

## 5th Sunday of Easter

May 14, 2017 - Mother's Day

### THE HEART OF THE CHURCH

The month of May is traditionally a collision of celebrations, I mean that in the best way possible. Think about it: First Communion - you betcha; Baptisms, graduations, weddings - of course; Easter - continuing; and then there's Mary and Mother's Day.

We arrive at today's celebrations - Easter, Mary, Mother's Day - and we have a sense in the Gospel that things are about to change as Jesus says, "I am going to the Father." I can imagine what Mary thought when she heard that her son was returning to the Father - how she would miss him, even as she understood that it was right for him to go.

May, pre-Christianity, was connected to goddesses who were honored for bringing forth flowers and plants as Spring comes to full fruition. So it is no surprise that the Church would see in the beauty of the created world a natural link to the Mother of God and use it to remind us to honor her.

Axiom 3, as you know, "Mary always leads us to Jesus," allows us to use the beauty of the earth to amplify the beauty of the Easter season and realize while Mary leads us to Jesus, she does not lose her own identity as his mother, our mother and one of us as a believer.

We know and appreciate Mary as the "Mother of All," because of our own mothers, of course. Why not realize that the connections of beautiful flowers, with our mothers, with mother Mary is but an extension of the Easter celebration when Christ brings new life and blessings to us all.

We honor Mary this month also as Mother of the Church - someone who cares about us, and wishes to raise us in the light of her son. She is the heart of the Church - she not only knows but feels its love, its power.

Mary, like every good mother leads us to her son. We all, as sons and daughters know the love of our own mothers and honor them today. Let us continue to use our mother experiences to share what that means even as it is linked to the Good News of Christ who is risen.

God bless you moms! Thank you Mary!

Fr. Brad Schoeberle, CSP



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**This Week's Scripture Readings**

Available online at [usccb.org/bible](http://usccb.org/bible)

**Ministries for May 21**

**Lectors**

8:00 a.m. John Graveline (1st), Jaymie Perry (2nd)  
 10:30 Val Lehti (1st), Kali Steck (2nd)

**Altar Servers**

8:00 a.m. Isaac Perry, Kalib Perry  
 10:30 Sammi Steck, Adelle Maksymowski

**Extraordinary Ministers of Communion**

8:00 a.m. Tim Alt, Nanette Casha, Deb Buursta  
 10:30 Larry & Pam Van Wyk, Sally Forslund, Rick Freehafer  
 Jon Noworyta

**Ushers**

8:00 a.m. Jerry Casha (lead), David Boon, Sue Sandberg,  
 Ron Gorlewski  
 10:30 Howard Lehti (lead), Paul Steck, Joe Morello,  
*Usher Needed*

**Happening this Week in Our Parish**

**Sunday (5/14) 5th Sunday of Easter**

8:00 a.m.	Mass	For Our Parish	Church
9:00	Anointing of the Sick		Church
9:15	Faith Formation (K-2)		Church
10:30	Mass	For All Mothers	Church
<b>First Eucharist of Elaine Torres-Lino, Eliana Nadda, &amp; Zachary Heiks</b>			
11:45	Anointing of the Sick		Church
2:00 p.m.	Baptism Preparation		Church
5:30	Mass	Jesser Family	Church

**Monday (5/15) St. Isidore**

5:00 p.m.	Mass	Deacon Steve Petroff, CSP	Church
5:30	Reconciliation		Church
7:00	Finance Council Meeting		Church

**Tuesday (5/16)**

5:00 p.m.	Mass	Deacon Matt Berrios, CSP	Church
5:30	Reconciliation		Church

**Wednesday (5/17)**

5:00 p.m.	Mass	Deacon Stuart Wilson-Smith, CSP	Church
5:30	Reconciliation		Church
6:00	Youth Group (6-12)		Church
6:15	Young Disciples (3-5)		Church

**Thursday (5/18) St. John I**

3:30 p.m.	Food Pantry		Church
5:00	Mass	Vocations-Paulist Fathers	Church
5:30	Reconciliation		Church

**Friday (5/19)**

5:00 p.m.	Mass	Paulist Fathers	Church
5:30	Reconciliation		Church

**Saturday (5/20) St. Bernadine of Siena**

12:00 p.m.	Rosary		Church
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**Sunday (5/21) 6th Sunday of Easter**

8:00 a.m.	Mass		Church
9:15	Faith Formation (K-2)		Church
10:30	Mass		Church
5:30 p.m.	Mass		Church

**Food Pantry Needs**

St. Luke's Food Pantry appreciates your help!

**Our current food pantry needs:**

**Helper Meals**

Including but not limited to:

Hamburger Helper & Tuna Helper.

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**Next pantry date: May 18**

Finances for May	Envelope	Online	Combined	Budgeted	Over/Behind
Total for April	\$ 23,371	\$ 9,275	\$ 32,646	\$ 29,300	\$ 3,346
Weekly Average for April	\$ 4,674	\$ 1,855	\$ 6,529	\$ 5,860	\$ 669
May Month to date	\$ 4,093	\$ 1,365	\$ 5,458	\$ 5,860	\$ (402)

CSA	# of Pledges	Amount Pledged	Goal	% of Goal
To date	35	\$ 9,165	\$32,685	28%

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Ministry of the Paulist Fathers

# SCRIP

Many of our favorite gas and grocery retailers are offering bigger rebates if you RELOAD your prepaid cards between May 20 – 26. If you don't have reloadable cards, purchase them soon so you can take advantage of these bigger rebates for the parish.

Participating retailers are: Speedway, Shell, Exxon/Mobil, Meijer, Whole Foods, Gordon Food Service. There may be more as we get closer to rebate week. Check the scrip website at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) for all the participating retailers.

## Parish Photo Directory

Pictures will be taken for the parish photo directory from 2-9 p.m. on Monday, June 19 and Tuesday, June 20. If you have questions, contact Mary Alt at 616-403-2859.

## Rosary

Every Saturday during the month of May the Paulist Associates will gather at the church at noon to pray the rosary. All are welcome to attend.

## Fundraiser Church Vehicle

Do you hate taking back your pop & beer cans? Problem solved! Just drop them off at Diane Emelander's home at 10301 68th Ave. Allendale.

## Parish Prayer Chain information:

If you are available to make phone calls, please contact Peg Horvath at 616-892-1497 or by email at [pch1955@altelco.net](mailto:pch1955@altelco.net), and leave your name, phone number and/or email address. If you have prayer requests, please email Fr. Brad, Fr. Chuck, or contact Peg.

If you know of someone who is ill, recovering from surgery, or is home bound, we have a "Sunshine Club", aka Diane Emelander. Contact her at 616-402-3148. Also, if you have unused Sympathy, Thinking of you, Get Well cards, or cards that are blank inside, or you want to donate money for stamps, that are used to mail out these cards, contact Diane.

## Questions about what the Women's Fellowship Group?

Contact Jeanne Benedict, at 616-677-5428. Our next meeting is Monday, June 19, 6:30 p.m.

## Going Away Party for the Priests

We are having an all-day party Sunday, June 25 to celebrate Fr. Brad and Fr. Chuck. More information will be available in the next few weeks.



**Deacon Matthew Joseph Berrios, C.S.P.** is in his final year in seminary and will be ordained a priest on May 20, 2017. From Grand Rapids, he was a student at Grand Valley State University studying Music Performance and Philosophy, while earning a living by giving music lessons.

After attending Mass regularly, hearing inspiring preaching and learning of the exciting ministry at the Catholic Information Center downtown, his decision to become a Paulist Father was organic. Deacon Matthew says, "Don't be afraid of exploring your call! If God has called you to this life, He will equip you in His own good time with the gifts you will need to do His will."

Deacon Matthew has learned that he has the support and help of the Paulist community. He feels most like a Paulist when he has the privilege to preach to the people and open up God's word from the scriptures.

One interesting tidbit about Deacon Matthew is that he loves to swing dance. He learned how to dance while in college and he teaches it from time to time!

Please continue to pray for Deacon Matthew Joseph Berrios and all our Paulist Seminarians.

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