

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK . . .**

It is so difficult to put into words the gratitude, love and admiration I am feeling for all of you who made the 50th anniversary of my ordination so memorable. That day with the Mass and the reception will be burned in my memory for a very long time.

I wish to thank the Committee members for all the time and effort they expended to assure the success of this celebration. To **Michelle McGinness**, the chairperson, I say thank you from a most grateful heart. To the other committee members, **Jeanne Abbott, Thomas Barrett, David Bertoni, Mary Lou Britton, Michelle Horgan, Toni Twomey, and Thomas Zampell**, you also have my most sincere gratitude, and I know I owe all of you big time. To **Tom Bold**, our music director, for the most beautiful musical arrangements for the Mass, thank you. To **Liz Reilly, Father Jack Crabb, Deacon Joe Bourgeois, Deacon Jim Manzi, and Deacon Ted Koval**, I thank you for coordinating the very inspiring liturgy. To **Cathy Brumby** for making sure that everything looked so clean and that everything was in place for the Liturgy, and to **Eileen Larkin** for all the hours expended in keeping all the records and verifying that everyone who responded to the invitation had a place at the reception, thank you. To the **altar servers** of whom I was so proud in front of my brother priests, and to the **ushers** at the Liturgy who facilitated the sitting arrangements in the church, thank you. If I have forgotten anyone, please forgive the oversight and know that all of you are in my prayers.

Congratulations to all of you who are mothers and to those preparing to be mothers. Many blessings to all of you this Mother's Day. Let us all remember and rejoice in a most treasured gift of God, our own mothers, and let us ask the Lord to continue to bless all of us.

Ever grateful, and I love you all.

Father B

**Prayer For Our Troops**

Father, hold our troops, especially Adrian O'Neill, Shane Radcliffe, and Peter Pavenski, in your loving hands and protect them as they protect us. Be with them and comfort them with your loving presence while they are away from their homes. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need and grant us all peace, both as individuals and as a world community. We ask this in the name of Jesus, your Son, with faith that you will hear and answer all our prayers according to your will. Amen

**Please Pray For . . .** Sophia Shaw, Eutawna Clark, Rita Pooler, Thomas Queen, Carol LaMontagne, Carolyn Dutton, Marie Magill, David Sceggell, Lisa Carey, Beth Rebello, Paul Hegarty, Glen Brotchie, Donna Wilson, Linda Wilson, James Wilson, Terry Plourde, Isabella Buccaflusca and all who are ill, in nursing homes, and for those who are hospitalized.

**Mass Intentions**

Saturday, May 9  
4:30 pm

**Marion Day**

Sunday, May 10  
8:00 am

**Catherine Carrigan**

10:15 am

**Deceased Family  
Members of our  
First Communicants**

6:30 pm

**Gabriel Pacione**

Monday, May 11  
9:00 am

**Helen Classen**

Tuesday, May 12  
9:00 am

**Jean D'Arcy**

Wednesday, May 13  
9:00 am

**Mary Holland**

Thursday, May 14  
9:00 am

**Thelma Foster**

Friday, May 15  
9:00 am

**Robert Hamilton**

Saturday, May 16  
4:30 pm

**Marion Day**

Sunday, May 17  
8:00 am

**John R. Scott**

10:15 am

**Katherine Murphy**

6:30 pm

**Ralph Cowie**

## Distribution of Pro-Life Roses

This Weekend, May 9 and 10



This weekend, silk roses will be available at the doors of the church. These beautiful pro-life symbols are a wonderful way for us to honor our mothers in a most meaningful way. The rose is the international symbol of the pro-life movement because it represents the beauty and fragility of the unborn life destroyed by abortion.

Suggested donation of \$1.00 for these silk roses will help fund pro-life activities.

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“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit.”

- Jn 15:1-2

## St. Paul Religious Education Program

Jeanne Abbott, Coordinator,

Grades 1 - 6

### First Communion

Sunday, May 17th @ 10:15 Mass

**May Procession**

### **PREP Registration for Grades 1 through 5**

Registration forms for PREP will be mailed during the summer to families already registered in the program.

If you are new to the parish or have a child entering Grade 1, please email [jeanne.abbott@verizon.net](mailto:jeanne.abbott@verizon.net) your child's name, address, phone number, and grade entering in order to receive a registration form.

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## Let's get "A Hole In One" with the Youth Group

Come join us on Friday May 15<sup>th</sup> as we go out to dinner at Chili's and then get competitive at Monster Mini Golf. We will meet at St. Paul's at 6:30 pm and then travel to Danvers to have dinner. After dinner we will walk over to Monster Mini Golf and play a round. The event will run from **6:30 PM-10 PM**. Please bring about **\$15** dollars for dinner and **\$7.50** for mini golf. All participants of this event need a completed permission form in order to attend. Please contact Beth Pacione at [Bethpacione@gmail.com](mailto:Bethpacione@gmail.com) for more information or if parents can drive!

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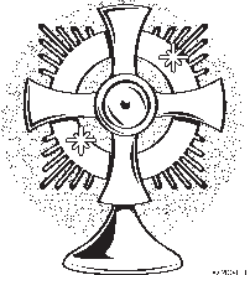
## Catholic Communication Campaign Collection - May 16/17

Next week's second collection supports The Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). CCC develops media programming project and resources that promote Gospel values. 50% of the collection supports local communications efforts, such as televised Masses and diocesan newspapers. The other fifty percent supports the development and production of a wide range of national media programming. Please visit [www.SCCB.org/cc](http://www.SCCB.org/cc).

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## Last Talk in Series on St. Paul

The last in a series of 3 talks on St. Paul will be held at St. John the Baptist Church in Peabody on this Sunday night, May 10, at 7 pm. This talk will provide an overview on Paul's life and his teachings. The year of St. Paul concludes this June. This talk is a great way to learn more about the patron saint of our parish from an expert who teaches the subject at Providence College. Four of our parishioners went to the talk last Sunday night and found it very interesting. St. John's is easy to get to by taking Rte 128 to Lowell St. and following Lowell St. towards Peabody Center. Take a right at Chestnut St. right before the center and the first right will take you into the Church parking lot.



## **Eucharistic Adoration**

**The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for your adoration in the chapel on Saturdays from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm**

**The Blessed Sacrament will be reserved in the tabernacle for your adoration at all other times. The lit sanctuary lamp is always a sign of the presence of the Lord and is an invitation to all who wish to come and spend some quiet time with the Lord.**

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### **Prayer of St Paul**

**Oh, God our Father,  
you give us the joy of the  
patronage of Saint Paul  
for our parish.**

**Through him your Church  
first received the faith.  
Keep us true to  
his teaching.**

**We ask this through  
Christ Our Lord.**

**Amen**

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### **Our bulletin is now available online!**

Liturgical Publications Inc., the publisher of our bulletin, is pleased to announce a new service: our complete bulletin available on line.

You can go to [SeekAndFind.com](http://SeekAndFind.com) anytime to find a copy of our weekly bulletin - even if you are homebound or traveling.

## **5th Sunday of Easter**

**Hot air balloons of today are beautiful, quiet giants, floating through the skies powered by propane tanks which give the pilot the ability to control its elevation based on the amount of heated air dispensed into the balloon. But 19th-century balloons have often been depicted with sandbags attached around the gondola; should the balloon begin to descend when it shouldn't, these weighted bags could be released, which would lighten the load and allow the balloon to rise. Perhaps we are guilty at times of carrying too many sandbags that weigh us down and prevent our ascension.**

**"I am the true vine," Jesus proclaims in today's Gospel reading from John, "and my Father is the vine grower." His analogy is that God has already removed every dead branch from the vine-sin-and continually prunes the good, fruit-bearing branches-you and me-so that we will grow even more good fruit. In other words, as long as we remain with Jesus, we will prosper and multiply and bring others to his good word. God has cut the sandbags that weigh us down and prevent us from rising to see his glory.**

**On this Fifth Sunday of Easter, we are reminded by the Catechism of the Catholic Church that through the power of the Holy Spirit, "God's children can bear much fruit. He who has grafted us onto the true vine will make us bear the fruit of the Spirit: ?love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control" (CCC 736). How does God "prune" the branches of his vine, Jesus Christ? He gives us the ability to turn away from the hurtful influences of the world and live with the love that multiplies in his name.**

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