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**TODAY - SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2024**

**7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**MOTHER'S DAY**

**9:00 am** Holy Mass of the Eucharist to be celebrated in the Traditional Rite.

**10:00 am** **Mother's Day Brunch.** An invitation is extended to all to partake of a simple Mother's Day brunch including fresh fruit, bagels with cream cheese, quiches and various pastries, coffee, and tea.

**Mass Intentions:** For the blessings and the peace of God upon all the mothers of our Parish, both living and deceased and for all mother's and women.

### **ENTRANCE HYMN**

(John 20:21; 2 Corinthians 5:20a)

- V. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, so I send you."  
Alleluia.
- R. So, we are ambassadors for Christ, as if God were appealing through us. Alleluia.
- C. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
- R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

### **THE GLORIA**

Glory to God in the Highest,  
And peace to His people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,

Almighty God, and Father  
We worship You, we give You thanks  
We praise you for Your glory  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father  
Lord God, Lamb of God  
You take away the sins of the world  
Have mercy on us  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father  
Receive our prayer  
For you alone are the Holy One  
You alone are the Lord  
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ  
With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the  
Father Amen.

### **OPENING PRAYER**

- C. The Lord be with you.  
R. And also with you.  
C. Let us pray. Heavenly Father, hear the prayer of Jesus on our behalf. Move us from faith to love and from love to unity so that we may bear witness to His glory before the world. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
R. Amen.  
C. Let us pray. Almighty and merciful God, You gave us mothers for the rearing of each new generation and the fulfillment of Your purposes on earth. You poured into their hearts the graces of faith, love, and sacrifice. On this day, dedicated to the honor of our mothers, we ask that You would bless all the mothers of our congregation. Empower them to lovingly fulfill the obligations You have given them, as they look to the example of Mary, the Blessed Mother of our Lord, and to the lives of all devout and holy women. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.  
R. Amen.



### **LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD**

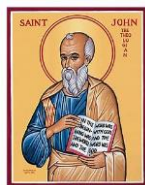
A READING FROM THE BOOK OF  
THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES  
(Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26)

Peter stood up in the midst of the brothers; there was a group of about one hundred and twenty persons in the one place. He said, “My brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand through the mouth of David, concerning Judas, who was the guide for those who arrested Jesus. He was numbered among us and was allotted a share in this ministry. For it is written in the Book of Psalms: ‘May another 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. So, they proposed two, Judas called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this apostolic ministry from which Judas turned away to go to his own place. “Then they gave lots to them, and the lot fell upon Matthias, and he was counted with the eleven apostles.

**C. The Word of the Lord**  
**R. Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL**  
**(Jeremiah 1:7b)**

**V. To whomever I send you, you shall go.**  
**Alleluia.**  
**R. Whatever I command you, you shall speak.**  
**Alleluia.**



**READING FROM THE 1<sup>ST</sup> LETTER OF JOHN**  
**(1 John 4:11-16)**

Beloved, if God so loved us, we also must love one another. No one has ever seen God. Yet, if we love one another, God remains in us, and His love is brought to perfection in us. This is how we know that we remain in Him and He in us, that He has given us of His Spirit. Moreover, we have seen and testify that the Father sent his Son as savior of the world. Whoever acknowledges that Jesus is the

Son of God, God remains in him and he in God. We have come to know and to believe in the love God has for us. God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him.

**C. This is the Word of the Lord.**  
**R. Thanks be to God.**

**ALLELUIA VERSE**  
**(Acts 1:8b)**

**C. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**  
**R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**  
**V. You will be My witnesses in Jerusalem,**  
**throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends**  
**of the earth.**  
**R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**



**THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT JOHN**  
**(John 17:11-19)**

**C. The Lord be with you.**  
**R. And also with you.**  
**C. A reading from the Holy Gospel according to**  
**Saint John.**  
**R. Glory be to You, O Lord.**

Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed saying: “Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are one. When I was with them, I protected them in your name that you gave me, and I guarded them, and none of them was lost except the son of destruction, in order that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you. I speak this in the world so that they may share my joy completely. I gave them your word, and the world hated them, because they do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. I do not ask that you take them out of the world but that you keep them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world. And I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may be consecrated in truth.”

**C. This is the Gospel of the Lord.**  
**R. Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**PROFESSION OF FAITH – NICENE CREED**

I believe in One God, the Father, the Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
Of all that is seen and unseen.  
I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
The only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
True God from true God, begotten not made  
Of one being with the Father.  
Through Him all things were made  
For us and for our salvation.  
He came down from heaven:  
By the power of the Holy Spirit  
He was born of the Virgin Mary  
AND BECAME MAN.  
For our sake, He was crucified  
under Pontius Pilate  
He suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day He rose again  
In fulfillment of the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven and  
Is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
To judge the living and the dead  
And His kingdom will have no end.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
The Lord and Giver of Life  
Who proceeds from the Father,  
With the Father and the Son  
He is worshipped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the prophets.  
I believe in One, Holy, Catholic  
and Apostolic Church  
I acknowledge one baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
I look for the resurrection of the dead  
And the + life of the world to come. Amen.



**OFFERTORY VERSE**

(John 3:11)

V. Amen, amen, I say to you, we speak of what we know and we testify to what we have seen, but you people do not accept our testimony. Alleluia.

**PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

C. Lord our God, receive these gifts from Your faithful. May the great happiness You give us now come to perfection in Your Heavenly Kingdom. We ask this in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

C. Almighty God, accept these gifts we offer and help us to honor our mothers: that our days may be long in the land which You have given us. We ask this in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

**COMMUNION VERSE**

(Matthew 10:16)

“Behold, I am sending you like sheep in the midst of wolves; so be shrewd as serpents and simple as doves.” Alleluia.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

C. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

C. Let us pray. Lord, Jesus Christ, may the reception of this Holy Eucharist remind us of the countless millions who have not yet heard of the salvation that You won for them. Grant that, through Your Holy Church, they may learn of the way You have prepared for all people. For You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

C. Let us pray. Almighty Father, strengthened by this Holy Communion, give us grateful hearts for the blessings of motherhood. Inspire us to understand and appreciated a mother’s spirit of love and self-denial, of intelligent and voluntary service. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.



## MOTHER'S DAY

**” No gift to your mother can ever equal her gift to you.... life.”**

On this Mother's Day, we remember our moms, both living and deceased. I also believe, that on this Mother's Day, we should all reflect, both men and women, upon the importance of a “sisterhood “that exists between all women, a creation of God,

Over the years, there has been many sermons which have been written about the virtues of motherhood and womanhood, many based on the attributes of the Blessed Virgin Mother, Mary who served as the matriarch of her family unit.

Found in the New Testament, we learn of a young maiden named Mary. We have but glimpses into the life of Mary but what we can ascertain, Mary was righteous unto the Lord. In return, God found favor with Mary, who would be the vessel that would bring His Only Begotten Son, Jesus, into the world. How sacred was her visitation from the archangel Gabriel. who spoke to her in Luke 1:30: “[And] the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God.”

You know my brothers and sisters, we read unfortunately horror stories of mothers who have sadly not found favor with God or God finding His favor in them and pray for the love that God has for all women I believe that God has given women, a most important and many times difficult responsibilities to bring children into the world.

Paul, in his letter to Titus, speaks of the need for women to be righteous and godly, serving as an example to younger women. Titus was to have a ministry in Crete that was known for its ungodliness and unruliness. In Titus 2:4-5, Paul gives this instruction to Titus:

“Likewise, teach the older women to be reverent in the way they live, not to be slanderers or addicted to much wine, but to teach what is good. Then they can urge the younger women to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled and pure, to be busy at home, to be kind, and to be subject to their husbands, so that no one will malign the word of God.”

It should be noted that no woman is perfect, and motherhood is not an easy job. I believe that motherhood is a blessing unto the Lord, for they help in teaching and preparing their children to follow and love God. Mothers, so many times, are called upon to be more than the chief, cook and bottlers of the family and when their self-fulfillment is placed before their responsibilities to their family, so many times that family spins out of control.

The Holy Bible sets forth some of the responsibilities of motherhood. Among them are:

**1. Love Your Husband.** A marriage should take priority above all things. In Ephesians 5:22-33, Paul lays down the principles that should govern the home where the husband and wife should first seek to love each other and both be righteous unto the Lord. They are both called upon to set an example to their children on the dynamics of the family. Both the wife and husband need to be aware of the dangers of placing their pursuits and priorities above their family. Without seeking to have God in their marriage and in their lives, we have sadly seen so many dysfunctional and broken marriages because of it. In Psalms 127:1, we read: “Unless the LORD builds the house, the builders labor in vain.”

**2. Love Your Children.** Loving our children does not mean giving them everything they want; I came across recently this interesting statement: “A friend of my grandmother once told me, if you raise your children right, you can spoil your grandkids, but if you spoil your children, you'll end up raising your grandchildren. I think that she gave me greater insight in how I will raise my children.”



I believe that loving your children requires giving them structure and discipline in their lives. The importance of children is found in Psalm 127:3: Children are a heritage from the LORD and offspring a reward from Him.”

In the 2<sup>nd</sup> Letter of Paul to Timothy, who is a young priest who Paul refers to as his “son” writes in 1:5 "I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well."

I believe it is essential for a mother and a father to develop Christian values in the home. We have all seen too many children who have become nightmares to society, due to the lack of involvement of their parents. And how much more is the struggle for a “single mother” who many times is abandon by her husband, works two jobs and becomes the caregiver for their children;

**3. Love yourself.** Finally, I believe that for a woman or a mother to be successful in her marriage and in the rearing of her children, they first need to develop their own Christian character by emulating the virtuous life of Mary, who symbolizes the principles self-control, purity and righteousness.

It is said that Christian homes are created, they do not just happen. William Barclay, a 20<sup>th</sup> century Scottish minister, and Professor of Divinity at the University of Glasgow, wrote: "It is the simple fact that there is no greater task, responsibility and privilege in this world than to make a home."

And so, my dear brothers and sisters in Christ: So how can we honor our mothers on this day? It may be as simple as sending her a simple Mother’s Day card or flowers or just calling her and thanking her; this is the least we can do to honor them, and I believe they will truly appreciate the love and kindness shown to them. For others, whose mothers have passed, it will be taking the time to go and pay respect at their resting place, if possible, or offering a prayer to God, thanking Him for our mothers.

So, my dear brothers and sisters: for all their love and sacrifice, Mother’s Day is a most special day. It should also be noted, that during the month of May, we honor a most special mother, Mary, the mother of our Lord, Jesus Christ. She set the standard of motherhood. Always remember, Mary was righteous unto the Lord and I am sure she reflected this love and taught the love of God to her son. It is said that a true mother’s love for her children is a “selfless” love. My dear mothers, may you reflect on the Blessed Mother Mary in all that you do. Take the example of this most blessed woman and set it as your standard. Always set you heart and mind unto God and reflect God’s love in your marriage, to your children and family, who will see God through you and in you.

May God bless all our dear mothers, both living and deceased, this Mother’s Day, and may we all in our hearts, minds and voices, say “Thank you, mom for everything.” Amen.



**MARY / MARIAM**  
**“THEOTOKOS” – “MOTHER OF GOD”**

It is in the month of May, that we give special devotion to Mary, the mother of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Both Matthew and Luke refer to her as a “virgin.” Many Christians around the world believe that she conceived her son while still a virgin, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Gospel of Luke begins telling the story of a young maiden, named Mary, believed to have been according to some accounts as young as 14. It was in the Jewish faith, that young women would pray that if it was in God’s plan, that they might be the vessel to bring forth the “Redeemer.” It was during her Annunciation when the Arch angel Gabriel visited her to tell her that she was to be chosen to bear a son, for she has found “favor with God.”

In the Gospel narrative, Mary was present at the crucifixion of her son and believed to be part of the

women who came to finish the anointing of her beloved son, our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Mary has been venerated in early Christianity and has miraculously appeared to many over the centuries. The Eastern and Oriental Orthodox, Catholic, Anglican and Lutheran Churches all profess that Mary is the “Mother of God.”

In Islam, Mary or “Maryam” is given the title “Sayyidutuna” or “Our Lady.” She is also referred to as “Tahira” or “one who has been purified.” It is also interesting that the Koran considers Mary as the greatest woman in all of creation and refers to her Annunciation: “Mary, God has chosen thee, purified thee; He has chosen thee above all women in creation.” (Koran 3:42). In Islam, Mary is also believed to be the only woman in all of creation who was never tempted by Satan.

Devotions to Mary varies. In the PNCC, our liturgy has assigned the month of May to Mary by reciting the “Litany to the Blessed Mother Mary” which is held in our church proper every Wednesdays at 12:00 Noon. Other parishes in the PNCC offer the Rosary to the Blessed Mother.



### **THE MAGNIFICANT**

The Magnificat also known as the “Song of Mary,” or the “Canticle of Mary” and, in the Byzantine tradition as the “Ode of the Theotokos.”

The Magnificat is traditionally incorporated into the liturgical services of the Catholic Church, the Eastern Orthodox churches, as well as the Anglican and the Lutheran Churches.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
My Spirit rejoices in God my Saviour  
For He has looked with favour  
on His lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed:  
The Almighty has done great things for me,  
And holy is His Name.

He has mercy on those who fear Him  
In every generation.

He has shown the strength of His arm,  
He has scattered the proud in their conceit.  
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,  
And has lifted up the lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good things,  
And the rich He has sent away empty.  
He has come to the help of His servant Israel  
For He has remembered His promise of mercy,  
The promise He made to our fathers,  
To Abraham and his children forever.

Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit.  
As it was in the beginning,  
is now and ever shall be  
world without end. Amen.



### **THE HAIL MARY**

The Hail Mary is a traditional Scripture-based Catholic prayer of praise for and petition to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. It finds its origin as early as the sixteenth century, and it is recited following the Lord’s Prayer and is the central prayer whenever the Rosary is said.

Hail Mary, full of grace,  
the Lord is with thee.  
Blessed art thou amongst women,  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.



### **OUR PARISH CALENDAR**

#### **DAILY HOLY MASS**

8:45 am Morning Devotions  
9:00 am Holy Mass of the Eucharist

#### **THIS WEEK’S MASS SCHEDULE**

(May 13<sup>th</sup> – May 18<sup>th</sup>)

- Mon. 5/13 Private prayer and devotions**  
John the Silent, Abbot  
Mucius, Prince & Martyr  
Valerian, Bishop
- Tue. 5/14 Mass of Health & Healing**  
Pontius of Cimiez, Martyr  
Boniface of Tarsus, Martyr  
Erembert, Bishop
- Wed. 5/15 Mass to the Holy Saints & Martyrs**  
Peter of Lampacus & Companions, M  
Bertha & Rupert, Confessors  
Dympna & Gerebernus, Martyrs
- Thurs. 5/16 Mass to the Holy Angels of God**  
Brendan the Voyager, Abbot  
Peregrinus of Auxere, B & M  
Honoratus, Bishop
- Fri. 5/17 Mass to the Most Holy Name of Jesus**  
Bruno of Wurzburg, Bishop  
Madern, Confessor  
Paschal Baylon, Monk
- Sat. 5/18 Private Prayer & Devotions**  
Venantius, Martyr  
Theodotus, Thecusa & Companions, M  
Potamon of Heraclea, Bishop & Martyr



**NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024**

**SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST**

**9:00 am – Holy Mass of the Eucharist to be celebrated in the Traditional rite.**



**WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2024**

**12:00 pm Litany to the Blessed Mother Mary**



**SPAGHETTI & MEATBALLS DINNER**  
**SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2024**

**On Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, we are planning on sponsoring a spaghetti and meatball dinner (**for takeout only**) starting at 12:00 Noon. The meal will consist of spaghetti and meatballs, salad, rolls and dessert. Price per meal has been set at \$12.00. The deadline for reservations will be Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. We will advertise this meal throughout our community. Please see Mary Tudryn for tickets.**



**PRAYERS FOR HEALTH AND HEALING**

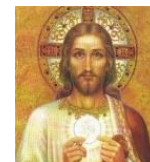
**In our prayers, may we remember all our brothers and sisters, who are sick and ill and ask for God's blessings of health and healing. Let us also remember in prayer:**

**Louise Puchalski currently at The Atrium at Cardinal Drive in Agawam, MA.**

**George Sadowski currently at Quabbin Valley Rehabilitation Center in Athol, MA.**

**Joseph Kiloski currently at Amherst Rehabilitation Facility in Amherst, MA**

**Let us pray.** O Lord, God of mercies, in Your kindness stretch out Your hand and heal all our brothers and sisters who are in any way ailing. Make them worthy of health, deliver them from their present sicknesses and illnessness and grant them recovery in Jesus' holy name. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen



**ONE BREAD, ONE BODY**

**Daily Devotions**

**New copies of the Easter daily devotional booklet, "One Bread, One Body" are now available, free of charge, and found in the vestibule of our Church. These booklets provide daily devotions, which are in accord with the daily readings as found in the "Common Lectionary" of the Christian Church.**



### **Our Food Ministry: "Feeding the Hungry"**

**" For I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty, and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me." - Matthew 25:35-36**

The one fact that I have learned is that there are many parishes in the PNCC that have taken on ministries to help others in need by either giving away food items or by sponsoring monthly "suppers" to aid feed the hungry.

I also want to thank all who have and continue to donate non-perishable food items as well as monetary donations to aid our food ministry. We continue to ask for assistance with all non-perishable food items, as well as monetary donations. May God bless all our endeavors.

The date of our next grocery ministry is scheduled for Saturday, **May 18 from 10:00 am** while supplies last.

I also wish to acknowledge and thank Sharon Paciorek who was instrumental in providing our Parish with several boxes of ham and cheese "Hot Pockets" as well as Linda Puchalski who helped bring these items over to our Parish Hall.



### **EASTERN DIOCESAN ANS CONVENTION** **MAY 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Please note:** I will be attending the 73rd Annual convention of the United Women's Societies for the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Eastern Diocese on Saturday, May 18, 2024, which will be held at the Holy Cross PNCC Parish, in Central Falls, RI. The Convention will begin with Holy Mass at 10 am. I will be returning late Saturday evening.

### **ED MISSION & EVANGELISM COMMISSION**

"Your lamp is a lamp to my feet, and a light for my path." - Psalm 119:105

During the month of May 2024, the Eastern Diocesan Mission and Evangelism Commission of the PNCC, has called upon its members and others to offer the following two following prayers each Wednesday at noon:



#### **A PRAYER OF PETITION**

**Heavenly Father,** Your Son assured us: "whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive if you have faith; and that the Father will give you whatever you ask Him in My name." As Your child I turn to You and in the name of Jesus I offer my humble prayer for (offer your petition or request to God). I put my faith and trust in You, dear Father, for You always know what is right and best. May Your will be done. Amen.

(From PNCC Book of Devotions and Prayers).

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father** who art in Heaven, hallowed by Thy Name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy Will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us of our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

#### **SOME FINAL THOUGHTS ON THIS MOTHER'S DAY**

"The best place to cry is on a mother's arms."  
— Jodi Picoult, "House Rules"

"A mother's love liberates." — Maya Angelou

"A mother is your first friend, your best friend, your forever friend." — Amit Kalantri

"Motherhood: All love begins and ends there."  
Robert Browning

"Life began with waking up and loving my mother's face." — George Eliot