

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**



News You Can Use...from Fr. Steve

**Mother's Day**

Today is Mother's Day. We all celebrate this day differently depending on personal circumstances, but one thing that should be part of everybody's observance is prayer. Mothers need prayer – prayers of support, of gratitude, healing, perhaps even forgiveness. Let's remember our mothers, living and dead, on this Mother's Day. You may even want to have a Mass offered in her memory [If deceased] – or for her needs and intentions [If living]. Please contact Carole at the Rectory for Mass availability.

**Mother's Day Blessing Prayer**

God of Mary, the Mother of Jesus,  
on this Mother's Day, bless our own living mothers  
with health of mind and body,  
with hearts always alive in love and joy,  
with souls graced by your constant presence.  
May they always feel pride in their children  
and fulfillment in the nurturing care they have given.  
May Your blessings lead them to a place  
at the eternal banquet of heaven,  
rejoicing forever in Your divine embrace  
and in the everlasting reunion  
of family and friends. May all those mothers  
who have gone before us in death, enjoy the blessings  
You have given to Your own Mother: life everlasting  
and eternal joy. Amen

**Hospitality Sunday.** Weather permitting, we will have our festive gathering on the Rectory porch. These monthly mini-celebrations of coffee and pastry after the 10 am and 11:30 am Masses offer us the opportunity to gather in a social setting and get to know each other better. We are grateful to Palma Marinas and Tom Finnegan for devoting the time and energy to make this happen.

**Special Gift / Special Gratitude –  
An End-of-Year Student Gift**

For the past several years we have appreciated and benefited greatly from a student-based initiative: **END-OF-YEAR SPECIAL GIFT INITIATIVE**. The substance of the Student Special Gift Initiative is simple: many students realize that they have received an abundance of spiritual gifts and opportunities here at St. AJ - their spiritual home-away-from-home and as the academic year comes to a conclusion, they want to say "thank you" to the parish by a special financial contribution that will also supplement the parish income over the Summer months when they are not here. We sincerely hope our graduating students will take this invitation to heart in a special way. For those who are continuing along in a quarterly curriculum, this is also an opportunity to stop, reflect, and be grateful. There is a special envelope in the back of Church for this purpose, OR students may choose to make their gift on-line via the **Parish Pay** option, accessible on the parish website [[www.saintsaj.org](http://www.saintsaj.org)].

**Parish "WISH LIST"**

We have received some responses already to our PARISH WISH LIST on our Parish website: [www.saintsaj.org](http://www.saintsaj.org). Please check it out!

*I will praise You, Lord, in the assembly of Your people.*

**This Week at St. AJ**

**Saturday, May 9**

4:00PM Confessions in Church  
1:00PM Wedding - S. Dineen / K. Brendel  
5:30PM Vigil Mass Parishioners and Benefactors of St. AJ

**Sunday, May 10**

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10:00AM Mass Intentions of Mary Nguyen  
11:30AM Mass Martha Nguyen  
5:00PM Mass Raffaella Evangelista  
10:00PM Mass

**Wednesday, May 13**

7:30AM Mass Holy Souls in Purgatory  
11:30AM Mass Anna Nguyen  
12:30PM to 2:00PM Church will be open today.

**Friday, May 14**

7:30AM Mass Paul Watson

**Saturday, May 15**

12:00Noon Baptism – Ryan Maloney – Fr. Phil Florio  
4:00PM Confessions in Church  
5:30PM Vigil Mass Penn Baccalaureate – Class of 2009



**A Unique Way to Solve our Nation's Problems**

Dear Mr. President:

Here is a suggestion for fixing America's economy. Instead of giving billions of dollars to companies, consider the following plan. There are about 40 million people over 50 in the work force. Pay each of them \$1 million as a severance for early retirement with the following stipulations:

- 1) They MUST retire. Forty million job openings - unemployment fixed.
- 2) They MUST buy a new American CAR. Forty million cars ordered - auto Industry fixed.
- 3) They MUST either buy a house or pay off their mortgage - housing crisis fixed.

It can't get any easier than that! If more money is needed, have all members of Congress and their constituents pay their taxes...

**ParishPay – Support for Automated Giving**

More and more people are signing up for automated giving at [parishpay.com](http://parishpay.com). The message is getting out that St. AJ parish needs ParishPay to help its present and future financial stability; but ParishPay needs you to make it work.

**Penn Baccalaureate Mass – This Saturday, May 16**  
the 5:30 Vigil Mass will also be the occasion for the Penn Baccalaureate Mass. **Congratulations Class of 2009!**

**Mass Schedule Changes for the Summer...**

Memorial Day weekend marks the changeover in St. AJ Mass Schedule for the Summer. We announce these changes now so that our worshippers will be ready.

These changes accommodate the diminishing Summer attendance and schedules of the priests who will be away on retreat and vacation or away for the Summer. Fr. Phil will finish his doctorate at Catholic University and make a 30 day Ignatian retreat in preparation for final vows 2010.

**...Beginning Memorial Day Weekend May 23-24**

- 5:30 Vigil Mass Saturday cancelled for Summer
- 4-5 pm Saturday confessions cancelled for Summer
- Sacrament of Reconciliation available at the Rectory or before and after any Mass by any priest
- 10 PM Mass Sunday cancelled for Summer
- 7:30 am Mass canceled as of Tuesday, May 26
- 9:00 am Mass – only one - Memorial Day, May 25