

Third Sunday of Easter

*Jesus said to
Simon Peter,
“Feed my sheep.”*

John 21:17

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May 1, 2022

TWO HOLY MARTYRS PARISH

St. Symphorosa & St. Rene Goupil

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Fr. Bob's Weekly Blog

Welcome to Two Holy Martyrs Parish!! St. Symphorosa & St. Rene Goupil

The Apostles were brought before the Sanhedrin and were told to stop teaching in the name of Jesus. Did they obey the order? No!

Peter, who stood out as the leader among the Apostles replied, "We must obey God rather than men." Imagine the looks on the faces of the various members of the Sanhedrin. My hunch is that they were none too pleased with Peter's obstinacy.

Peter reminds us today that's God's love and God's law take priority over the "ways of the world." There were forces then and there are forces now who will try to make us renounce our faith; to stop teaching in the name of Jesus. Who will we obey when the command comes our way? We are inspired to stand strong in the face of opposition that rejects Jesus.

We pray we are never put in such a position, but history has taught us that persecution rears its ugly head on occasion. We naively think persecution of Christians only happened centuries and centuries ago. In reality, the 20th Century alone was rife with persecution, and the 21st Century will not be immune to violence toward Jesus.

Now, the argument will be made, "But Christians do violence and murder, too." Well, that may be true. Some who identify as Christian will do violence and murder, but the very act of violence and murder is NOT OF CHRIST." As soon as you need to use threats, intimidation, deceit, physical violence or murder to advance your cause, then you might need to take a look at your cause. Jesus used none of the aforementioned avenues of violence. Instead, the violence was done TO HIM, and He took it to the Cross.

Jesus is our model, always. The Gospels reveal to us a better way. When an Apostle pulled out a sword to slice off the ear of an "enemy of Jesus," the Lord countered with, "Stop! No more of this." Humanity has yet to take to heart His command.

Ghandi said, "Remember that all through history, there have been tyrants and murderers, and for a time they seem invincible. But in the end, they always fail. Always."

Jesus did not fail. He is risen. Alleluia!

Volunteers Needed

After a two-year hiatus, Family Fest is back. This is welcome news for the parish and for the surrounding community. Many families look forward to our parish's Family Fest, and it is a great opportunity for us to get outside and see one another. Family Fest is also a major fundraising event for the parish.

One of the keys to making Family Fest a

reality is volunteers. A fest of this magnitude does not happen by merely wishing it to happen. It needs hundreds (400) parish volunteers to help.

Here's what is different since the last time Family Fest served the community – our parish has a new structure. This presents opportunities and challenges. On July 1, 2020, the former parishes of St. Symphorosa and St. Rene Goupil were united to form Two Holy Martyrs Parish. We are now one parish with two active campuses, each with its respective church building.

This new reality should present us with opportunities. We can draw from more people to help make an already wonderful Family Fest into an even better experience for those who show up on our grounds. While the Fest is taking place on the St. Symphorosa campus, we can use the St. Rene campus for another activity. The unified parish can be a great positive for Family Fest.

Here's the challenge: There might be those within our parish ranks who no longer want to volunteer for Family Fest because it's not the same Fest as in the past, or they don't personally like the new parish (Two Holy Martyrs) decision, so they will not volunteer anymore. Or, they belonged to the former St. Rene parish and see the Family Fest as a "Sym's thing." Another challenge is folks who have already "done their time" as volunteers over decades, and we need the next generation of volunteers to raise their hands to learn from the veterans.

Family Fest 2022 is a Two Holy Martyrs Parish event, and people enjoy coming to this Fest. My invitation to everyone is to help (in whatever way you can) to make Family Fest a success. The three T's of parish stewardship come into play once again: Time, Talent, or Treasure. Not everyone can give their time, but they can give financially. Not everyone has extra money, but they have the time to volunteer at the Fest. Others can lend their talent in some fashion.

One of the mantras we've turned to as we embrace the newly-united parish reality is: Honor the past. Live in the present. Prepare for the future. We cannot afford to drop anchor in the past, but we can use the experience and gifts of the past to make our way today as we plan the future. Please support Family Fest as best you can. Thank you!

Harbridge A No-Go

Unfortunately, the private non-sectarian high school that sought to use one of our parish buildings will not be a reality come this Fall.

Harbridge Academy and leaders of American Quality Schools informed us in mid-April that

they were not able to enroll the necessary 100 students needed to be financially sustainable. Although ACS has had great success in launching grade schools, this endeavor to provide the Clearing/Garfield Ridge area with another high school choice did not materialize.

Two Holy Martyrs Parish was merely the landlord for this vision inspired by Dr. Michael Bakalis. We were not part of the hands-on marketing and planning. Parish leadership does agree that Harbridge Academy and its college-prep focus would have been a great alternative for families who were not going to send their child to a Catholic high school and prefer not send their child to one of the area public schools.

The St. Rene campus school building will continue to be used for some Faith Formation classes, monthly bingo, boy scouts, and other parish social events.

Seasoned Nun

In case you didn't see this in the news the past week, Sister Andre of France has become the oldest living person in the world at age 118. Yes, you read that correctly – one hundred and eighteen years young.

She was born Lucille Randon on February 11, 1904. Her birth pre-dates both world wars and so much of the technology we take for granted today.

The news also reported she is the oldest COVID survivor. Sr. Andre contracted the virus in January 2021. She had already survived the Spanish Flu pandemic of 1918.

For the past 12 years, Sr. Andre has been living in a retirement home. She is partially deaf and uses a wheel chair, but keeps her mind busy each day. Sr. Andre admits to enjoying a little chocolate on occasion and cherishes one glass of wine each day.

Is there some truth to chocolate and red wine being the secret to longevity? Hmmm!

Stories like this fascinate us, but we are reminded to cherish each day of our life no matter our age. None of us knows the day the Lord will call us Home. Therefore, we can make the decision to live a life of joy each day, even amidst the hardships that come our way.

Thank you, Lord, for the gift of Sr. Andre, and for the life you have given us.



Quote of the Week

"True success is obeying God."
~John Maxwell

MOTHER'S DAY ROSES

CELEBRATE MOM WITH ROSES AT MASS ON MAY 7 & 8



*The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is
the heart of a Mother.*

Roses will be available for purchase in the
Narthex of each worship site.
\$2 each or 3 for \$5.

Join Us For...



When: Sunday, May 15, 2022
Where: St. Rene Goupil (Flannery Hall)
6949 W 63rd Place
Time: Doors open at 12:30pm
Games begin at 1:30pm
Cost: \$20 at the door

Please call the parish office for more information at 773.767.1523



*Two Holy Martyrs Parish
Altar & Rosary Society*

We invite all members to join us for the Altar & Rosary Mass to be celebrated on May 1, 2022 at 9am at our St. Symphorosa Church.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday May 3, 2022 in the St. Rene Narthex. This meeting will have a "Crazy Auction". We ask members to please bring a wrapped gift to be placed in the auction for all in attendance to bid on.

The Altar & Rosary Bake Sale will take place at all weekend Masses in our church narthexes on Saturday, May 14th & Sunday, May 15th. Please consider donated home baked and/or purchased baked goods for this organization fundraiser.

St. Symphorosa School * * * * *
Parent Association * * * * *

presents

Plant Sale Days *at*
Soukal's Greenhouses

Throughout the entire month of May, St. Sym's will receive **10%** of your (pre-tax) total purchase when you present this flyer at your next visit to

Soukal's Greenhouses
5336 South Mason Avenue
(Just north of Archer Avenue on Mason)

Greenhouse Hours: **Mon – Fri: 8 – 7**
Saturday: 8 – 5
Sunday: 9 – 2

All proceeds support technology for
St. Symphorosa School.



Our Sanctuary Candle burning before the Blessed Sacrament for the month of May is offered for the following intentions:

For the repose of the soul of Tom Markham given by Family

For the repose of the souls of Vince Porcelli & his daughter Maria Porcelli given by Family

May this light which reminds us of Jesus' presence in the Tabernacle help welcome our prayers into His eternal presence.



“And behold, I [Jesus] am with you always, until the end of the age.”

(Matthew 28:20)

“How’s that working out for you?” This particular question is moderately popular in our everyday speech. Depending on the circumstances and who is asking, “How’s that working out for you?”, the speaker, if he or she is a family member, friend, colleague or neighbor, might sincerely be expressing interest or concern about one of our activities or endeavors, such as a new job, a new hobby or a new car. Alternatively, a person who is more of an opponent than a concerned relation might pose the same question but more rhetorically or even sarcastically, such as to point out an error in one of our choices or the futility of our efforts. In a manner of speaking, Jesus asks the same question, “How’s that working for you?”, of His disciples in the Gospel Reading for this Sunday. Literally, our Lord asks them, “Children, have you caught anything to eat?” (John 21:5) St. John reports that the Savior’s question comes in the morning after a night of discouraging results: “they [the disciples] went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.” (John 21:3) When Jesus calls to His disciples, “Children, have you caught anything to eat?”, He does so not mockingly, as an opponent would, but as someone who knows that they are uncertain about what to do, now that He has risen from the dead, and He speaks to them with a loving desire for their good.

After hearing the disciples reply, “No,” Jesus then directs them: “Cast the net over the right side of the boat and you will find something.” (John 21:6) This literal instruction after a period of seeming failure becomes an analog, a means by which the Savior will reveal that apart from Him they will fail in the teaching, governing and sanctifying work, which He is entrusting to them. Jesus has already told them during the Last Supper, “Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.” (John 15:4-5) Although several of the Apostles are fishermen by trade, this occasion of *not* catching fish becomes a key reference toward their realization that their future Apostolic labor fundamentally depends on continued discipleship with Jesus.

When the disciples heed Jesus’ words to cast their nets once again and then gather the large catch, this action, though similar to what they have done all night, is now distinguished as being done in response to Jesus’ initiative rather than their own. Morally speaking, the act of casting a net is neutral, it is an ordinary method of fishing; however, casting the net at the behest of the Savior is an act of faith and humility, undeterred by the prolonged lack of results. Such trust and cooperation with God will be crucial for the disciples as they begin to preach the Gospel, offer the sacraments and carry out the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, when they again will experience a lack of immediate success and even face harsh opposition. Even today, the Church universal and we individually might seem to be failing when we do not experience the large catch of fish, when our prayer and efforts seem futile. Again, we return to the Lord and humbly listen to the way He directs us, trusting that success is in His hands.

Jesus’ version of “How’s that working out for you?”, is also rhetorical in that He already knows that the disciples have not caught any fish but instead reassures them of His presence with them when He directs them to try catching fish once again. Finally, after the stunningly large haul of fish, the disciples realize that the Lord is present and at work, even when not physically in the boat with them: “So the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, ‘It is the Lord.’ When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he tucked in his garment, for he was lightly clad, and jumped into the sea.” (John 21:7) This experience will be anagogical, directing the disciples toward salvation as they will be able to recall later how God will be able to work with them in supernatural ways, ways which exceed their power but in which they are blessed to participate.

Have you experienced a similarly perplexing scenario as the disciples, exerting effort, trying to do something good, but seeming to fail as the disciples do? Did you later realize how God was present in those times and still ready to lead you?

~Fr. Matt Compton

Pastor Al™




"Our new secretary is something... funny how a phone message from your doctor got in the Sunday bulletin."

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Let us pray...

Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Anna Marie Fern
Diane Lebensorger
Thomas Steinle
Richard Turrise



The faithful all around the world are invited to join with Pope Francis for his special intention. Won't you join in? The intention for the month of May is for Faith-Filled Young People.

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS



UNIVERSITY OF SAINT MARY OF THE LAKE
MUNDELEIN SEMINARY

*Follow this prayer with an Our Father,
Hail Mary, and Glory Be.*

Lord, we ask you to open our minds and hearts to your Holy Spirit. Grant us the wisdom and grace to discern your will for our lives, and the courage and generosity to respond to you loving call.

We pray to have hearts like Mary, always freely and joyfully saying “yes” to you in all your plans.

Thank you for our priests. We pray that they may be true and faithful witnesses of Christ to the world, humbly sacrificing themselves for the Church and Her people. Inspire and guide our seminarians as they pursue this holy vocation.

Bless our brothers and sisters in religious orders and in all forms of consecrated life, that they may be faithful witnesses to the world.

Strengthen the men and women united in Holy Matrimony, that their marriages may reflect God’s faithful and fruitful love for us.

Open the hearts of those currently discerning their vocation, that they may not fear your calling, Lord, but trust in your Divine Providence. Raise up many faithful servants of the Gospel -- dedicated, holy priests, sisters, brothers and deacons -- who will offer their lives in service of your people and their needs.

We pray that you continue to open our hearts to hear your voice when you call, and help us be faithful to your plan for our lives. We ask all these prayers in Jesus’ name. Amen.

HELLO SPRING! GROW WITH US AT OUR OPEN HOUSE **ST. SYMPHOROSA SCHOOL SPRING OPEN HOUSE**

**TUESDAY,
MAY 3RD, 2022
4:00PM-7:00PM
AT ST. SYMPHOROSA A-HALL**

Come see what sets us apart:

- students known and loved
- affordable before and after school care opens 6:30am closes 6pm
- financial aid available for qualified families
- 21st Century skill STEM lab opening spring 22



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WITH US



St. Symphorosa School
(Parish school of Two Holy Martyrs)
773-585-6888
www.stsymsschool.org

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Third Sunday of Easter

May your people exult for ever, God, in renewed youthfulness of spirit, so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption, we may look forward in confident hope to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.



In this Sunday's Gospel, the disciples in their struggle finally recognize Jesus and proclaim, "It is the Lord!"

Have you considered answering the call to "help the poor recognize the Lord in their life" by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

St. Vincent de Paul phone number: (773) 682-3342



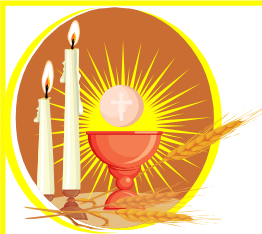


Faith Formation Office
 Phone: (773) 767-1523 x226
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 msiebenaler@archchicago.org
 Coordinator: Peg Siebenaler

WELCOME FAMILIES TO TWO HOLY MARTYRS PARISH FAITH FORMATION

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 5/1: **Communion Practice**
- 5/3: **Faith Formation Classes
 Tuesday, ST. SYMPHOROSA
 CAMPUS**
- 5/7: **First Communion Day!**
- 5/8: **May Crownings**

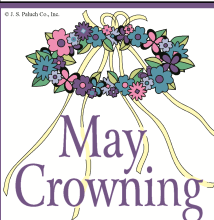


FIRST EUCHARIST

On Saturday, May 7, the Level Two Faith Formation students and the 2nd graders from St. Symphorosa School will receive Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time. These young children have worked very hard preparing for this special day and we invite you to

please remember them in your prayers.

Practice for this event will take place, at 11:30am on Sunday, May 1st at St. Rene Church. At least one parent is asked to attend the practice with their child.



On Sunday, May 8th, we will honor Mary, the Mother of God as Queen of the Universe.

May Crowning At our St. Symphorosa Church at the 9am Mass and At our St. Rene Church at the 10:30am Mass. All are Welcome to participate in our May Crowning Ceremonies. (Reminder: all First Communicants are invited to wear their Communion Attire to any Mass they attend on May 8th.)



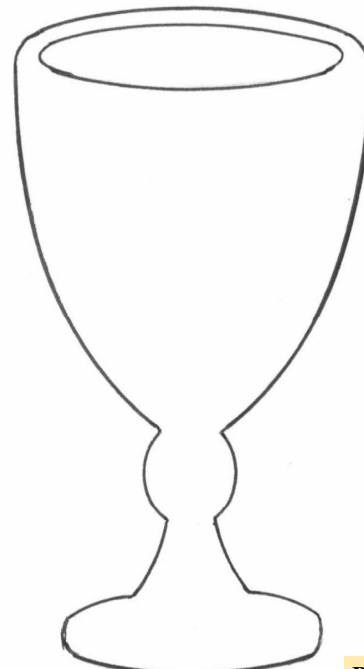
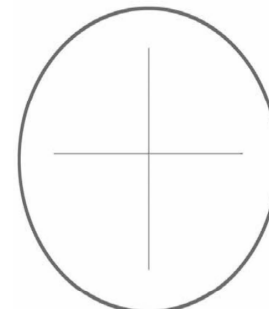
FEED MY LAMBS

Today's Gospel (John 21:1-19) tells the story of the time after the Resurrection when Jesus helped the apostles catch a large net full of fish. They didn't recognize him until they pulled in a catch so large they could hardly handle it. Afterward, on the shore, Jesus prepared a breakfast for them of bread and some of the fish they had caught. When they ate this meal, they realized that Jesus really was with them. Do you remember another time when Jesus fed many people with loaves of bread and fish (John 6:1-14)? Do you remember a time when Jesus shared a meal of bread and wine with his friends (Luke 22:7-20)?

This is the time of year when many parishes celebrate First Holy Communion. Children are preparing to receive Jesus for the first time and share in the Eucharistic meal. They remind us how important it is always to be prepared and desire to receive Jesus. Once we have received Jesus we cannot keep him to ourselves. Jesus reminds us that we must continue to bring him to others. Do you know anyone who will be making their First Communion this year? Are you one of those children?

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (#1391-1397) tells us that each time we receive Holy Communion "fruits," or wonderful things, happen. Most importantly, we grow closer to Jesus. Our venial sins are forgiven and we are strengthened to resist mortal sin. Finally, the people of our Church become more firmly united in doing Christ's work of serving the poor.

In the pictures of the host and chalice, write some of the ways that receiving Jesus can help you do some or all of these things.



Congratulations to all of our young disciples who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on April 8th, 2022. May the Holy Spirit help guide you along your life and faith journey.

9 Ways to Honor Mary during May, the Month of Mary

The month of May has for centuries and across cultures been considered the month of Mary within the Catholic Church. It is a month where we see the earth bloom and awaken from its wintery slumber but also, an ideal time to turn our thoughts and prayers to Mary, the Queen of Heaven and Earth, who intercedes through prayer on our behalf to God and her Son Jesus Christ.

Here are 9 ways that you can honor the Blessed Virgin Mary during this month suggested by goodcatholic.com:

1. **Flower Your Mary Statue** - whether found outside your home or within your home.
2. **Pray a Novena to our Lady** - some options include, but are not limited to: Mary, Mother of God Novena, Novena to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena.
3. **Spread Devotion to the Rosary** - make an effort to pray the rosary daily, if you already do this, reach out to others to join you.
4. **Learn About a New Marian Devotion** - Mary is the Mother of the Universal Church. In this light consider researching and adopting a special devotion to Mary under one of her many titles.
5. **Share the Miraculous Medal** - when Mary appeared to St. Catherin Laboure and gave her the vision of the Miraculous Medal in 1830, she promised graces to those who would wear the medal. Consider purchasing some, having them blessed and distributing them as the Holy Spirit leads.
6. **Memorize a Marian Prayer or Hymn** - There are many beautiful prayers and hymns that we can work to memorize to honor Our Lady.
7. **Get Invested in the Scapular** - a scapular is a mini religious habit that can be worn underneath your clothes. The most common scapular is the Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel.
8. **Read a Book About Mary** - what better way to increase a devotion to the Blessed Mother than by reading and learning more about her.
9. **Pray the Little Office of the Blessed Virgin Mary** - this is like the Divine Office

(Liturgy of the Hours) in that it is comprised of prayers said at various hours throughout the day, but different because the prayers are all in praise of Our Lady.



FAMILY FEST IS COMING!!!

Two Holy Martyrs Parish
St. Symphorosa - St. Rene Goupil

GRAND RAFFLE
DRAWING TO BE HELD SUNDAY, JULY 17, 2022

1st PRIZE \$10,000		
2nd PRIZE \$5,000	3rd PRIZE \$2,000	
4th PRIZE \$1,000	5th PRIZE \$500	
6th PRIZE \$250	7th PRIZE \$200	8th PRIZE \$150
9th thru 14th PRIZE \$100	15th thru 20th PRIZE \$50	

BASED ON 2500 TICKETS SOLD
1st, 2nd & 3rd Prizes to be ProRated if less than 2500 Tickets Sold

Early Bird Drawing \$250 MAY 10, 2022 & Early Bird Drawing \$500 JUNE 7, 2022
(TICKETS MUST BE RETURNED 1 DAY PRIOR TO EARLY BIRD DRAWING)

DONATION: \$20.00 SPECIAL: 6 TICKETS FOR \$100.00

CITY OF CHICAGO RAFFLE LICENSE APPLIED FOR. WINNER NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN.
Cash Prizes may be subject to IRS reporting and taxes may be withheld. #4-2022-001-001

Grand Raffle tickets are now available for pick up in the parish office. Stop on by to grab your tickets and fill your Easter basket with the chance to win \$10,000. (No payment necessary until completed tickets are returned.) Tickets will be sold in the church narthexes during the weekend of May 7th, prior to the first early bird drawing on Tuesday, May 10th.

Project ♥ Linus



Project Linus Blanket Drive

May 21, 2022

9am - 1pm

Former Parish Office on the St. Rene Campus
6949 W 63rd Place
Chicago, IL 60638

Please come by the former parish office at our St. Rene campus. Project Linus volunteers will be there to accept your donations of new, handmade blankets suitable for children aged 0-18. Fleece (single or double, flannel, cotton and yarn blankets are accepted).

"I would like to beg you dear Sir, as well as I can, to have patience with everything unresolved in your heart and to try to love the questions themselves as if they were locked rooms or books written in a very foreign language. Don't search for the answers, which could not be given to you now, because you would not be able to live them. And the point is to live everything. Live the questions now. Perhaps then, someday far in the future, you will gradually, without even noticing it, live your way into the answer."

~Rainer Maria Rilke,
1903 in Letter to a Young Poet



Employment Opportunity- Teacher Needed

If you believe a community of kindness, love, and support equals success, we need you! We are currently accepting resumes for an 8th Gr/Junior High Math position beginning this August at St.

Symphorosa School. Interested and qualified candidates should send a resume and cover letter highlighting experience and interest in the role to kberry@stsymsschool.org no later than June 1st. Please help us spread the word!



*Have pity on me, Lord, for I am weak;
heal me, Lord, for my bones are
shuddering."*

~Psalm 6:3

Guadalupe Almandarez
Raeann Arends
Ignatius Battiato
Jean Bell
Mary Bieser
Fr. Ted Bojczuk
Kathy Calcagno
Maxine Carey
Michael Clifford
Larry Cretes, Sr.
Marilyn Cretes
Margaret Dalton
Debbie Flint
Maria Flores
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Denise M. Jandura
Rich S. Jandura
Joan Juris

John Kappel, Jr.
Lee Karpinski
Claudia Kwilosz
Sharon Labiak
James Lapsansky
Maryann Larson
Domenico Lepore
Rose Ann Lindsay
Maria Lopez
Diane Malarick
Cathy Mazieka
John Martini
Lori McCarthy
Maria Perez Montiel
Bob Pac
Eleanor Pastorek
Juan Perez
Maria Paz Perez
Stanley Polit
Ann Robertson

Edward Robertson
Inez Rodriguez
Fr. John Rudnik
Joseph Rudnik
John Shipper
Mary Shortall
Brian Styka
Sr. Christine Styka
Terry Styka
Joanne Tishka
Shirley Tloczek
Buddy Valela
Michael Waltz
Judith Webber
Becky Williams
Virginia Wolniak
Beverly Zimmerling
Michelle

Due to privacy laws, names may only be added to our prayer list by immediate family. Please call the parish office (773.767.1523) to add or remove a name.



Two Holy Martyrs Parish

The last two Super Senior Club general meetings of the year will be held on Wednesday, May 11th and Wednesday, May 25th in our St. Rene church narthex.

Doors will open at 11am. We look forward to seeing you all there.

As our meetings come to an end this year and we enter into the summer months I would like to personally wish everyone a wonderful summer.

~Linda Dobias
Super Senior Club President



Two Holy Martyrs Parish Offerings for the weekend of:

Sunday, April 24, 2022
Contribution: \$7,812.66

Thank you for your generosity!



Split the Pot

April 24, 2022

Received: \$485.00
Winning envelope:
#63856

Reminder: A minimum of \$5.00 is required to participate.



God has a special place for each of us to serve, and you have chosen to follow His path.

You have been the **HANDS**,
the **FEET**, the **VOICE**,
and the **LOVE OF GOD**
expressed in many different ways.

You have chosen to honor Him and
as you have served in His name.

Thank you for your willingness to give yourself
and be used where God has placed you.

You have blessed many lives.



SYMBOLON
THE CATHOLIC FAITH EXPLAINED

The *Symbolon* series will continue as follows:

Session 9: Saturday, May 7, at 1:30 PM, day chapel in St. Rene Goupil Church.

Saturday, May 14, no meeting

Session 10: (final session), Saturday, May 21, at 1:30 PM, day chapel in St. Rene Goupil Church.

The sessions will conclude in time for the Confessions and Vigil Mass. Again, this series is free of charge. Materials will be provided but please bring a pen or pencil for note-taking. If you have questions, please contact me at (773) 767-1523, ext. 229, or at matthew.compton1@icloud.com.

Take care and God bless.

In Christ,
Fr. Matt

MAY CROWNING

The Great Lady & Our Lady of the New Millennium

May 15, 2022 at 1pm

At The St John the Evangelist Parish
10701 Olcott Ave, St John, IN 46373

Procession begins at St. John Evangelist Church, then proceeds down the Prayer Trail to Our Lady of the New Millennium at The Shrine Of Christ's Passion



saint snippets



Lord, show us
the Father, and that
will be enough for us.
~John 14:8-14

St. Philip the Apostle
One of the 12 apostles. He asked Jesus how they would feed 5,000 people. He ended up preaching the Gospel in Greece and Syria until his martyrdom.

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May 3

Mass Intentions for the Week of April 30 - May 6		Mass Intentions for Saturday & Sunday																													
Saturday, April 30, 2022		Saturday, May 7, 2022																													
4:00pm <i>St. Rene Church</i> President: Fr. Bob	†Paul A. Adam (<i>Barbara Stoyak</i>) †Ann Tuszynski (<i>Bernice Cieslewski</i>)	8:00am <i>St. Rene Church</i>	†Tom Markham (<i>Family</i>)																												
5:30pm <i>St. Symphorosa Church</i> President: Fr. Norm	Health & all the Lord's blessings for Bob & Barb Mikulecky (<i>Mary Kolimas</i>) †Theodore Busking III (<i>Kukulski Family</i>) †Robert Curran (<i>Kukulski Family</i>) †Holly Saylor (<i>Kukulski Family</i>)	4:00pm <i>St. Rene Church</i> President: Fr. Norm	†Cruz Almendarez (<i>Almendarez Family</i>) †Bernice Garbacz (<i>Joanne Tishka</i>) †Bob & Elaine Hilliard (<i>Your Family & Friends</i>) †Zeneida & Victor Narea (<i>Vincent Narea</i>)																												
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9:00am <i>St. Symphorosa Church</i> President: Fr. Bob	All members of the Altar & Rosary Society, Living & Deceased (<i>Altar & Rosary Society</i>) †Donna Marie Novak (<i>Tom & Mary Ann Milici</i>) †Jan Szkodon (<i>Ilona Szkodon</i>) †Jan Turek (<i>Janina</i>)	9:00am <i>St. Symphorosa Church</i> President: Fr. Bob	†Lillian Byrne & Ellen O'Leary (<i>Mike & Bea Byrne</i>) †Carl A. Hunckler IV (<i>Jim Platt & Diane Dudek</i>) †Nancy Ortman (<i>Chuck Palka</i>) †Anita Wierz (<i>Michelle Stevens</i>)																												
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Mass Time	4:00pm <i>May 7, 2022</i>	5:30pm <i>May 7, 2022</i>	7:30am <i>May 8, 2022</i>	9am <i>May 8, 2022</i>	10:30am <i>May 8, 2022</i>	12pm <i>May 8, 2022</i>
Lector(s)	Frank Zalewski	Eileen Davenport	Pat O'Brien Kenney	Rosa Heredia Mary Lou Kolasinski	Barb Grzenia	Lori Noceda
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Two Holy Martyrs Mass Times

Saturday Vigil Mass

4:00pm - St. Rene Church
5:30pm - St. Symphorosa Church

Sunday

7:30am & 10:30am - St. Rene Church
9am & 12pm(noon) - St. Symphorosa Church

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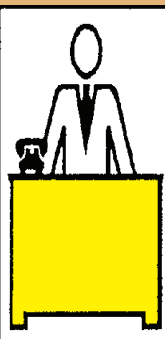
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