

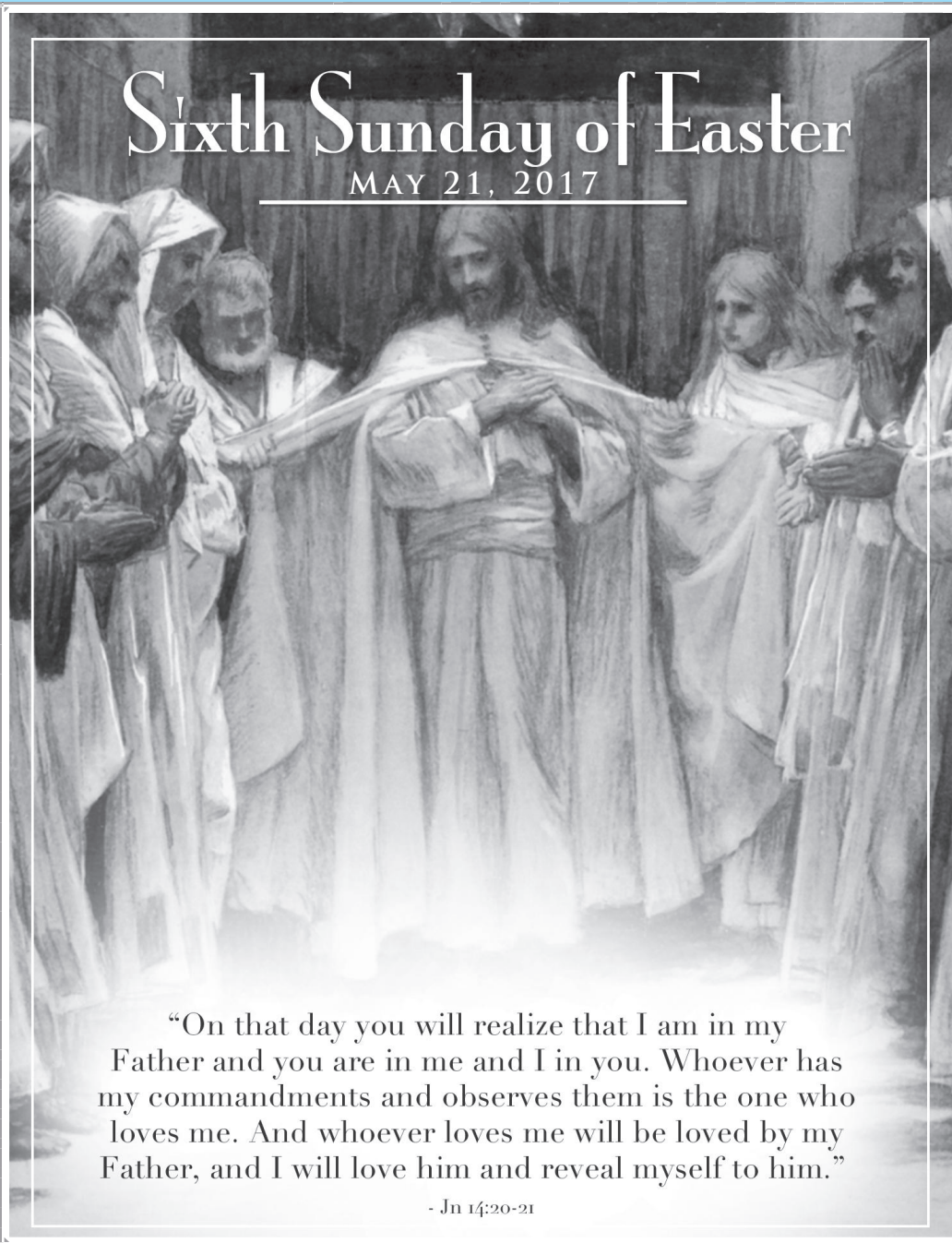
# ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION PARISH

NORTH AMERICAN MARTYRS CHAPEL

SHRINE OF ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

MAY 21, 2017



“On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him.”

- Jn 14:20-21

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### MASSSES

**ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION**  
Saturday 4:00 p.m., Sunday 8:45 a.m.  
Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m.  
**NORTH AMERICAN MARTYRS CHAPEL**  
Saturday 5:45 p.m., Holy Days 7:00 p.m.


**MASS**  
 INTENTIONS  
 MAY 21, 2017

**St. Mary of the Assumption**

**SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2017**

4:00 p.m. Ignatius (Ike) Wojtaszek  
 Req. by Diane Wojtaszek

**SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2017**

8:45 a.m. Robert Chaput  
 Req. by His Family

**MONDAY, MAY 22, 2017**

8:00 a.m. Elsie Graziani  
 Req. by Leonard & Robert Sondrini

**TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2017**

8:00 a.m. Lawrence K. Delphia, Birthday  
 Remembrance  
 Req. by His Children

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2017**

8:00 a.m. The Parishioners of the St. Mary of the  
 Assumption Parish Community  
 7:00 p.m. Deacon Bob Hitter - In Honor of His  
 Ordination Anniversary  
 Req. by Tim & Ann Mange & Family

**THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2017**

8:00 a.m. Geary Pyra  
 Req. by Jim & Carole Pyra

**FRIDAY, MAY 26, 2017**

8:00 a.m. No Mass

**SATURDAY, MAY 27, 2017**

4:00 p.m. Remo Osanni - Anniversary  
 Remembrance  
 Req. by Pam & Ed St. John III

**SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2017**

8:45 a.m. Peter Brown  
 Req. by Diane & Deacon Bob Hitter

**North American Martyrs Chapel**

**SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2017**

5:45 p.m. Rosney Yemmo  
 Req. by Her Sister, Marie

**THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2017 - ASCENSION**

12:00 noon Holy Day of Obligation

**SATURDAY, MAY 27, 2017**

5:45 p.m. Becki Dufur  
 Req. by Her Sister, Dana

ALL GIFTS GIVEN IN MEMORY OF  
 SADIE OSANNI BY PAM & ED ST. JOHN III

**HOLY COMMUNION NOTICE**

For Catholics, the Eucharist is the source and the summit of the Christian life. How we approach Holy Communion should be given the utmost respect and reverence. The Eucharist is also a sign of unity and solidarity for Catholics.

In order for St. Mary's to be fully united in how we approach Holy Communion, beginning at Masses on the weekend of June 3rd & 4th, we kindly ask that everyone in the main church come down the center aisle to receive Holy Communion. There will be two ciboria (vessels) filled with consecrated hosts and two chalices filled with Precious Blood. This will improve the flow of distributing Holy Communion. If you are handicapped, please sit in the front row, so that we can better assist you.

A separate minister will bring a ciborium with consecrated hosts into the chapel, and when finished, he or she will proceed to the choir loft to distribute Holy Communion to the choir. The Precious Blood will not be given in the chapel. If you would like the Precious Blood of Christ, please go into the main church. All ministers of Holy Communion who distribute the Precious Blood should consume all the leftover Precious Blood left in the chalice in accordance with the Norms for the Distribution and Reception of Holy Communion Under Both Kinds by the U.S. Bishops, "The reverence due to the Precious Blood of the Lord demands that it be fully consumed after Communion is completed and never be poured into the ground, sink, or the sacrarium."



**INTINCTION**

Intinction is the practice of partly dipping the consecrated host or Body of Christ into the consecrated wine or Precious Blood before consumption by the person receiving Holy Communion also known as the communicant. The current rule according to the Norms for the Distribution and Reception of Holy Communion Under Both Kinds by the U.S. Bishops, "The communicant, including the extraordinary minister, is never allowed to self-communicate, even by means of intinction. Communion under either form, bread or wine, must always be given by an ordinary or extraordinary minister of Holy Communion." If this practice of self intinction is currently going on in the parish, it cannot continue in order to honor our Eucharistic Lord and be in compliance with the U.S. Bishops directives.

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# PARISH EVENTS & DATES ALL EVENTS ARE AT ST. MARY'S UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

## TUESDAY, MAY 23RD

The Living Rosary - 6:00 p.m.

## THURSDAY, MAY 25TH - NORTH AMERICAN MARTYRS

Ascension Mass - Holy Day of Obligation - 12:00 noon

## SATURDAY, JUNE 3RD & SUNDAY, JUNE 4TH

Bring a Friend to Mass Weekend - All Masses & N.A.M.

## SATURDAY, JUNE 10TH

Deacon Barrent Pease's Ordination to the Priesthood  
St. Michael's Cathedral - Springfield, MA - 11:00 a.m.

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 5TH

Parish Tag Sale & Greeting Card Pop Up Shop - Tentative

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 20TH

Parish Picnic

## NEWS

### NOTICE FROM FR. MATTHEW

I am pleased to announce that Michelle Francesconi is now the Director of Operations for our parish. This is a title change only, and she will not be receiving additional compensation. Over the past months, Michelle has been working closely with the Finance Council to reduce our parish deficit. As Director of Operations, Michelle will serve as our bookkeeper, saving the parish thousands of dollars. She will continue to complete her office duties, along with overseeing the facilities, working to develop a strategic plan for our parish, managing fundraisers, preparing our annual budget, and other tasks as needed.

As part of this change, Michelle will be holding different office hours. Effective immediately, she will now be working Sundays from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and Monday through Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The office will be closed on Thursdays. The addition of Sunday hours will make the office more accessible to our parishioners. Please contact me if you have any questions.

### ST. JOSEPH - NOTE FROM FR. MATTHEW

Several parishioners have commented on how beautiful the altar restoration looks at St. Mary's, including the gorgeous new arch built by Vincent Brosseau. Many parishioners have also asked for a statue of St. Joseph for the church. Unfortunately, we do not have a statue that matches the size and look of the Blessed Mother or one that will properly fit into the arch. If you are interested in contributing toward the purchase of a St. Joseph statue, we will need to raise approximately \$6,500 within a year. Please call or email if you would like to help us obtain a new statue.

Over the coming months and years, we will be working together as a parish family to achieve other fundraising goals that have been brought up over the years. Our overall focus will be to ensure a thriving future for St. Mary's and North American Martyrs. God Bless you for your support!

## OUR GIVING

### WEEKEND OF MAY 13TH & 14TH

Regular Collection	\$2257.50	Church at Home	\$5.00
National Shrine	\$159.00	Mother's Day	\$118.00
Ascension	\$10.00	Hikers	\$60.07

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NOTICE

**The Knights of Columbus Council 230 is holding a breakfast at Notre Dame School in Adams on Sunday, June 4th from 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.** Tickets will be sold this weekend after Masses - \$6 for adults and \$4 for children. Proceeds will benefit the Seminarian Scholarship Fund. We hope you will support this worthy cause!

### MOTHER'S DAY ROSE DRIVE

Thank you for your support for the Massachusetts Citizens for Life Rose Drive last weekend! Your unborn brothers and sisters thank you.

### LIVING ROSARY

**We will pray the Living Rosary on Tuesday, May 23rd at 6:00 p.m. in the St. Mary's Main Church.** A living rosary is when people are used to represent each bead of the rosary. Each person leads one prayer of the rosary. Light refreshments will be served in the parish hall afterward thanks to our wonderful kitchen angels and volunteers. We hope to see you all there! God Bless!

### BRING-A-FRIEND TO MASS

**Please bring a friend with you to Mass during the weekend of June 3rd & 4th.** Please consider spreading the joy of attending Mass to other people in your life. Refreshments will be served after each Mass and a special gift will be given to each guest.

### FATHER'S DAY ENVELOPES

If you plan to make a memorial offering for Father's Day and would like your intention listed in the bulletin, please pass in your envelopes no later than Sunday, June 11th. Please print intention names clearly to ensure they will be spelled accurately on the memorial list. Thank you!

### PARISH PICNIC PLANNING

**We are looking for people to donate themed baskets for our annual Parish Picnic which will take place on Sunday, August 20th.** Last year, numerous beautiful baskets were donated by our parishioners. Please call or email the parish office if you are interested in helping us create a basket for this year's picnic. Please also contact us if you are interested in helping at the event. Thank you!