

## From Your Pastor

*An Easter Joy! ~ Happy Mothers Day!*

*M... is for the million things she gave me;  
O... means only that she's growing old;  
T... is for the tears she shed to save me;  
H... is for her heart of purest gold;  
E... is for her eyes, with love-light shining;  
R... means right, and right she'll always be.  
Put them all together, they spell 'Mother,'  
a word that means the world to me.*

Most of us are familiar with this near-century old song by the American lyricist Howard Johnson (1887-1941). I could almost hear you humming the tune in your head as you were reading the words of this 1915 classic! The song has been a favorite over the years, because it turns our hearts to one of our heart's greatest loves, our dear mothers.

There are many other very beautiful expressions of tribute that have been written about mothers over the years, as well there should be. Some of these might not be as familiar. Have you come across these?

*"God could not be everywhere and therefore he made mothers" – Jewish proverb*

*"My mother was the most beautiful woman I ever saw. All I am I owe to my mother. I attribute all my success in life to the moral, intellectual and physical education I received from her." – George Washington (1732-1799)*

*"The heart of a mother is a deep abyss at the bottom of which you will always find forgiveness." – Honoré de Balzac (1799-1850)*

*"I remember my mother's prayers and they have always followed me. They have clung to me all my life....All that I am or ever hope to be, I owe to my angel Mother." – Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865)*

*"Youth fades; love droops, the leaves of friend-ship fall: A mother's secret hope outlives them all." – Oliver Wendell Holmes (1809-1894)*

*"The mother's heart is the child's schoolroom." – Henry Ward Beecher (1813-1887)*

*"By and large, mothers and housewives are the only workers who do not have regular time off. They are the great vacation-less class." – Anne Morrow Lindbergh (1907-2001)*

*"The most important thing a father can do for his children is to love their mother." – Author Unknown*

During the first four weeks of this Easter Season, Father Anda, Father Gavin and I have had the privilege of baptizing 20 children and adults into the faith of the Church. What great moments these have been for us as priests. What great gifts these newly baptized are for us as a parish, especially in this grace-filled Season of Easter when we recommit ourselves to and celebrate our baptismal faith in the Crucified and Risen Lord. At the conclusion of the Rite of Baptism there is a beautiful prayer of blessing that is said for the mother of a newly baptized child. May the promise of this prayer bring blessing and hope and joy to each of you who have been called by God to be mothers:

*God the Father, through his Son, the Virgin Mary's child, has brought joy to all Christian mothers, as they see the hope of eternal life shine on their children. May he bless the mother of this child. She now thanks God for the gift of her child. May she be one with her child in thanking God forever in heaven, in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.*

God bless each of you.



*Mrs. Fay*

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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**Prayers Are Requested** for those who are ill, for vocations to the Priesthood and to the Consecrated Life; for married couples and for families; for the safe return home of the men and women in our military services; and for the repose of the souls of Patrick Feeney, Rita Powers and deceased members of our parish, our families and our benefactors.

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**2009 Catholic Appeal - Responding to God's Grace, Renewing Our Church.** Our parish has raised \$33,922 from 192 households, reaching 95.6 percent of our parish goal of \$35,500. **We're almost there!** If you have not yet pledged, please consider a gift today and help us meet our goal. Remember, our parish will receive 25 percent of all funds we raise above our goal. Please remember to make your pledge now even if you plan on fulfilling that pledge towards the end of the year. You can pick up information packets with pledge forms in the back of the Church to be mailed in. For more information please call 617-779-3700 or visit [www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com](http://www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com). Every gift matters. A heartfelt Thank You to all supporters of the 2009 Catholic Appeal.

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**A Make-up Review Training** for all Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who were unable to attend the last training session will be on Saturday, May 30 in the upper church. Lectors will meet at 10:00 am and Extraordinary Ministers at 11:00. Please mark your calendars.

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**Please Remember the St. Vincent de Paul Boxes** as you leave Mass today. Next meeting Tuesday, May 12 at 7:00pm.

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**The Knights of Columbus** bi-monthly meeting will be on Thursday at 7:00 pm. All members are encouraged to attend.

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**The Legion of Mary** is now meeting on Wednesdays at 7:30 pm in the rectory.

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**The Next Theology on Tap** will be at the Greenbriar on Thursday, May 21 at 7:00pm.

**The Sacrament of Confirmation** was received on Saturday morning by

Flor Alvarenga  
Edwin Ascencio  
Leah Buckley  
Caitlin Fitzgibbon  
Michelle Gallego  
Josseline Godoy  
Ricardo Guerrero  
Jose Joachin  
Rebecca Marrochio  
Molly McCarthy  
Nineth Morales  
Paul Rufo  
Samantha Shea  
Christopher Talbot

Alie Attar  
Karla Brandao  
Nicholas Ferreras  
Daniel Flaherty  
Tatiana Gallego  
Ashley Guidel  
Mariah Hanlon  
Anthony Marrochio  
Samantha Marrochio  
Edvin Montenegro  
Christopher Pecci  
Fiona Russo  
Samantha Solis  
James Whalen

Please remember these young men and women in your prayers.

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**Project Rachel Retreat:** Do you know someone who is carrying grief and sorrow over past abortions? Project Rachel, the post-abortion ministry of the Catholic Church, will offer a "Come to the Waters" healing retreat on Saturday, May 30. For more information contact them at 508-651-3100 or the website [help@projectrachelboston.com](mailto:help@projectrachelboston.com).

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**Fr. Anda will lead a trip** to Oberammergau, Germany in May 2010. Prior to seeing the Passion Play the tour will visit Rome, Assisi, Florence, Venice, Innsbruck and Munich. Space is limited and tickets must be purchased in advance for the Passion Play. If interested, please contact Fr. Anda at [augus2tine@yahoo.com](mailto:augus2tine@yahoo.com) or at the rectory.

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**Two rooms available** July 1, for information call John at 617-254-3360.

### PARISH GIVING

**Parish Offertory (May 2 - May 3): \$6,330**

**St. Vincent de Paul (May 2 - May 3): \$75.00**

*Thank You for Your Generosity*

**From the Public Audience of August 13, 1997  
of Pope John Paul II (d. 2005)**

*On the Motherhood of Mary and of the Church*

It is precisely in the divine motherhood that the Second Vatican Council perceives the basis of the special relationship between Mary and the Church. We read in the Dogmatic Constitution *Lumen gentium*: “By reason of the gift and role of her divine motherhood, by which she is united with her Son, the Redeemer, and with her unique graces and functions, the Blessed Virgin is also intimately united to the Church” (n. 63)...

Mary's motherhood is defined as “eminent and singular”, since it represents a unique and unrepeatable fact: Mary, before carrying out her motherly role for humanity, is the Mother of the only begotten Son of God made man. On the other hand, the Church is a mother because she gives spiritual birth to Christ in the faithful, thus carrying out her maternal role for the members of the Mystical Body. In this way the Blessed Virgin is a superior model for the Church, precisely because of the uniqueness of her prerogative as Mother of God...

The Church becomes a mother, taking Mary as her model. In this regard the Council says: “The Church in deed, contemplating her hidden sanctity, imitating her charity and faithfully fulfilling the Father's will, by receiving the Word of God in faith becomes herself a mother. By preaching and Baptism she brings forth sons and daughters, who are conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of God, to a new and immortal life” (ibid. n. 64)...

Moreover, in contemplating Mary, the Church imitates her charity, her faithful acceptance of the Word of God and her docility in fulfilling the Father's will. By following the Blessed Virgin's example, she achieves a fruitful spiritual motherhood.

But the Church's motherhood does not make Mary's superfluous: continuing to exercise her influence on the life of Christians, Mary helps to give the Church a maternal face. In the light of Mary the motherhood of the ecclesial community, which might seem somewhat general, is called to be expressed in a more concrete and personal way towards every person redeemed by Christ. By showing herself to be the Mother of all believers, Mary fosters in them relations of authentic spiritual brotherhood and constant dialogue...

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The two mothers, the Church and Mary, are both essential to Christian life. It could be said that the one is a more objective motherhood and the other more interior. The Church becomes a mother in preaching God's Word and administering the sacraments, particularly Baptism, in celebrating the Eucharist and in forgiving sins. Mary's motherhood is expressed in all the areas where grace is distributed, particularly within the framework of personal relations.

They are two inseparable forms of motherhood: indeed both enable us to recognize the same divine love which seeks to share itself with mankind.

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***Prayer for Marriage***

Heavenly Father,  
through the intercession of the Holy Family,

Help us treasure the gift of marriage  
that reflects the love of Christ for the Church,  
where the self-giving love of husband and wife  
unites them more perfectly  
and cooperates in your plan  
for new life created in your image.

Help us support men and women  
in their vocation of marriage,  
especially in difficult times  
when they join their sufferings to the Cross.

Help us uphold the institution of marriage in our society  
as the place where love is nurtured and family life begins.

Help us acknowledge that our future depends on this love  
and on your providential care for us. Amen.

*Please pray daily for the vocation of marriage.*

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**UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS**

**Saturday, May 23 10:00 am** First Penance -Spanish

**Sunday, May 24 12:45 pm** First Communion -Spanish

**Saturday, May 30** Review for Lectors (10:00 am) &  
Extraordinary Ministers (11:00 am) in upper church.

**Weekend of May 30/31** Volunteer Fair

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**Masses for the Week**

**Sunday, May 10 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

- (Sat.) 4:00 pm Special Intention  
7:30 am Antonio & Rosa DiCicco, Mem.  
9:30 am Timothy & Mary Honan, Mem.  
11:15 am Armand DiCicco, 1<sup>st</sup> Ann.  
12:45 pm *Missa pro Populo*  
5:00 pm Luigi & Margherita Baccari, Mem.

- Mon.** 7:00 am Kathleen & Hannah Quirk, Mem.  
**Tue.** 7:00 am Alan Temple, Mem.  
**Wed.** 7:00 am Leone & Maria Alfano & Maria &  
Vincenzo Cirigliano, Mem  
**Thu.** 7:00 am Joan K. Freeley, 17<sup>th</sup> Ann.  
**Fri.** 7:00 am Domenica Pacitto, 32<sup>nd</sup> Ann.  
**Sat.** 7:00 am Angelo & Julia DiMattia &  
Vincent Gasbarro, Mem.

**Sunday, May 17 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

- (Sat.) 4:00 pm The DeMarco Family, Mem.  
7:30 am Mary Walsh, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ann.  
9:30 am Timothy O'Leary, 15<sup>th</sup> Ann.  
11:15 am Harry Kelly, Mem.  
12:45 pm Jesus Cadena Brabo, 31<sup>st</sup> Ann.  
5:00 pm *Missa pro Populo*

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