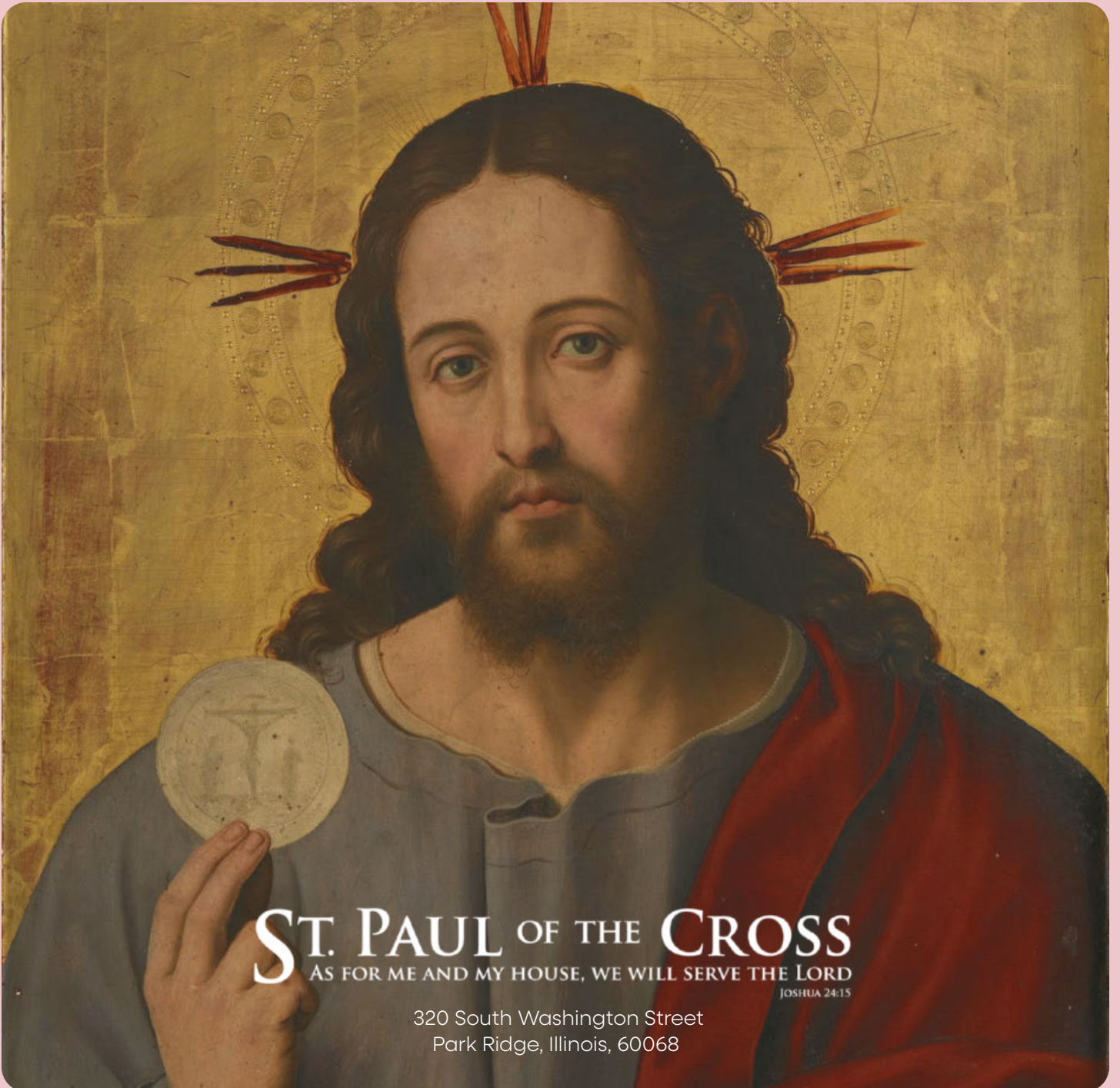


MAY 05, 2024

CRUCICIS

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS
AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSE, WE WILL SERVE THE LORD

JOSHUA 24:15

320 South Washington Street
Park Ridge, Illinois, 60068

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Schedule

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Upper Church

Monday through Friday 6:25 am
8:30 am
Saturday (weekday Mass) 8:30 am
Saturday (vigil) 4:30 pm
Sunday 7:30 am
9:00 am
10:30 am
12:00 pm

MONTHLY FAMILY MASS

Holy Family Chapel

2nd Sunday Family Mass 10:30 am

TEEN MASS (open to the public)

Upper Church

Sunday, May 19th @ 12:00 pm

CONFESSIONS

in vestibule of Upper Church

Monday through Friday 8-8:15 am
Saturday 3-4:00 pm

FUNERALS

Monday through Saturday Morning

WEDDINGS

Friday and Saturday

BAPTISMS

Saturday and Sunday

Baptisms

Dominic Christopher DiBiasi

Son of Dominic M. DiBiasi & Alexandra L. Demos

Callum Thomas Aimers

Son of James A. Aimers & Shannon K. Quinn

Isabella Lynn Allegretti

Daughter of Daniel Allegretti & Valerie A. Castelluccio

Landon James Commons

Son of James Commons & Katherine C. McCabe



Wedding Banns

// Joseph Grigus

&

Stefanie Anderson

/ Dominic Napoli

&

Maeve Derrig

Pray for our Sick

Names Stay in Bulletin for 2 months

Delaney Bartz
Julie Benedetto-Wilcox
Joe Garvey
Jerry Kenney
Baby Oliver Letcher
Vince Ross
Will Whiston
Carole Zachary

In Loving Memory

Please pray for the souls of the faithful departed in our SPC community.

Anthony Christiano, Jr.



Stewardship Report

WEEKLY OFFERING (April 21st-27th)

Envelopes	\$11,782.00
Loose	\$4,764.55
Electronic Giving	\$12,254.21
Total Weekly Offering	\$28,800.76
ADDITIONAL COLLECTIONS (through April 27th)	
Lenten Almsgiving	\$68,632.10
Easter	\$108,173.00

ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL DATA

2024 Annual Catholic Appeal (through April 19th)(goal: \$145,569)	\$104,388 paid (72%) \$124,139 pledged (85%)
Sunday Giving FY24 Year to Date (July 1st through April 27th)	\$1,570,783.36
Sunday Giving FY24 vs Budget (July 1st through March 31st)	\$105,274.04

Readings for the Week

Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17
Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26—16:4a
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15
Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 16:16-20
Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28
Next Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk16:15-20
Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 (19a)/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19

Letters from a Pastor to his People



Dear Parishioners,

As we start the month of May, Mary's month, I can't help but notice the presence of the Blessed Mother in our readings this Sunday. *But wait, you say, Mary is never mentioned once in any of the three readings!* Settle down, my friend. Mary doesn't need to be explicitly mentioned in the text. Her influence is clear.

Mary spent her time living with the apostles after the Resurrection. Surely she would have told Peter and the others about Jesus' earlier life. Surely, wise woman and mother that she was, she would have given advice to Peter and the others.

Peter's decision to baptize Cornelius, a pagan, was prompted by Mary. Peter's initial reaction was to not bring Cornelius into the Church, since he was uncircumcised. But just like my mom told me as a child to never exclude anyone and to invite over even some of the not-so-popular classmates, Peter would have been told by Mary to be welcoming and kind.

John, the author of both our second reading and the Gospel, took Mary into his home. They lived together in Ephesus before Mary's passing. John writes, "Remain in my love...this is my commandment, love one another as I love you...it was not you who chose me, but I who chose you" (Jn 15:9-17). Also: "everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God...God sent his only son into the world so that we might have life through him" (1 Jn 4:7-10). Sounds very motherly to me.

Mary was chosen by God to not only give birth to Jesus, but to play a significant role in the church and in the lives of all Christians. The apostles would not have done what they did—the Church would not have become what it became—had Mary not been present. She really was the queen.

I find myself turning to Mary all the time. When I'm struggling over a difficult decision, I go to the chapel, close my eyes, and put myself in Mary's presence. She usually takes away the pressure that I'm putting on myself 'to get it right' and then the answer comes, along with the strength to do it. When I feel I'm losing my joy and my life is becoming too routine, too me-

chanical, I again turn to Mary. Her son said, "May my joy be in you and may your joy be complete." Mary helps me receive that joy. And there are many other examples of how Mary helps me.

She wants to help you. If you can let her into your life, she will influence you. Then we will see her influence over the Church as the early Christians saw it.

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This Sunday, being the first of the month, is **Donut Sunday and New Parishioner Sign-Up**. Please stop by the gym after the 9am and 10:30am Masses. We'll also be entertained with the Boy Scout Pinewood Derby.

As I did last year, I've written **reflections on Mary for the month of May** in the bulletin each week. The entire, completed document can also be found online.

There will be a **Wednesday morning scripture seminar** this week, May 8th in the Holy Family Chapel. Everyone is invited to join, even if it is your first time. Coffee and treats are served.

This Wednesday evening is the final **Walking With Purpose** women's spiritual group until the fall. Last Monday evening was the final *That Man is You* men's spiritual group session until the fall. I want to thank all the men and women who participated in these faith groups, and I especially want to thank Will Gohl and Megan McLaughlin for leading these groups.

This Friday, May 10th from 7-8pm in the upper church we will be hosting **Friday Night Lights**. This is an evening of Eucharistic Adoration and music. Teens from our CRUX group will be in attendance, but everyone in the parish is welcome to join us.

A special congratulations to our **seminarian Lee Noel**, who will be ordained a deacon this Friday, May 10th back in Wyoming, his diocese. We look forward to having Lee back with us in the fall and assisting as a seminarian-deacon, the way Deacon Martin Nyberg assisted this year. (Deacon Nyberg's ordination to the priesthood is Saturday, May 18th.)

On Saturday, May 11th we have our second round of **First Communion**, with one Mass at 10am and the second Mass at 1pm. Congratulations to our First Communicants. We are very happy for you and proud of you.

Please be sure to reach out to the parish office to obtain your **free copy of a book on the Blessed Mother: Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary** by Dr. Brant Pitre. There will be a **parish May Crowning**, which will include a talk on Mary and other prayers, on Monday, May 27th at 9:30am and 6:30pm.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. James Wallace

Community Reflections



May is the month dedicated to Mary, making it a prime time for us to contemplate the role of the Mother of God in our Catholic Faith. Specifically, in her role as mediator she is responsible for bringing us into a deeper relationship with Jesus. Sure, we can fulfill our obligations as Catholics without a devotion to Mary, but when we spend time with Mary in prayer, it takes our spiritual life to a whole new level. It's the difference between going on a sight-seeing vacation of Flaming Gorge Canyon in Green River, Wyoming (check out some pictures online then head West and see for yourself; the scenery is breathtaking!) during which you only took pictures from the car vs. setting the phone aside and going on a hike through the canyon and stepping in the river. A relationship with Mary enhances our Faith and brings us into a deeper communion with the Trinity.

As Mother of God, Mary always humbly directed others to follow Jesus because she knew the depth of peace and joy that can be attained when we are in relationship with the Lord... and she wants that for everyone as she continues to intercede for us! We can bring our feelings, desires, petitions, and concerns to Mary in silent prayer. We know she suffered as she watched her Son be crucified and then held His dead body. But we also know that Mary experienced joy when she heard of Jesus' miraculous healings, and likely saw Jesus after His Resurrection. We can relate all our sufferings and joy to Mary and grow closer to her, which in turn brings us closer to God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

Lastly, Mary is described as the portal of the Eucharist. As Mother of Jesus, she cooperated with the will of God the Father and brought Christ to us. Now, we receive the Body and Blood of Jesus, Who is God the Son, at every Mass in the Eucharist as Mary continues to help bring us into deeper communion with God.

Yours in Christ,
Lee Noel

Adoration Chapel

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL

COME SPEND SOME TIME WITH JESUS!


Our Adoration Chapel is open from 5 am until 11 pm.

Our current adorer schedule is pictured below. Red boxes indicate where there are no committed adorers. We need at least two committed adorers for each slot before we can reopen during the night. Yellow slots are when we have only one committed adorer; additional commitments are needed to fortify the schedule. Green indicates two or more adorers are present.

If you would like to sign up for a timeslot, please call the parish office at 847-825-7605 or email adorationchapel@spc-church.org.

	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
12:00 AM	Red	Red	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Red	Yellow
1:00 AM	Red	Red	Red	Yellow	Yellow	Red	Red
2:00 AM	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Red	Yellow	Yellow	Red
3:00 AM	Red	Yellow	Yellow	Red	Green	Red	Red
4:00 AM	Red	Red	Green	Red	Green	Green	Red
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11:00 PM	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Red

Mass Schedule

FEAST DAY	TIME	PRESIDER	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	MASS INTENTIONS
MON, 5/6 Easter Weekday	6:25 am UC	Fr. James			Bob and Joyce Specht, Larry Ryan, Joseph Serritella
	8:30 am UC	Fr. James			John Drumm, Blessings for Maggie and Joe Carozza, Joseph Serritella
TUE, 5/7 Easter Weekday	6:25 am UC	Fr. James			Lucille Sullivan
	8:30 am UC	Fr. James			Lillian Luba, Irene Zimmer, Linda Castellanos
WED, 5/8 Easter Weekday	6:25 am UC	Fr. James			Holy Souls in Purgatory
	8:30 am UC	Fr. James			John R. Scaglione, Louise Sottile, Ezra Kurkowski, Albert Schick, Amelia Bernacki
THUR, 5/9 Easter Weekday	6:25 am UC	Fr. Nick			Joseph DeRosa
	8:30 am UC	Fr. Nick			Vincent DeJulio, Dominic Morris, Gino Notardonato, Jurek Kolodziejski, George Knapppstein
FRI, 5/10 Saint John of Avila, Saint Damien de Veuster	6:25 am UC	Fr. James			Irma Hoehne
	8:30 am UC	Fr. Nick			Dr. Mitchell V. Kominski, Jr., Paul and Rose Koegel, Nicholas La Corcia, Daniel Maness, Connie Stricker, Diane M. Lo Bosco, Emily Hail Mann, Joanne Schiller
SAT, 5/11 Easter Weekday	8:30 am UC	Fr. Nick			Steve Arvanites, Audrey Sciortino, Max Tobin, Mary Catherine Kurkowski
	4:30 pm UC	Fr. James			Walter Cwik, Kerry Plencer
SUN, 5/12 The Ascension of the Lord, Mother's Day	7:30 am UC	Fr. James	Paul Tinaglia, Armand Andreoni	John Humm, Mike Marrese, Michael Angelini, Kevin Wiley	Lord God, we lift up all mothers to You. Grant them the strength to face the daily challenges with courage and the wisdom to guide their children towards a life of faith and service.
	9:00 am UC	Fr. James	Jane Olson, Matthew Steward	Anastasia Jakubow, Will Alicea, Mary Hester-Tone, Geri Weissman	
	10:30 am HFC	Fr. James			
	10:30 am UC	Fr. Nick	Kim Soifer, Patty Beaudet-Frances	Laura Manos, Mary Nicolau, Joan Keefe, David Dempsey	
	12:00 pm UC	Fr. Nick	Jake Zabratanski, Izabella Stachowicz	Susan Clifford, Neda Naum, Chris Paoelli, Patricia Thompson	

Events This Week

DATE / TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, May 5th @ 8:30 am	Parish Life Center	Donut Sunday & New Parishioner Welcome
Wednesday, May 8th @ 9:00 am	Holy Family Chapel	Scripture Seminar with Father James
Thursday, May 9th @ 7:30 pm	Kinane Center	Praying with Scripture (Lectio Divina)
Thursday, May 9th @ 8:00 pm	Morello Parish Life Center Gym	Pick Up Basketball
Friday, May 10th @ 7:00 pm	Upper Church	Friday Night Lights

The Potter's Flask: Reflections on the Blessed Virgin Mary Week of May 5th



Pentecost, Studio of Simon Marmion, 1485, London

“The heart of Mary is the beginning of the story: in her heart was performed a secret, what now at Pentecost is open to the gaze of all mankind. The heart of Mary is the original upper room, where redeemed mankind is gathered.”

–Hugo Rahner

This illuminated manuscript from a 15th Century French artist of humble origins depicts “the disciples gathered together in prayer, together with Mary, the Mother of Jesus” (Acts 1:14). Mary stands in the apostolic throng, as if she is in a crowded subway. She is not, however, lost in the tumult. Standing above the rest, her head is covered, unlike the others, and her vibrant blue and white clothing stands out from the dull beiges and greens of the apostles. The “Queen of the Apostles” looks down, while the others look up in wonder. Mary is not intrigued by the spectacle. She contains the flame of the Holy Spirit already within her. While Peter and James protect their eyes from the flash of light, Mary prayerfully folds them across her breast, protecting the Spirit in her womb, as she once protected the eternal Word made flesh.

Last month, thousands of men, women, and children across the country stared up at the sky in the middle of the day in amazement. It was not the fire of the Holy Spirit that entranced them, but the partially blocked sun of a solar eclipse. They were fascinated by a ring of electrum in the sky. The earth turned dark for four minutes and then people went back to their daily lives. Not the apostles. The earth brightened during that period of the outpouring of heaven, and their lives were forever changed. Peter and the apostles who once were timid and uneducated in the scriptures now became eloquent masters. They were wedded to the mission of the master. They would never return to their former way of living, never again deny the Lord, never again hide in a locked upper room. A torch was set ablaze in their hearts at Pentecost and the apostles would bring that light to the dark world.

Mary is at the heart of this scene. She is at the heart of the apostles’ conversion. The apostles would always have the Holy Spirit within them from here on out. But they would turn to Mary for strength and wisdom time and again subsequently.

In the illuminated manuscript, the Blessed Mother looks both to her heart, where God resides, and to Saint John in the foreground. “Woman, behold your son,” Jesus had spoken from the cross. John stands for all of us. Mary looks to us to ensure we too will receive the Holy Spirit; that we too will return to her for strength and wisdom.

Spend this week focusing your eyes on Mary. She will direct you to the real heavens. She will help you peer into eternity. She will still your restless eyes and bodies. She will emblazon the Holy Spirit in your heart. You will be in that upper room and your heart will be open to receiving the Holy Spirit. Your life will be changed and you will have meaning. And you will do as she and the apostles did—increase the Church.

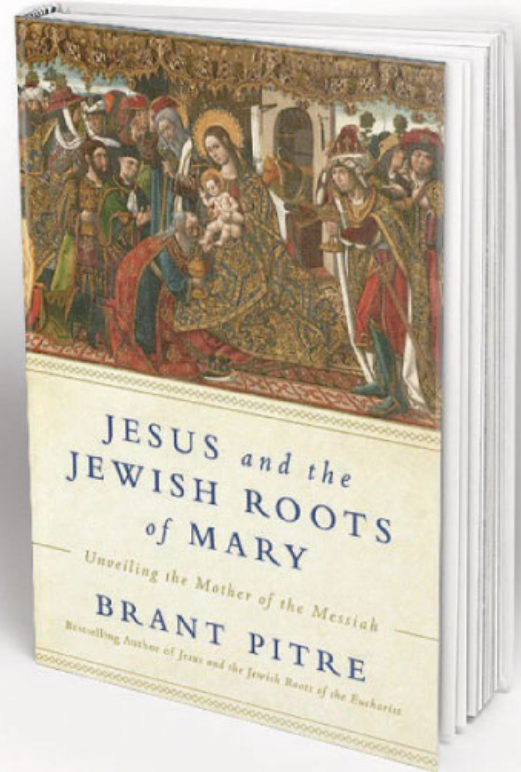
First Communion

St. Paul of the Cross has 213 children making their First Communion over this weekend and next! These children are gifts to our parish, to the entire Church, to the whole world! We congratulate them and invite all parishioners to pray that our First Communicants will continue to grow in love for Jesus as they receive Him in the Eucharist.

Heidi Ackeret	Eloise Daly	Ellie Kerouac	Dominic Parisi
Gavin Andersen	James Degen	Emmett Kerrigan	Charlotte Pechacek
Jeremy Andersen	Liana DiFranco	Anabella Kiebala	Molly Peterson
Elena Araque	Nicolas DiGioia	Logan Kittner	Noelle Pinter
Adalyn Baker	Isabella DiMaggio	Maya Konopka	Anthony Podgorny
Leah Baron	Sadie Dinella	Anthony Kopec	Audrey Polaniecki
Breen Barrett	Lianna DiVito	Kaia Kuehlman	Jack Polewski
Benjamin Bartel	Frances Diwisch	James Kuri	Miles Pomagier
Olivia Bartz	Michael Dymon	Joseph LaCoppola	Oliver Ponzio
Gianna Benavidez	Matthew Dziejczak	Natalie Lacz	Thomas Przekota
Alexander Bergeron	Aiden Escanio	Mason Laino	Francis Rahlfs
August Bergeron	Logan Filo	John LaMarche	Julia Ramundo
Emma Bilben	Ronan Finlay	Lukas Lindholm	Michael Riley
James Black	Kayla Finnerty	Audrey Long	Reagan Rooney
Julia Bochenek	Alessandro Fioravanti	Andrew Low	Antonio Rosales
Ronan Bochenek	Massimo Fioravanti	Lea Lupo	Tiago Ross
Alexandra Bogusz	Audrey Fleura	Melanie Maguire	Orla Rotenberry
Katherine Bogusz	Eleanor Folan	Elin Makula	Maxine Rubenstein
Delaney Brennan	Ella Frano	Olivia Maniatis	Quinn Rutherford
Brendan Brett	Camille Freccia	Dominic Manis	John Ryan
Gjok Briskovic	Lorenzo Galvin	Mary Marinis	Alessia Sage
Ryan Brown	Myles Garcia	Benjamin Marino	Abigail Santucci
Camille Bruce	Nicholas Giannese	Anthony Marti	Anthony Santucci
Robert Bruggeman	Thomas Giese	Ryan Martin	Bella Scipione
Scott Bryant	Haley Gillespie	James Mazur	Hudson Service
Laine Buckley	Lucas Gillespie	Jackson McCarthy	Lucy Sitko
Nina Burke	Annie Ginal	Cormac McCay	Levi Skony
Alessandra Bush	Mallory Granito	Lyla McCullough	Angela Skoskiewicz
Corinne Bushman	Mason Granito	Francis McGovern	Patrick Skudnig
Sullivan Butler	Donald Greene	Duncan Migala	Logan Slavin
Dylan Cadiz	Ross Groblewski	Francis Miller	Nikodem Spirczak
Colleen Cannon	Rose Grubb	Iliana Molina	Brody St John
Jonas Cannon	Hannah Guzik	Elinor Monroe Judd	Gavin St John
Luke Carrabotta	Noah Haran	Sofia Morabito	Nora Stonelake
Amelia Castellucci	Sophia Haro	Madelyn Moran	Casey Strauss
Brayden Cervantes	Helene Hart	Jeffery Mote, Jr.	Parker Taff
Hannah Chappell	Rosemary Healy	Jack Murphy	Nicholas Truty
Violet Chappell	Adelaide Heenan	Patrick Murphy	Lucas Ure
Samantha Chun	Valerie Hejza	Ryan Murphy	Lucille Uzemack
Lily Cibulsky	Ariana Henriquez	Julian Niemczyk	Liam Valdez
Chloe Ciccone	Claudia Herrmann	James Nolten	Nils Valentin
Sophia Ciccone	Josephine Higdon	Henry Norman	James Vavrik
Raphael Cielocha	Rachel Huber	Lindsey Novak	Reagan Waldeck
Layla Collins	Dylan Hyrc	Paige Noverini	Emerson Walsh
Seamus Collins	Alexandra India	Scarlett O'Donnell	Zoe Weber
Santino Coloia	Juliette India	Kennedy O'Leary	Arianna Wiercinski
Declan Connolly	Adriana Iniguez	Sean Oliver	Camden Yarashefski
Lochlan Connolly	Erin Jarosch	Ann O'Malley	Liam Yonka
Dexter Coogan	Leah Jentel	Jack Pachnik	
Sydney Coogan	Therese Johnson	Timothy Pachnik	
Charles Cradick	Connor Jones	Eliana Page	
Megan Cradick	Emily Jung	Michael Pagliari	
Lucy Crago	Emilia Juodis	Lottie Palac	
Patricia Creevy	Leo Karl	Miles Pallen	
Jonathan Crews	Calan Keane	Teagan Pansky	

Get Your Free Book!

We are currently giving out a free book, ***Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary*** by **Dr. Brant Pitre**. We thought this would be helpful in our understanding of Mary and enhance our devotions for the month of May. We have 500 copies of the book. If you would like an advance copy (or two) before we put it out for the general parish, please call or email the parish office. You can email **Nick Testa** (nicktesta@spc-church.org). We will then have a parish-wide book discussion and lecture on Mary at the end of May, though there is no commitment to attend if you sign up for the book. We hope you will read and enjoy the book.



Conversation in the Spirit

The Parish Pastoral Council, in response to a request from Cardinal Cupich and Fr. James conducted a meeting on March 11 which was open to all parishioners to answer the question: What are your dreams for the Church?

Parishioners participated in person and via email and telephone input. Almost universally, the “dream” is to “fill the pews!” Opinions varied how best to accomplish this dream. Responses included: make Mass and music more ‘upbeat’; increase Mass availability in the HFC; offer a Latin Mass.

Input also included: dreams to increase intra-parish communication; offer a nonjudgmental forum for young adults as this is the targeted age group seeking their vocation, be it marriage or religious life; increase parishioner volunteers with personal invitations to participate in parish ministries and functions; be more welcoming to cultural and personal diversity.

Conversation in the Spirit was lively and open-minded. Thank you to all who participated in this important discussion!

If you have not yet offered your input and wish to do so, please contact Patti Nowak, pattinowak56@gmail.com/847-471-2745.

Announcements at St. Paul of the Cross

JOE CAPITANI RISING STAR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES?

In an effort to promote and encourage Catholic Education, the St. Paul of the Cross Men’s Club will award our 14th annual scholarship, worth \$5,000, to be utilized at any approved Catholic High School Institution in the Chicagoland area. This scholarship opportunity is open to any 8th Grade male parishioner of St. Paul of the Cross. The Rising Star Scholarship will be awarded to the deserving individual who...

- Demonstrates aptitude for extracurricular activities, has contributed to his community through philanthropy and demonstrates good Christian values.
- Completes a one-page essay.
- Participates in an informal interview with members of the SPC Men’s Club Judging Committee.

All entries must be submitted by 5 PM Monday, May 6th. All applicants are to contact Steve Bachert from the St. Paul Men’s Club at sbachert7@gmail.com or by phone, 312.399-9531 for complete details, eligibility requirements, and submission information.

PLANNED GIVING

LEAVE A LEGACY TO BRING HOPE TO THE WORLD

Every day, we have the opportunity to be the face of Jesus to others. Please consider making a gift from your individual retirement plan (IRA) that benefits you and our parish. A qualified charitable distribution (QCD) allows individuals age 70½ or older to authorize their IRA administrator to make a direct transfer of funds from their IRA to qualified charities, tax-free.

There are three main benefits of giving with a QCD:

- If you are 72 years old or older, (73 if the account owner reaches age 72 in 2023 or later), the amount you transfer can satisfy all or part of your required minimum distribution.
- The amount transferred directly to charity does not generate taxable income, which may reduce your annual income level. This may help lower your Medicare premiums and decrease the amount of Social Security that is subject to tax.
- Your gift will be immediately used, allowing you to see the impact of your gift now.

If you would like more information on how to make a QCD gift to St. Paul of the Cross Parish, please contact Marguerite Q. Zappa, Planned Giving Officer, Archdiocese of Chicago at 312.848.3068 or mzappa@archchicago.org.

PANTRY NEEDS THIS WEEK

- **White rice (1-3 lb pkgs)**
 - **Pasta sauce**
 - **Toothpaste**
 - **Chunky Soup**

Announcements (continued)

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Father Nick and Mike Marrese will be conducting Altar Server Training on Monday, May 13, 2024, 3:30-5:00pm, in the SPC Upper Church. This training is for new altar servers and for students entering the 6th, 7th and 8th grade in the 2024-2025 school year. If your son or daughter is interested please email Mike Marrese at mjmarrese@gmail.com

SPC SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

The SPC School Board is holding an election to fill three (3) vacancies for terms that will run from May 2024 through May 2027. We are fortunate to have eight (8) candidates interested in serving on the Board:

Mike Brasie
Patrick Bryant
Ethan Cross
Michael DeSantis
Mary Elizabeth Hare
Andrew Knox
Kathy Manny
Megan Weber

Online Voting will be open from Thursday, May 2nd through Monday, May 13th.

School parents & registered parishioners are eligible to vote.

To review the candidates' personal statements then cast your online vote, please use this link: <https://forms.gle/6J6MBFcD8dJQh8929>

or scan this QR code:



If you have any questions, feel free to contact SPC School Board President, Siobhán Haugh, at siobhan.haugh3@gmail.com or 773.791.0570.

FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

We invite the communities of St. Paul of the Cross and Mary, Seat of Wisdom to experience precious time with Jesus in candlelight, music and silent prayer

Please join us for Friday Night Lights
Eucharistic Adoration

St. Paul of the Cross
Upper Church
Friday, May 10
7-8 P.M.
Hosted by CRUX

CANDLELIGHT ROSARY

THURSDAY, MAY 16TH

7:30 p.m.

Upper Church

Please join us for cake & coffee immediately following the service

During the month of May, we honor Mary, the Mother of Jesus. One of the most beautiful ways to honor Mary is by praying the Rosary. Whether you've never learned the Rosary and would like to be introduced to this peaceful form of prayer, or you pray the Rosary regularly, please come and be inspired.

May is also the month in which we honor all mothers. In order to respond to the needs of pregnant and parenting moms in our community, we will be accepting free will donations to support Aid for Women, a local organization that helps women dealing with unexpected pregnancies. You can make a donation at the Rosary on May 16th, drop it off at the rectory or visit Aid for Women's website at www.helpaidforwomen.org/donatenow. Please be sure to include "St. Paul of the Cross-Park Ridge" as your parish affiliation. Thank you for your generous support of this life-saving organization!

Announcements (continued)

SCRIPTURE SEMINAR *with*
FATHER JAMES
WEDNESDAY, MAY 8TH
9:00 am
Holy Family Chapel

Please join Fr. James at the next SCRIPTURE SEMINAR on Wednesday, MAY 8th at 9:00 am in the Holy Family Chapel. The group will discuss and pray over a scripture passage, and try to use the sacred text to deal with some questions we all may have. Sessions are not dependent on one another, so attend at your leisure. No fee or registration or prior knowledge of the Bible required.

SPC SCHOOL KIDS' SUMMER CAMP IS ALMOST HERE

Our summer camp schedule is as follows:

JUNE 10-14

JUNE 17-21

JUNE 24-28

VISIT: <https://www.spc-school.net/parents/summer-camp> **TO LEARN MORE.**

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Parish Pastoral Council will hold its final meeting prior to summer break on Monday, May 13th at 6:30p.m. in the Kinane Center. ALL PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE OPEN SESSION. Your input is invaluable to the strength, vibrancy and vitality of our parish! If you are unable to attend and wish to share your ideas for enhancing the strength of our faith family, please contact: Patti Nowak, pattinowak56@gmail.com, 847-471-2745.

ST. PAUL WOMEN'S GROUP MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CURRENT 8TH GRADE FEMALE STUDENTS ATTENDING ANY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL IN THE FALL OF 2024

DEADLINE: MONDAY, MAY 13, 2024

St. Paul of the Cross Women's Group, the Apostolate of Women (AOW), is accepting applications for its annual Catholic Education Scholarship award. This scholarship is open to young women of the parish who are currently in 8th grade and will be attending a Catholic High School in the Fall of 2024. Two winners will receive a \$1,000 scholarship for tuition at any Catholic High School in the Chicagoland area. This is an achievement/merit-based scholarship and is not based on financial need. To be considered, please submit:

- A 300 word typed essay addressing the question: How has your Catholic education influenced your life?
- Please also provide:
- Name, address, and telephone number
- Name of Catholic High School you plan to attend (Examples: Loyola Academy, St. Ignatius, Regina, Resurrection, and Saint Viator)
- List of all extracurricular activities (both in and outside of school), volunteer and service-related activities, and current cumulative grade point average (GPA)

Applications should be emailed to aow.spc@gmail.com with the subject line "AOW Scholarship" or dropped off at the parish rectory in an envelope marked "AOW Scholarship" on or before Monday, May 13, 2024. Applications received after this date will not be considered. If you have any questions, please contact: Jean Rausch at (847) 318-1559, Liz Vaughan at (847) 971-8816, or email aow.spc@gmail.com. Scholarship winners will be notified by phone on or before May 24, 2024.

Social Service Ministry Corner

“Scouting for Food!”

Our food pantry was a direct recipient of 2 major food drives this month lead by the Cub Scouts - St. Paul of the Cross Pack 24 and St. Andrews Pack 50. THANK YOU Scouts for your service and generosity!



St. Paul's Vacation Bible School

Table of Plenty 2024

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When: June 17 through June 21 - 9:00 am to 11:00 am

Where: St. Paul of the Cross Campus

Cost: This adventure is \$65 for one child / \$95 for two children / \$105 for three or more children

Who: Students entering 4 year old Preschool through 5th grade this coming school year 2024-2025

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Email the Reg Form to spccatechesis@yahoo.com

Information on groups & other specifics will be emailed in June

We Need High School or College age class leaders – email us!

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Archive Corner with Mark Miller

First Communions

Our Parish has celebrated the Sacrament of First Communion for our children since 1911. In a two-part series, we would like to share photos the Archive Corner has collected over the years.



First Church Bell Tower



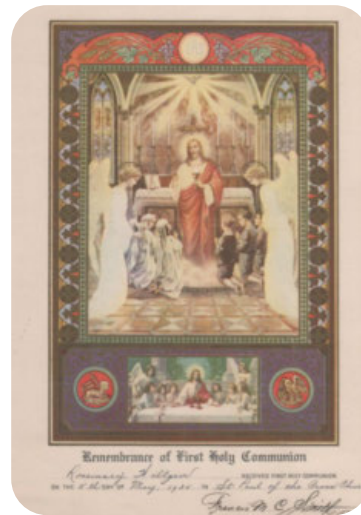
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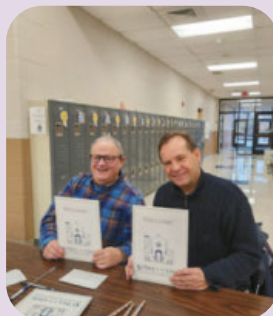


Rosemary & Virginia Wiltgen May 5th 1935



First Communion Certificate for Rosemary

Donut Sunday & New Parishioner Welcome



Sunday, May 5th
8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Parish Life Center

Our New Parishioner Welcome Ministry will be available on May 5th from 8:30 a.m. until noon to register new parishioners, answer questions, and distribute welcome packets. Donuts will be served after the 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. masses.

Kid's Corner



COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



6th Sunday of Easter • John 15:9-17

Ministry Corner

St. Paul of the Cross Athletics



St Paul of the Cross Athletics is one of the pillars of our school. Our mission is to provide a wide spectrum of competitive sports to help our students develop strong, healthy, and disciplined bodies and minds. Competing in the City Suburban Catholic Conference, our young athletes have won many championships. Our 8th grade girls basketball team just had a three-peat, winning both their division and conference championships in 6th, 7th and 8th grade! With the addition of tackle football this fall, SPC will offer opportunities in 8 sports. Over 300 students in grades 4-8 participate in our sports program annually. Our athletics do not stop there. We also offer intramural sports for our younger students, such as bitty basketball and bitty cheerleader for K-3 students and floor hockey for our 3rd-6th graders. Our gym is always busy, so please come by to see a game. You can follow us on instagram @spctigers_athletics.

Yours in Christ,

Sirhan Haugh

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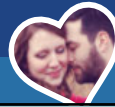
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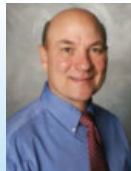
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Sunday 7:30 am
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WEDDINGS

Friday and Saturday

Call rectory office at least 6 months in advance

BAPTISMS

Saturday and Sunday

If this is your first child, baptism prep class is required and provided on the fourth Thursday every month at 7:00 pm. Please contact the parish office at 847-825-7605 to register.

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

(8:30 am - 12:00 pm)

and

DONUT SUNDAY

(after 9:00 am and 10:30 am Masses)

First Sunday of Every Month (unless advertised otherwise)

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Call rectory office at 847-825-7605

COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Call rectory office at 847-825-7605

ROSARY

After 8:30 am Daily Mass