

MAY 2024 NEWSLETTER

A Message from Father Chitral

We celebrated Easter on March 31st and Sunday that we celebrate the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ will be on May 12th . In between we reflect the time Jesus spent with his disciples and friends after his resurrection till his ascension to heaven.

Pentecostal Sunday will be on May 19th . On that day the Holy Spirit came upon the Apostles and followers of Jesus. From that day onwards, those who lived in fear and inside the upper room started to proclaim the name of Jesus without fear. With the Holy Spirit upon them they were unstoppable.

On Pentecost Sunday we will have the baptism of baby Theodore, son of Julia and Tony. Please keep all of them in your prayers. During the month of May while we continue to celebrate the glorious resurrection of Jesus, we open our hearts and minds for the Holy Spirit to lead us and our church.

We invite all of you to continue to be part of our worship, fellowship and reaching out to the community and to the world.
Please continue to pray for each other and for the church.

Blessings,
Chitral



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A Note from the Director of Music:

William Dix wrote “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus” as a communion hymn for Ascension Sunday. This hymn was originally called “Redemption through the Precious Blood” and was inspired by Revelation 5:9, “And they sang a new song, saying, You are worthy . . . for you were slain, and have redeemed us to God by your blood.” The hymn proclaims “His the triumph, His the victory alone.” “Jesus . . . hath redeemed us by His blood.” And, “Though the cloud from sight received Him,” sings of Christ’s ascension. Even as He assured us He would not leave us as orphans, this hymn also reminds us of His faithful promise, “I am with you evermore.” The hymn expresses praise to Jesus for what He has done and is doing for us.

The first verse praises Christ for His victory. Throughout the Old Testament, the coming Messiah is pictured as sitting upon the throne with His scepter, both symbols of kingship and authority.

The second verse praises Christ for His promises and reminds us of them – they are for all of us if we come to Him in faith and trust and accept Him. Jesus told His disciples that He would not leave them “comfortless,” a term which in the original language literally means ‘orphans.

The third verse praises Christ for his Intercession on our behalf. Christ ever pleads with God for us, for our needs and forgiveness.

Verse four praises Christ for his Lordship – Having been born fully man he knows and owns our human nature and, being also fully God, he can carry that frail nature to the Throne of God for healing and redemption.

Throughout the hymn there is an emphasis on Christ being with us at all times as our Redeemer, Intercessor, Lord and Friend who is our heavenly manna, sustaining us with spiritual nourishment and for this, it is right and meet to always give thanks and praise.

Join us on May 12th, as we celebrate the Ascension and sing this powerful hymn.

Announcements

Grant:

Hope everyone is enjoying the new, cheerful flags and banners at the entrances to the church along with the many ads we've placed in the Dedham Times. We have also created a "Welcome Folder" for visitors coming to the church. If you would like to see one, just ask Fr. Chitral. We also have new welcome bags for anyone planning a wedding or baptism at our church. We have added coloring books, the Lenten books, and advice books for men that have been available at the entrance. We also have additional cards to be sent to members at home as needed. (I have that box of cards that I will give to Chitral.) We still have additional funds to utilize throughout the rest of the year. So keep an eye out and enjoy!

Fall Fair:

As we gear up for our Fall fair, we invite you to consider contributing to our White Elephant sale table. If you have any jewelry, paperback books in good condition, or new/like-new boxed items that you'd like to donate, please start setting them aside. The fair will take place on Saturday, November 2. Stay tuned for further updates. Thank you for your generosity and support!

New FB Page for the Neponset River Deanery:

Here is the new facebook page for the Neponset River Deanery.

<https://www.facebook.com/share/76WizRccmZAmbk2g/?mibextid=KR3qBd>

Line Dancing Event Success!:

We're thrilled to announce that our Line Dancing event held on May 4th was a resounding success! With an incredible turnout of 50-60 enthusiastic participants, it was an evening filled with joy, laughter, and community spirit. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who joined us, making the event a memorable and enjoyable experience for all. Your enthusiasm and support truly made a difference. Events like these not only bring us together for a fun time but also provide an excellent opportunity to showcase the warmth and camaraderie within our church. Thank you once again to everyone who contributed to making this event a success. We look forward to more joyful occasions together in the future!

Spring Cleanup:

We're delighted to share that our recent spring clean-up of the church grounds was a resounding success! Approximately ten parishioners enthusiastically joined in, collectively filling around sixty paper lawn bags. We're grateful to Dedham DPW for their assistance in promptly removing the waste.

Bishop's Elections - May 18th 2024

The diocese will be electing the 17th Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts on May 18th 2024.

Please pray for the following five nominees who will be standing for the bishop's election.

They are:

- The Rev. Dr. Brendan J. Barnicle,
Rector, St. Francis of Assisi Church, Wilsonville, OR
- The Rev. Edwin D. Johnson,
Director of Organizing, Episcopal City Mission, Boston, MA
- The Rev. Canon Jean Baptiste Ntagengwa, Th.D.,
Canon for Immigration and Multicultural Ministries, Diocese of Massachusetts
- The Very Rev. Gideon L. K. Pollach,
Rector, St. John's Church, Cold Spring Harbor, NY
- The Rev. Julia E. Whitworth,
Rector, Trinity Church, Indianapolis, IN

Upcoming Events:

SAVE THE DATES - 2024

MAY 12, SUN.....MOTHER'S DAY

JUNE 14, FRI.....FLAG PARADE & HOT DOG SALE

OCTOBER 6, SUN.BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

NOVEMBER 2, SAT..... FIRST FROST FAIR

DECEMBER 24, TUE.....CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

DECEMBER 25, WED... CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

Servers for May 2024

May 5th

Lector: George Chu

Altar: Diane Foulds, Florence Chmielorz, Marie Winston

Usher: Volunteer

Counters: Eliot Foulds and C. Angel Burke

May 12th

Lector: Jean McKinney

Altar: Carol Obin, Marjorie Kilroy and Cindy Lambrecht

Usher: Volunteer

Counters: B. Chmielorz and Scott Mingels

May 19th

Lector: Youth Sunday

Altar: Carol Obin, Marjorie Kilroy and Cindy Lambrecht

Usher: Youth Sunday

Counters: Brian Angel Burke and Jean McKinney

May 26th

Lector: Nancy Kiegan

Altar: Carolyn Chu and Eileen Centofanti

Usher: Volunteer

Counters: Maribeth Mahoney and Patty Roberts

Please submit any articles for the May newsletter to chirusha.demel@gmail.com by April 20th, 2024.