Pentecost Sunday

Jesus breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.”

John 20:22-23

May 24, 2015
A Reflection…

from Fr. Matt Foley, Pastor

May 24, 2015

WE REMEMBER, WE CELEBRATE, WE BELIEVE

Memorial Day is a great day to pause and remember the women and men who gave their lives in service of our country. Let us say a prayer for the families who have lost members. Please also remember those who have died since our last Memorial Day. St. James will have a large contingency in the Arlington Heights Parade. We look forward to seeing all of you in your red, white and blue.

Together with the entire community, we should celebrate the freedom to participate in the Sunday Eucharist as the source and summit of the whole Christian life. Having served in environments where Christian celebrations were not allowed has instilled in me an appreciation that comes from having the freedom to worship. We are able to celebrate our faith in the spirit of love, forgiveness, and joys of human happiness in our daily lives.

We believe in actively living out the Gospel message in our community. St. James’ participation in the Arlington Heights Parade and our prayers for our Fallen Comrades is an essential element of our faith. We believe that in God’s freedom we can create a future society with a deep respect for all and a better world for our children.

Your Servant in Christ,
Fr. Matt

In the Spirit of Stewardship

Memorial Day is also the traditional start of the summer vacations. Please take a moment to consider on line gifts to St. James through Give Central. Give Central assists us throughout the year to maintain a consistent parish budget. Not comfortable on the computer? Call Tricia in our business office 224-345-7211. She can assist you. Thank you.

(A podcast of this week’s reflection is available on the St. James website and mobile website.)
Spiritual Life

Rosary Group
Pray the Rosary both before and after daily Mass:
Monday: Human Life
Tuesday: Military
Wednesday: Marriage
Thursday: Priests and Religious
Friday: Sick
Saturday: Souls of the faithful Departed

Fr. Matt’s Monday Family Prayer
2nd Monday of each month, at 4pm in the Church, with the Rosary and Adoration. All are welcome.

Summer Backyard Masses
Celebrate Summer by hosting a Mass in your yard.

To reserve a date for a Mass:
1. Choose a date. (Masses will be celebrated Monday-Friday, June 1st – August 21st.)
2. Please have 2 date options for your Mass.
3. Call or email Liz Czajkowski at the Parish Office—224-345-7205 or parishoffice@stjamesah.org

Fr. Matt, Fr. Joji and Fr. Gilbert look forward to celebrating summer with you and your neighbors!

Memorial Day Mass
Mass on Monday, May 25th (Memorial Day) will be celebrated at 8:30am in the CHURCH.

Ministry of Praise
The Ministry of Praise is a spiritual ministry in which members offer their prayers to God to help others in need. This ministry was developed especially for the sick and homebound so that they can experience a closer relationship with the parish. If you or a loved one is interested in participating in this ministry, please contact parishioner Marilyn Neuman at 224-345-7200, or: MinistryofPraise@stjamesah.org

St. James Parish accepts online gifts through GiveCentral. You can donate by using your credit/debit card OR checking account, making either one-time or recurring donations. In April 351 parishioners used GiveCentral to either make donation or a payment for Religious Ed, VBS, etc. Please consider joining this trend! You can choose to enroll yourself, or have the business office help you. You have the freedom to visit the GiveCentral site at any time to make changes to your donations or personal information.

TO ENROLL
1. Go to www.stjamesah.org and click “ONLINE GIVING”, then “DONATE ONLINE/click here”.
2. Check the box next to each “Event” to which you would like to donate. Enter the frequency, date range and dollar amount for each; click “NEXT”.
3. When finished entering events, click “ADD TO MY GIFT BASKET”.
4. Verify the donations you have entered and click “CHECKOUT”.
5. Create your online giving profile and payment information. The fields marked with asterisks are required. Click “REGISTER & CONFIRM GIFT” to complete the process.

LET US PROCESS YOUR ENROLLMENT
Not comfortable on the computer? Call the business office for assistance. 224.345.7211 or 7212

Thank you for your generosity and support. Your contributions are greatly appreciated!
St. James Peace & Justice

Reflections from a Haiti Traveler, Barb Sipe

The question I sometimes ask myself is why did I choose to go to Haiti?

I know I was influenced by my fellow P & J member, Kathy McGourty. I know that I embrace the Just Haiti coffee, knowing that the coffee growers are fairly compensated and I love the coffee, but why did I want to go, really? I suppose my response is that I am a curious person; I like to learn and experience new and different surroundings and people. Knowing we are on this earth for a very short period of time, I like to think that some of why I am here on this earth is to try and make a difference. What that difference is, I still don’t know for sure, but this feeling of wanting to try to make a difference is why I chose to make this trip.

Landing in Port au Prince on that Saturday in January did bring on some trepidation in my soul. We were told that this part of the journey would be one of the toughest to experience. The airport porters hustle to help with baggage, they would just grab your bag and then want to be tipped. But really, they are just trying to make some money and I understood that, but this type of intrusion into my personal space is not what I enjoy. But as it turned out, there wasn’t much flurry of unwanted help and our driver and host were there waiting to pick us up.

Seeing the run down surroundings, and mass of humanity that lives in the capital, which is still struggling to rebuild after two natural disasters, I immediately took to snapping photographs to soak in my surroundings. Haiti is a third world country even without the challenges of natural disasters. The government is corrupt, the people have no economical support or safety net. It’s up to charities and agencies to lend that helping hand. But is it a hand out that they really need? Or should we be giving them what support they need so they can help themselves? These are the questions that ran through my mind as I watched and experienced their life and struggle.

Driving into the countryside which was going to be my home for a week, still revealed much poverty and the day to day human struggles. After meeting our hosts and some of the local people, I found these people have a resilience in that human struggle, a dignity in the face of hardship. We made a trip into the mountains to see the coffee growers and learn of their challenges with crops and diseases. We also went to visit and meet school children. They put a smile on my face. Kids are kids everywhere, with their giggles, their curiosity and the innocent fun you see in their faces. This human component in an economically devastated country is what I saw, and that human element is what brings hope for a better future for Haiti.

The country itself has too many issues – issues that no one person or foundation can solve. But if I can accompany one Haitian or a small group of Haitians in their journey of struggle with whatever resources I can bring to the table, then my life is enriched tenfold, and hopefully theirs as well.

Seeing the crumbling roads, experiencing the lack of daily electricity, seeing the crowded markets in every village with everyone trying to sell their wares, I am grateful for the opportunities I have and I am humbled by their simple existence. This trip to Haiti was a humbling experience for me and I realized early on that if I allowed myself to be depressed or upset about the level of their need, then I would be rendered useless. I may not be able to do much for them all by myself, but I feel that whatever I can do is to join them in their struggle, little by little, baby steps, with the projects that we want to initiate going forward.

Haiti is a beautiful country and the people are a beautiful people. They only want what we all want for ourselves and our families, and I am excited to continue to pray for and plan for a way to support our Haitian Brothers and Sisters in their journey.
Introducing St. James Open Doors Ministry… A Welcoming Voice for the Special Needs Community

The Spring Liturgical Season is infused with celebrations in our Church. As a Faith Community, we witnessed the most profound act of love through Jesus’ suffering and death on the cross and the Glory of His Resurrection on Easter morning. We welcomed new Catholic Christians and watched as our youth received the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion. What you might not be aware of, is that Fr. Matt and the St. James Parish Pastoral Council made the decision on April 20th to move forward with Open Doors Ministry, an initiative aimed at providing families with special needs a haven of welcome, acceptance, support, love, hope, and inclusion. As mothers who spearheaded this effort by creating a ministry model, we are wholeheartedly rejoicing that St. James heard our cry and responded with love and enthusiasm. What a wonderful way to celebrate the conclusion of April's Autism Awareness Month by giving voice to the special needs community here at St. James!

Open Doors Ministry will be unfolding to the St. James Faith Community this Fall. Highlights of the Ministry include an Adaptive Religious Education Program for Grades 1-8, a multipurpose Sensory Room, Parent and Caregiver Support Network, and a Buddy Program for children with special needs and their siblings. This Ministry has much to offer everyone in our Faith Community. For those of you craving something meaningful in your lives, this is an invitation for you to get your Faith on Fire, be more intentional, share your talents and help friends and family seek connection and support.

Will you join us? Let’s greet and support our families. If you see parents and children struggling at Mass or in the community, smile warmly and offer encouragement. Tell them about Open Doors Ministry here at St. James. Let them know that they are not alone. Please contact the Open Doors Ministry Team of Anne Rago, Sharon Moeykens, and Jennifer Durkin for further information at 224-345-7200 or via email at odm@stjamesah.org to join in this new and exciting initiative to create an atmosphere of awareness, welcome, and inclusion for all. God created us unique and beautiful. We all belong and are invited to gather at The Table.
Greetings to you! We would like to invite you to visit India to see the work of FCN and to visit your sponsored individual or volunteer for a few days. It will be an incredible experience. If you would like to join this mission trip, please e-mail Tom Chitta at tomchitta@hotmail.com by the end of June 2015. The total number traveling with Father Bill will be TEN on a first come first served basis, so please call or email as soon as possible to be on the list. We invite you to enjoy the reflections written by some of those who have been to India by visiting the “sponsors visit to India” on our website.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

With Prayers and Much Gratitude,
Dr. Geetha and Tom Chitta

November 8-22, 2015
November 8, departure from Chicago
9: evening or late night arrival at Hyderabad, India
10: rest and sight-seeing at Hyderabad
11: Hyderabad – sight-seeing and visit to FCN Projects
12: Hyderabad – sight-seeing and visit to FCN Projects
12: night train to Kadapa ( 9 hours )
13-15: Porumamilla - Visit to FCN projects
16: train to Chennai ( six hours )
17: sight-seeing at Chennai
18: flight to Delhi-rest
19: Taj Mahal, Agra
20: sight-seeing at Delhi
21: sight-seeing at Delhi
22 early morning return journey to U.S. Same day arrival

The ticket from Chicago to Hyderabad and from Delhi to Chicago will be approximately $ 1200 It may be cheaper if there are any sales. The ticket from Chennai to Delhi will be approximately $ 100.

Tom and Geetha will host you at Hyderabad and Kadapa and will provide you accommodation in their homes. Sight-seeing expenses will be about $ 100 for a week both in Hyderabad and Kadapa. In Delhi and Chennai you will stay in hotels. In these places you will pay as you go along for food, accommodation and transportation expenses.

Geetha and Tom will receive you at Hyderabad and travel with you the entire trip.

Visiting India is a life time experience. We welcome you to join us on this great trip. Please call or email as soon as possible, if you would like to take this trip.

Tom: 847-924-3284 E-mail:tomchitta@hotmail.com
ST. JAMES IN MISSION...

A Mission Trip is planned.....
for October 25th—November 1st, 2015
to the NPH (Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos) Orphanage
in the Dominican Republic.

We are seeking adult volunteers (over 21) who will help with
construction projects, provide medical and dental treatment,
help care for children, and assist teachers. This is an opportunity
to provide service to a worthwhile cause while experiencing life in
the Dominican Republic. After each full day of service, we will pray
and reflect on our experiences. There will also be some
opportunity to visit other local communities.

At this point, we have a locked-in air fare of $450.00.
(Direct Flight!)
Other expenses include accommodations at the
orphanage volunteer house, ($30 per night),
transportation fee back and forth to the airport ($50),
food for breakfast and supper each day with a cook ($75),
beach day with the children and spending money ($175).
Total cost = approx. $950.00

Please let me know as soon as possible if you are
interested, as we have to “hold” the fare.

I will be available after Masses on June 6th & 7th to answer
questions. There will also be a meeting on
June 10th at 7:00pm
in the Parish Office Boardroom.

In the meantime, please call or email me with any questions:

Katherine Harig
NPH Dominican Republic Board
847-778-4432
kharignph@gmail.com
St. James Youth at Six Flags

Who: 6th – 12th grade
When: July 9th, 2015
Meet at St. James at 9:15 am
Return to St. James at 8 pm
What: Youth Ministry Day at Six Flags
Where: Six Flags Great America
Cost: $33.00 due at sign up

The Archdiocese of Chicago, Office for Catechesis and Youth Ministry will sponsor the Annual Youth Ministry Great America Days 2015 on: Thursday, July 9th, 2015. The price of the ticket for ONE day is $33.00. The tickets can be used only one day of any of the date above. Tickets are nonrefundable. There is an additional $7.00 charge per person to enter Hurricane Harbor Water Park. You can pay the extra cost at the park.
General Park hours are from 10:30 AM – 10:00 PM Hurricane Harbor hours are from 11:15 AM – 6:00 PM

We will meet at St. James School Parking lot to load up cars to drive to Six Flags leaving at 9:15 am so we can get to the Park when it opens. Spend the day there and load up the cars to come back by 8 pm. Please bring extra spending money for food. Adult Chaperones/Drivers are needed!

It’s going to be an amazing day full of lots of fun and friends! Please get your forms back to Sr. Faustina by June 5th
Spring Sports

Spring brings track, boys' volleyball, and girls' softball.

SJS has a JV team this year and their season began in early April and ran through early May. The girls finished first in conference with a 7-1 record!

For 5th-8th grade, SJS has boys' volleyball and boys/girls track. The Varsity girls' team took 3rd place and the boys' team took 2nd place at sectionals. Several athletes qualified for the state track meet including Will Welberg, William Hartman, Josh Perkins, Michael Best, Zach Heidorn, Erin Oleksak, Anna Haas, Kathryn Williams, Claire Ferriss, Sara Hankinson, and Erin Martin.
SAINT JAMES SCHOOL

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

May 2, 2015
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

May 2, 2015
If you attend the 10 am mass on Sunday, you'll see quite a crowd of young children leaving the assembly before the readings are proclaimed. Just where are they going – and why? These young people are going just a few steps away to take a deep journey in faith as they engage in the Children’s Liturgy of the Word (CLOW).

So, what is “Children’s Liturgy of the Word”? It is a very special form of catechesis for the young children. In the chapel God’s Word is proclaimed in a language that young children can easily understand. The children are led in a discussion and activity that gives them opportunity to reflect on God’s Word and explore how it connects to their lives.

Sunday, May 24th and Sunday, May 30th you will be given the opportunity to consider becoming part of this ministry by volunteering as a catechist or a helper. Come talk to the CLOW representatives in the Gathering Space after mass to learn more and on May 30th stay around for our third anniversary celebration of Children’s Liturgy of the Word.

CLOW
CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
PROJECT LINUS
**St. James-fest 2015**

The Second Annual St. James-fest...the ‘World’s Smallest Block Party with the Most Fun’

**What:** Block party food and beverages...hamburgers, hot dogs, NEW THIS YEAR...ROASTED PIG...beverages for young and old. TWO bounce houses; movie for the kids after dark; bag-o, volleyball, basketball, water balloon launches, conversation, and a DJ. Bring a blanket or sleeping bag for the kids movie!

**When:** Saturday, June 6th, right after the 5:00 PM Mass till about 10:30 PM.

**Where:** The grassy area between the Church and the Rectory.

**Who:** All St. James Parishioners. Bring a blanket...bring a chair!

**Why:** Just to get together before the summer begins...come on out and spend time with each other!

**Cost:** Not much! This isn’t a fund raiser...minimal costs for beer and wine...just to break even.

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**Are you new to St. James?**

St. James Parish Ambassadors would love to welcome you at our Parish Fest on Saturday evening, June 6 beginning at 6:00pm on the lawn between the Church and Rectory. It will be a great evening to bring your family for free burgers, hot dogs, ice cream and lots of fun with new St. James friends.

Parish Ambassadors have a special welcome table with a gift and a Welcome Folder just for you! We look forward to meeting you ..... See you there!

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**Welcome To All St. James Visitors!**

If you would like to register at St. James Parish or know more about the parish, fill in this form and place it in the collection basket. A St. James Ambassador will contact you.

I would like to know more about or register at St. James Parish.

Name: ________________________________________________________________

Address: _____________________________________________________________

Phone: ____________________________ Email: ______________________________

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Northwest Suburban Catholic Senior Network
16th Annual Senior Day
Sponsored by Vicariate 1DEF Ministry Commission
“Lord, Are You Listening?”

Presented by Amy Florian

Ms. Florian is a nationally recognized speaker, teacher, and retreat director who uses her personal experience along with the best of current research for her engaging and dynamic presentations. She is a liturgy and bereavement consultant who holds a Master’s Degree in Pastoral Studies and a Fellow in Thanatology (the highest level of certification in the field of death and grief studies). She founded Corgenius, a company that teaches professionals how to better serve people in times of transition and loss and teaches in the graduate ministry department of Loyola University in Chicago. Amy has published over ninety articles and two books and has a passion for helping people pray, heal and live fully.

WHERE: St. Thomas Becket
1321 Burning Bush Lane
Mt. Prospect, IL 60056

WHEN: Wednesday, June 24, 2015

TIME: Doors open at 10:00am
Coffee, juice and donut holes served at 10:00am.

Presentation from 10:30 to 11:30am
Box lunch to follow.

COST: $9.00 non-refundable (please make checks payable to St. James Parish.
Final deadline is June 15, unless all seats are filled before June 15.
No reservations taken after June 15.

Fill out the form below and submit with your check to the St. James Parish Office.
Attn: Senior Day—Contact Matt Lombardi at 847-502-5911 if you have questions.

Thank you.

Northwest Suburban Catholic Senior Network—16th Annual Senior Day

NAME (S):________________________________________________________

PHONE: ________________________________________________________
You’re invited to a Pro-Life Baby Shower

to benefit “Heather’s House” at Maryville Academy

Sunday, June 7th
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
School Cafeteria

Refreshments, Snacks, & Sweet Treats will be served

Suggested Gift Items—
Gift cards in any increment to the following stores:
Aldi Foods, CVS Pharmacy, Target, Babies R Us, Jewel, Walgreens,
BP Gas Station, Shop and Save, Walmart

It takes a great amount of financial resources to feed the large “Heather’s House family”.
Consider donating a gift card to help with one week’s supply of groceries as listed on the
Heather's House Grocery List

Great as a group gift, i.e. family, neighbors, scout troops, etc.
Consider the purchase of a MANNA card for any of the gifts listed above!

Baby Boutique – Ongoing Needs
Crib, Strollers, Pack N Play’s, Bouncees, Diapers (newborn-4 years), cloth diapers, wipes,
newborn baby clothes (gender neutral colors), baby clothes (3 months-1 year, boys & girls,
receiving blankets, crib sheets, boppy pillows, bottle warmers, diaper bags, baby toiletries,
and baby laundry detergent

Staff from “Heather’s House” will give a short presentation on the history and services at
“Heather’s House”/Aid for Women.

So that we may have an approximate number of attendees, we ask that you please RSVP to
gentralynkw@coxglobal.net

Sponsored by Christian Family Movement
Please bring your family!
**Respite Care—Gero Solutions**
Gero Solutions has trained volunteers who are available to provide up to 3 hours of respite care per week for family members caring for an older adult in their home. This free service is available by calling the Gero Solutions Office at 847-705-2123.

**Lunches by Catholic Charities**
Luncheons are served daily for seniors 60 and older at Arlington Heights Senior Center, 1801 W. Central. Suggested donation of $4.00 on a reservation basis. Call 847-797-5354 for reservations.

**Mended Hearts** - a national non-profit support group for cardiac patients and families meets monthly at Alexian Brothers Hospital in Elk Grove Village on the first Tuesday of each month in 2015. Call Jack Hanahan at 847-398-0791 for the schedule, information and support.

**Senior Health Insurance Program**
Volunteers trained by the Illinois Department of Insurance offer a free counseling service to help you compare alternative Medicare, Medicare Supplement, Medicare Drug, HMO or Long Term Care Insurance Plans and to assist in processing billing or appealing denied claims for these plans. Call 847-253-5532 for an appointment.

**Community Resources**
Alcoholics Anon. 312-346-1475
Alanon/Alateen 847-358-0338
Narcotics Anon.  708-848-4884
Families Anon.  847-795-8320
A self-help program for family and friends of those with substance abuse and/or behavioral problems. Meets regularly at 7:30pm on Wednesday evenings at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Arlington Hts.

**NAMI—National Alliance on Mental Illness—**Family support group, meets at 7:00pm, the third Wednesday of the month at Alexian Brothers Center for Mental Health, 3436 N. Kennicott, Arlington Hts. 847-899-0195

**Escorted Transportation**
Escorted Transportation Services Northwest (ETS/NW) - is a service available for older adults in our community who are in need of rides to medical or dental appointments. It is a non-denominational outreach service to seniors. If you are in need of such assistance, please call Kelly at 847-222-9227. To volunteer to drive and be a part of this outreach team call Kelly at 847-222-9227.

**Annuity Support Ministry**
Richard Nagengast  847-732-0970

**AA (Alcoholics Anonymous)** - meets in the old St. James School Basement, 821 N. Arlington Heights Rd. (east side of Arlington Hts. Rd.) every Monday and Wednesday evening. (Monday is a Men’s Meeting.) Both the Monday and Wednesday meetings start at 8:30pm.

**Cancer Research Network**
The American Cancer Society has Cancer Information Specialists available 24 hours a day, seven days a week - call 1-800-227-2345. These specialists can provide: Information about your cancer, tools to help with your treatment, help finding lodging and transportation, help with financial and insurance questions, answer prescription questions, provide clinical trials matching service, assist in finding support groups, identify online community for cancer patients and their families, and offer cancer education classes. Information is available on the Internet at www.cancer.org You may also call Ron Marwitz, the ACS parish contact, at 847-870-1862.

**For Post-Abortion Counseling Help:**

**Office for Protection of Children and Youth**  www.archchicago.org 312-534-5254

St. Vincent de Paul - is an emergency source for food and short-term financial help for parishioners and those living within the parish boundaries. Please call 224-345-7200, ext. 8517. Requests will be handled with care and confidentiality.
Please pray for our sick...
John Flynn, Carol Austin, Brian O'Callaghan,
Julia Jache, Edna O. Martin, Nester De Chavez,
Bill Glass, Dianne Johnson, Ann Metzger, Ethan Goo

In Loving Memory
Brigitt Ruby…
mother of Caroline Berman

Baby Jack Daniel Kurtenbach-Brandt…
son of John Kurtenbach and Amanda Brandt;
grandson of Charlotte O'Donnell

Baptisms
Kellen Salvatore LaPorta…..son of Chris & Natalie
(McLain) LaPorta

Illianna Sophia Bell…..daughter of Brian & Julie
(Calhoon) Bell

Liam Nathan Senft…..son of John & Delora (Harris)
Senft

Kelsey Elizabeth Hanigan…..daughter of Brian & Kim
(Pedroza) Hanigan

Poppy Margaret Katherine Hall…..daughter of Matthew
Hall & Maryjane Bellock

Wedding Banns
June 6, 2015
Arnaldo Acosta & Lila Rivera
Andrew Brauer & Nicole Kosciuk

June 13, 2015
Eric Hoffman & Tamara Harvatt

Rose for Life
This week's Rose for Life is donated by Kathy
Konopasek in loving memory of her aunt,
Della McAndrew, on the 16th Anniversary of her death.

Remembrances
Saturday Evening/Sunday Morning, May 24
Dana Mangi, George Kania, Bernard Suchomski,
Leonard Dreiling (1st Anniv.), Gene Baroni, Dana Mangi,
Joan Green, Daniel Canttieri, Margaret Trampf,
Ferdi Seelhorst, Robert Baruch, Angela Ambrose

Monday, May 25
Rev. Art Fannings, Heney Martini, Johnnie Jimenez

Tuesday, May 26
Edward Hopper, Judy Perry

Wednesday, May 27
Ado Campagnolo, Daniel Kaczmarek, James Drysdale,
William Biringham, Harold Herting, Rev. Luke Lyons,
Ralph Warble, Kevin Rossdeutcher, Bob Rossdeutcher,
Brendan Owens

Thursday, May 28
José Maria Guzmán, Winifred Barrett, Berny Britt,
Kaye Kiener, Ronald Antongiovanni

Friday, May 29
Loretta E. Cerabona, Irene Augusta, Dana Mangi

Saturday, May 30
Anna Mendala (1st Anniv.), Marie Fitton, Mary Staed,
Deceased members of the Mannix Family

Saturday Evening/Sunday Morning, May 31
Alvin Acosta, Fred Brandstatter, Georgia Vick,
Jim Pedigo, Norman Lapirre

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP
The St. James Grief Support Group meets from 7-
8:15 pm in Conference Room 1 at the Parish Office.
The next session ends on May 26th.

The group offers support through sharing, listening,
and learning from each other’s story of grief and loss.
You do not need to commit to all of the sessions, but
may attend as many as you find helpful. For infor-
mation, call MaryJo at 224-345-7200, ext. 8512 and
leave a message.

Stewardship
May 17, 2015
Weekend Masses — 622 Envelopes $29,772.50
GiveCentral — 74 Online Donations $6,221.75
May 17th Total Collection $35,994.25
Ascension—62 Env. $1,654.00
Liturgical Ministers for the Weekend of May 31, 2015

Presiders
Saturday evening:
5:00 pm Fr. Joji Thanugundla

Sunday:
7:00 am Fr. Joji Thanugundla
8:30 am Fr. Matt Foley
10:00 am Fr. Matt Foley
11:30 am Fr. Bill Zavaski
5:00 pm Fr. Gilbert Mashurano
(A signer will be present at the 5pm Sunday Mass.)

Eucharistic Ministers
(B Team)

Saturday evening: Parish Center
5:00 pm S.Garlick, T.Johnston, M.Meissner, N.Nordin, M.Opon, S.Resch, G.Stec, S.Stec, L.Trzesniewski, C Williams, B.Jaffe, J. Cruz, K.Miletic
Coordinators: S.Bobowski, R.Cruz, J.Garlick

Sunday: Church
7:00 am M.Cripe, G.Roller, J.Shrader, J.Shrader
Coordinator: M.Walsh, Jr.

8:30 am E.Cahill, P. Cahill, L.Holland, T.Holland, V.McQueeney, K.Newgard, K.Parus, M.Philips, B.Scullion, T.Stengren, M.Vanderwiel, L.P. Martin, L.Miossi,
Coordinator: T. Stengren

Sunday: Parish Center
(2 EMs for choir)
Coordinators: D.Burke, B.Minaglia

11:30 am J.Gedmin, M.Goolsby, J.Zitkus, N.Paulson, M.J. DeShon, E.O.Martin, J.Van Eck
Coordinators: C.Zitkus, C.Zitkus

Sunday: Church
Coordinator: J.Soukup

How Are We Praying?
Your Liturgy Board is interested in hearing about your experience of prayer and worship at St. James. We welcome your evaluation of Mass in the Church and Parish Center and your ideas about things we are doing well or ways we can improve our experience of praying together.
E-mail us at: stjamesliturgyboard@yahoo.com

Altar Servers
Saturday evening:
5:00 pm M.McGrath, M.Cassady, A.Chavez

Sunday:
7:00 am S.Michelini, W.Michelini, C.Brennan
8:30 am C.Raupp, D.Raupp, G.Hoffman
10:00 am E.Oskroba, G.Oskroba, K.Miletic
11:30 am A.Dimarro, R.Dimarro, N.Dimarro
5:00 pm E.Bleasdale, E.Madden, E.Saquin

Lectors
Saturday evening:
5:00 pm B.Mangi, D.Greising

Sunday:
7:00 am B.Kragh, P.Sokop
8:30 am R.Cerabona, C.Jarosz
10:00 am N.McShane, R.Morsches
11:30 am P.Farrell, R.Cormier
5:00 pm L.Matz, D.Starr

Scripture Readings
READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF May 24th

Monday: Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday: Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Mk 10:32-45
Thursday: Sir 42:15-25; Ps 33:2-9; Mk 10:46-52
Friday: Sir 44:1, 9-13; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mk 11:11-26
Saturday: Sir 51:12cd-20; Ps 19:8-11; Mk 11:27-33
Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40; Ps 33:4-6, 9, 18-20, 22; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20
SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2015  SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST

Sing a new song

A “sequence” is part of the Liturgy of the Word, sung before the gospel on the greatest feasts in the year. However, it seems to be hardly ever sung anymore. Does it “prolong” the liturgy? Why not celebrate the gift of God’s Spirit today and discover yourself embraced by God’s Spirit in one of these thrilling manifestations: Come, Holy Spirit. Come, Father of the poor, giver of gifts, light of the heart, Greatest comforter, sweet guest of the soul, sweet consolation. In labor, rest, in heat, tempest, in tears, salve. Cleanse what is unclean, water that which is dry, heal that which is wounded. Bestow that which is inflexible, fire that which is chilled, correct what goes astray. Grant eternal joy.

TODAY’S READINGS: Day: Acts 2:1-11; Galatians 5:16-25 or 1 Corinthians 12:30-7, 12-13; Sequence Veni Sancte Spiritus; John 20:19-23 (58). “He breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit.’”

MONDAY, MAY 25

FEAST OF BDE THE VENERABLE, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

So many books, so little time

You know the drill: You buy the book, then never read it. It gathers dust, and remorse the longer it sits on the shelf. Your intentions were sincere, but time always seems short, energy scarce. It’s much easier to watch television or surf the internet than to give yourself to the pursuit of learning! The Venerable Bede made the time: for learning languages, studying scripture, pouring over histories, and becoming truly wise. Today we begin a week of reading Sirach, a compilation of acquired wisdom. Turn off the media and find three wise sayings in Sirach meant for you.

TODAY’S READINGS: Sirach 17:20-24; Mark 10:17-27 (447). “No more can the dead give praise than those who have never lived.”

TUESDAY, MAY 26  FEAST OF PHILIP NERI, PRIEST

Let your life be your sermon

Philip Neri was a popular spiritual advisor and confessor. But this “saint of Rome” who lived during the Council of Trent also was criticized by some for allowing laymen to preach and for using hymns written in the language of the people. History is a great teacher that in this case reminds us that a saint of the church recognized the richness of faith within the laity of his day and encouraged the use of everyday language in the singing of hymns. Say a prayer of gratitude today for the faith that is yours alone to preach by the way in which you live.

TODAY’S READINGS: Sirach 55:1-12; Mark 10:28-31 (348). “But many that are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

FEAST OF AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, BISHOP, RELIGIOUS, MISSIONARY

The original Canterbury tale

Imagine being uprooted from a monastic life and told to march across medieval Europe to Christianize a far-flung kingdom with unknown gods. This was the task given to Augustine of Canterbury, a Benedictine monk who became the first archbishop of Canterbury and a founder of the English church in the year 597. We would not be talking about Augustine today had he been listened to the men in his mission who, seeing the task before them, urged Augustine to turn back and cancel the undertaking soon after it began. Encouraged by Pope Gregory the Great, Augustine and the men persevered and succeeded. If we stay the course through the difficult times, our mission of faith—large or small—can and will be completed. Hang in there!

TODAY’S READINGS: Sirach 30:1, 4-5a, 10-17; Mark 10:82-40 (359). “Come to our aid, O God of the universe, look upon us, show us the light of your mercies.”

THURSDAY, MAY 28

Let failings lead you to faith

Many of us find it difficult to ask for help. We would much rather give than be vulnerable enough to receive. While faith tells us that God is in charge, we so often forget and live as if we are in control of our lives. Then something stops us in our tracks: a disappointment, a diagnosis, a failure, or a death. And in that moment pride is revealed for the false god that it is and we cry out, “Master, help me see.” Write a note of gratitude to someone whose “strength has been revealed in weakness.”

TODAY’S READINGS: Sirach 42:15-25; Mark 10:46-52 (359). “Many looked him telling him to be silent. But he kept calling out all the more.”

FRIDAY, MAY 29

A prayer for the ages

Shrines, home altars, burial grounds, memorial services—these are all common ways people honor their ancestors. For Christians, we have the Litany of Saints, one of the oldest prayers in Christianity, where we call to mind the holy men and women in our salvation history. The litany is most often sung at Easter Vigil Mass and All Saints Day, but many of us also pray modified litanies each night calling out the names of our own special circle of saints: God bless Mom, God bless Dad. . . . Remembering the goodness and faithfulness of living and departed holy men and women is the first step in paying our respects. To ensure a lasting legacy, we must follow their examples of radical love.

TODAY’S READINGS: Sirach 44:1-9,13; Mark 11:11-26 (351). “Now will I praise those godly men, our ancestors, each in his own time.”

SATURDAY, MAY 30  FEAST OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

She just keeps showing up

Some people put great faith in the apparitions of Mary—those times throughout history when the Mother of Jesus has been reported to appear, speak, and sometimes perform a miraculous sign. The church officially makes belief in Marian apparitions a matter of decision, not doctrine. Still, as one Protestant believer has phrased it, whether you credit these visions or not, what do you make of the idea that folks throughout history and around the world keep seeing her? Mary speaks to our longing for a personal encounter with the sacred. She had one. We’re all invited to be Christ-bearers.

TODAY’S READINGS: Sirach 52:1-12; Acts 15:32-35. “When I was young and innocent, I sought wisdom openly in my prayer.”
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