption for all." (Tim 2; 5-6) Jesus is not nature of the one and the other!

Keeping this unique function of Jesus Christ in mediatory function. As Mother of God and of bond between Him and them. Her mediation Christ; it is rather a consequence of His, a flowing Christ, and in a manner subordinate to Him.

The object of Christ's mediation is twofold: 1) To grace of reconciliation; He accomplished this by apply this grace *individually* to each member of both of those functions, the Blessed Virgin is assoof the privilege we are writing about at present.

In what does Mary's coöperation in our redemp-

As we spoke of last week, by Mary's deliberate the Annunciation, she collaborates in the work of victim whose immolation would save us. Mary Mother of the Redeemer. It consists in the identithe interior dispositions with the Redeemer: "that

mind, the faithful attribute also to Mary a certain Mother of men she seems also to be some kind does not, however, subtract anything from that of out of it. Mary exercises her mediation with

man, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as

only close to God and man; He shares in the

merit for the whole human race *collectively* the the Redemption (acquisition of graces). 2) To the human race (distribution of graces). Now in ciated with her divine Son. This is the meaning

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consent to the divine proposal at the moment of our redemption: she consented to furnish the became the Mother of God to become the fication of her dispositions throughout life with uninterrupted community of life and labors of

the Son and the Mother" (Pope St Pius X). Her thought, sentiment, and will were always identified with those of Jesus who desired but one thing, namely, the accomplishment of the work for which His Father had sent Him into the world, that is, our Redemption. It also consists in that companionship of sorrow and suffering with her divine Son at the moment of His passion and death. The passion and death of the Savior was the price of our Redemption. "She shared so entirely in His passion, that if it had been possible she would gladly have born all the torments her Son bore" (Pius X).

Is this role of Mary constant in the Tradition of the Church? It is.

- 1. The Gospels contain the plain facts of her coöperation in the work of the Incarnation and the Redemption.
- 2. The early Church Fathers point this truth out clearly in their favorite parallel between Eve and Mary.
- 3. There are many quotes from SS Augustine and Thomas Aquinas on the subject.

As Co-Redemptrix, Mary contributed, in a general way, to merit all the graces that would ever be distributed to men. Here is the question of the individual distribution of these graces, that is to say, of the application of each special grace to each particular being.

The Blessed Virgin has, of course, only congruent right, by the positive will of God, to distribute all graces to all men: all graces, that is, *sanctifying grace*, mediately through the Sacraments and through the proper dispositions of the recipient; *actual grace*, through her power of intercession and impetration; and to all men, that is, to all creatures redeemed from sin, to all who are and were pilgrims since the Assumption, and to the souls in purgatory. Thus Mary now *helps* Christ to distribute all graces to us. Since on earth she helped to acquire all graces for us, so now in heaven it is only fitting that she should help to distribute them to all men. God could have done otherwise, but in His Infinite Wisdom He has willed to make Mary the channel of grace. It should give us great consolation to have such a loving Mother helping us!

God bless you! Ave Maria, gratia plena.

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## Pray for the Sick

Corey Behler, Ron Behler, William Brown, Ray & Zetta Burkart, Gary Callahan, Jeanne García, Mary Gremillion, Jolleen Jackson, Gilda & Albert Lasseigne, Leddie Lopez, Louise Martin, Dilia Martínez, Dilia Miller, Sophie Rodríguez, and William Youngblood.

## Pray for the Dead

The Reverend John Arnone, Shelley Baptiste, Rose Chisesi, Sister Josephine Cusimano DC, Hunter Harris Jr, Joy Nalty Hodges, Sister Claire Mulé DC, Gertrude Petit, and the Right Reverend Patrick Regan OSB.

# Pray for Our Armed-services

Lt Junior Grade, USN, Neil P. Chatelain; LT John Tortorich; and LT Kate Tortorich.



News

The Extraordinary Form of the Mass of the Roman Rite, the "Tridentine" (Latin) Mass, will be offered again at St Stephen Church next Sunday, May 28th (**Sunday after the Ascension**), at 12:30 pm. The Intention will be for the repose of the soul of the Reverend John Arnone.

We will have a Second Collection next week-end, for the St Stephen Restoration Fund.

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On Pentecost Sunday, June 4th, the Reverend Father James Garcia Ward, CM, former pastor of St Stephen Church, will celebrate the fortieth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood with a Mass of Thanksgiving, here at St Stephen's, at 2:00 pm. All are invited. A reception will follow, with a *piñata* for the children.

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On June 10th, St Pius X parish will host a Facilitator *Training-Retreat* for the "Lord, Teach Me To Pray" (LTMTP) prayer-series. (There is no charge.) It will be conducted in a retreat setting and discernment atmosphere. Come and discern if God is calling you to become a Facilitator! Or, if you are simply interested in finding out more about Ignatian Prayer and the prayer-series, you are also invited. For information and registration, contact Carol Weiler, at 439-5933 or carolweiler@cox.net. To download a registration form, please visit www.lordteachmetopray.com.

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The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord is transferred to next Sunday, May 28th.



Pope St Gregory VII.