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MAY 3, 2015

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

The Lord Jesus has “called us out of darkness into his wonderful light.” We hear him do that very concretely in the Gospel today. He reassures us with these words: “Do not let your hearts be troubled...Have faith in God and faith in me... Where I am you will be...I am the way, the truth, and the life... Whoever believes in me will do the works I do.” This is the Word of God that “continued to spread” so that the number of disciples “increased daily.” This increase is what the risen Christ continues to offer the Church through the ministry of priests and deacons. “Come to him; let yourselves be built into a spiritual house.”

PASTOR:

Rev. Peter M. Colapietro

ASSOCIATES:

Rev. Joe A. Francis

Rev. Joby Mathew

IN SUNDAY SERVICE:

Rev. Richard Arold

ORGANIST & DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:

Mr. David Schaefer

CANTOR & LEADER OF SONG:

Mr. Joseph Neal

BAPTISMS & MARRIAGES:

By Appointment only.

Please contact a member of the parish staff well in advance.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

5:00 PM on Saturdays

Anytime by appointment

COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND:

Anyone who cannot attend church because of illness or age, please contact the parish office, so that arrangements can be made to bring communion to you.

MASSES

Sundays: 7:30 AM; 9:00 AM; 10:30 AM & 12 NOON (Principal Liturgy & Choir)

Weekdays: 7:30 AM & 12 NOON

Saturdays: 12:00 PM & 5:30 PM (Vigil)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Our Annual Baby Shower will begin Sunday, May 3, 2015 and continue thru the end of the month.

Please bring a **NEW** unwrapped gift and place them at the altar of St. Joseph.

OFFICE HOURS

WEEKDAYS:

9:00 AM - 7:45 PM

SATURDAYS:

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

SUNDAYS:

10:30 AM - 2:30 PM

SPECIAL DEVOTIONS

Rosary

Weekdays after the Noon Mass and on Saturday after the 12:00 NOON mass

Holy Hour

First Friday of each month after the Noon Mass

Devotions

Miraculous Medal on Mondays after each Mass

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Barnabas reported to the apostles how Saul had seen the Lord on the way (Acts 9:26-31).

Psalm — I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people (Psalm 22).

Second Reading — This is God's commandment: that we may believe and love (1 John 3:18-24).

Gospel — I am the true vine; whoever remains in me will bear much fruit (John 15:1-8).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

Sunday: Acts 10:25-36, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1-4; 1 Jn 4:7-10 or 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 15:9-17 or Jn 17:11b-19

Remember your loved ones by dedicating in their honor this week's Bread & Wine and Sanctuary Lamp

Bread & Wine / Sanctuary Lamp
In Loving Memory of
Leroy Arold
 +
 Requested by: Fr. Richard Arold



SATURDAY (MAY 2): EASTER WEEKDAY
 5:30 PM Albert Santoro

SUNDAY (MAY 3): 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
 7:30 AM Luigi Napolitano
 9:00 AM Mary Zimmerman (Living)
 10:30 AM Josephine Mercogliano
 12:00 NOON St Monica's Parishioners

MONDAY (MAY 4): EASTER WEEKDAY
 7:30 AM St. Anthony
 12:00 NOON Souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY (MAY 5): EASTER WEEKDAY
 7:30 AM John and Mary Ford
 12:00 NOON Anna Bellevue

WEDNESDAY (MAY 6): EASTER WEEKDAY
 7:30 AM Souls In Purgatory
 12:00 NOON Lourdes A. Yasana

THURSDAY (MAY 7): EASTER WEEKDAY
 7:30 AM The Priests of Saint Monica's (Living)
 12:00 NOON Leroy Arold

FRIDAY (MAY 8): EASTER WEEKDAY
 7:30 AM Esperanza Eiaw
 12:00 NOON Mary Crowley and Beatrice O'Carroll

SATURDAY (MAY 9): EASTER WEEKDAY
 12:00 NOON Nicholas, Nora, and Edward Fredo

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please remember in your prayers:
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Dina Connallon, Kathleen Reddington, Robert Hammond, John McArdle, Joan Sheridan

and those wounded in Military Action.

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

"I've gone to prepare a place for you."
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Patrick Ryan, Irene Csiki, John Bonner, Mildred Fairchild, James Murphy Brooks, Marta Peña

Please pray for our deceased parishioners and friends.

If you wish to add the names of your loved one to the prayer list, please notify the rectory: (212) 288-6250.

TODAY'S HYMNS

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B) **Welcome to St. Monica's!**

*The music for today's Eucharist can be found
in our hymnal on the following pages:*

Entrance Hymn 397
They'll Know We Are Christians

Penitential Rite *

Gloria *

Responsorial Psalm 560
*I will praise you, Lord,
in the assembly of your people.*

Gospel Acclamation 168

Offertory Hymn 359
Blest Are They

Sanctus *

Memorial Acclamation *

Great Amen *

The Lord's Prayer 120

Lamb of God *

Communion Hymn 435
Eat This Bread

Recessional Hymn 375
The Summons

**from the Mass for New Era
for texts, see pew card*

REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

Hearing Jesus' words, "I am the vine, you are the branches," sounds comforting at first. But then comes "and my Father is the vine grower" (John 15:1). The task of the vine grower is to prune and pruning can be tricky. The danger is cutting the main vine and not the branches, or cutting the branches that carry this year's fruit and not the old ones from last year. But Jesus tells us that it is the Father who is out there with the pruning shears, not some careless hired hand. He is cutting away the dead wood, and cutting back the good branches so they bear even more fruit.

Nevertheless, you might think, who wants to be pruned, even metaphorically? Who wants God snipping away? It's hard to be pruned. There is a dying in that. But that is the ongoing story of Easter: dying and rising, pruning and bearing more fruit. God is there pruning us to bring out life, to make us life bearers and life givers. The Father continues snipping away, separating us from our selfishness, our self-centeredness, and all those things we hold on to that do not give us life: resentments, old grievances, desires for getting even. God is about life, committed to an abundance of life—not just life today but eternal life. That's the divine plan. Are we part of it?

Living God's Word

Jesus tells us: "If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you" (John 15:7). Which words of his are calling you to life? Ask him to help you to trust in the Father and surrender to what the Father wills for you.

MOTHER'S DAY

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 10th, 2015. This is a beautiful way to remember and honor our mothers both living and deceased. Spiritual Bouquet Cards are available with intention envelopes at the rear of the church.

The envelopes can be placed in the offering box located at the Baptismal Font and then will be placed at the Blessed Mothers Altar for the month of May.

GOLDEN JUBILEE WEDDING 50TH ANNIVERSARY MASS

Due to a misprint by the Archdiocese, the date published in last week's bulletin for the Golden Jubilee Wedding 50th Anniversary Mass was incorrectly listed. The corrected date will be: **Saturday, June 20th and Sunday, June 21st** at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Any parishioners wishing to participate can call the Rectory at (212) 288-6250 to register. Tickets will be mailed on June 1st.

If you cannot attend, you may also request an official certificate that will be mailed to you after June 21st.

CHURCHES IN CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE

This weekend, May 2nd and May 3rd, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports Catholic organizations that provide affordable shelter and train seminarians in a region that still struggles from the effects of Soviet rule. By providing pastoral care, catechesis, and funding for building renovations, your donations help to restore the Church and build the future in the region. Please give generously to the collection next week.

Visit www.usccb.org (search "Church in Central and Eastern Europe") to learn more.

UNBOUND

Father Michael Rieder sends his heartfelt thanks to all the parishioners who donated to Unbound last week. Your generosity humbled him greatly and he was so happy to receive so much for those less fortunate than ourselves.

If you missed Father Michael's presentation and would like to learn more about Unbound or to donate more to their great cause, please visit them at: www.unbound.org.

St. Monica's Annual Baby Shower

*Will continue through
May 31*

Participate and Support mothers
in need at Pregnancy Help Center,
Yorkville Common Pantry
and Catholic HOME BUREAU

COVER SHEET

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