

A stained glass artwork depicting two hands clasped together on a wooden cross. The hands are rendered in a realistic style with visible skin texture. The background consists of geometric stained glass panels in red, green, and white. The bottom of the image features a pattern of yellow and white squares.

No one has greater love than this,
to lay down one's life for one's friends.

JOHN 15:13

SIXTH
SUNDAY OF
EASTER

MAY 9, 2021

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

We are in First Communion, graduation and ordination season. Here at Two Holy Martyrs Parish, we celebrated two First Communion Masses. The young children wore joy and anticipation on their respective faces as they received the Body and Blood of Christ for the first time. Jesus has given us an amazing gift in the Eucharist.

We call this gift of finest wheat COMMUNION. Spend some time on this word – communion. Our faithful reception of the Eucharist brings us closer to God, closer to one another, and closer to our own self. We do well to never take the Eucharist for granted, or allow our reception to become mere routine.

A special thank you to all the parents, teachers and catechists who help form our children in the faith.

Keep our parish First Communicants in your prayers. They are coming of age in a culture full of distraction. We pray they may never lose sight of this wonderful, mysterious gift they have taken into their very self. May they be life-long disciples, but should they wander away, we pray they know God's mercy awaits, because God loves them so very much.

For those graduating from college (and their families) CONGRATULATIONS. Embark on a new chapter. Stay filled with awe and wonder, but also remember to do ALL things for the greater glory of God. The Lord has given you talents to use for a cause much greater than we may realize. We become the hands and feet God uses to manifest His kingdom on earth. Let the Holy Spirit play you as an instrument of God's love.

Happy Mother's Day

Wishing all mothers a very special day. Each of us has only one true mom; the one through whom we entered this world. We take a moment today to thank our moms for everything. They cared for us when we couldn't care for ourselves. They fed us and nurtured us. Mom challenged us when we needed challenging. They cried for us and with us. They laughed with us. They worried for us.

For some of us, they waited up very late until we were safely home. Mom never stops being mom. I recall one night I was out a bit too late and I knew I had to work in the morning. I came through the door and Mrs. Regan was still up. Really? With a bit of sternness in her voice, she said "You're home just in time to get up." Moms can't relax until they know their children are home safe.

Now we have a better realization of Mother Mary's role in the spiritual life. Mary is busy being concerned for the

welfare of our souls. She will not rest until her children are Home safe.

Thank you, Mary, and thank you to all moms. I know some of you didn't have the best relationship with your mom. That's a tough thing in life. I hope someone played the role of mother. Give her a "thank you" wink today. She loved you as a mother should. And don't forget, you ALWAYS have Mary – she waits up very late, too, and loves looking out for her children.

Generous Hearts

One of my favorite pastor jokes goes like this: A pastor steps to the pulpit and announces to the people a new church project that has the folks excited. He informs them that there is good news and bad news. He says, "The good news is that we have the money to make this project happen. The bad news is ... the money is in your pockets."

Laughter is good medicine. Thank you to everyone who continues to contribute financially to our parish. We can't simply print money in the parish office. Our parish relies on the generosity of its members.

More and more of you have been playing "catch-up." This is much appreciated.

Trust is a HUGE part in our giving. We tend to clench our fiscal fist when trust wanes. I get it.

As we prepare to enter into a new fiscal year, please evaluate your giving. A couple weeks ago I had a conversation with some friends who belongs to a parish up north. They realized that as a family, they easily spent \$25 a day between Dunkin Donuts and Starbucks. Hmmm! Do the math. That's \$9,125.00 per year on yummy drinks and costly caffeine. Allow this to help put things in perspective.

Our mission in the Clearing/Garfield Ridge area is important. We are Christ's presence, whether we know it or not. Our parish will continue to proclaim the Risen Lord. We may have to alter a few things along the way, or reconfigure how some things look, but the CORE of our faith never changes – Jesus in Word and Sacrament. This is why we are here. One word – Jesus!



Quote of the Week

"In the Mass and in Eucharistic Adoration we meet the merciful love of God that passes through the heart of Jesus Christ."
~ St. John Paul II

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Monday - Friday
9:00 am - 4:00 pm

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9:00 am - 12:00 pm

St. Rene Worship Site

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Sacrament of Penance

6-7pm every Tuesday (St. Symphorosa Site)
3-3:45pm every Saturday (St. Rene Site)
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Two Holy Martyrs Parish
Offerings for the weekend of
Sunday, May 2, 2021
Contribution: \$8,360.15
Thank you for your generosity!



Split the Pot
May 2, 2021
Received: \$230.00
Winning envelope: #254

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



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

For all members, living and deceased, of the Valdepenas, Svastisalee, Smetz & Hart families. Birthday blessings for all May birthday celebrants: Chalida, Seth, Colin, Chris and Chayant given by Melinda Svastisalee

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

For the repose of the soul of Vince Porcelli given by Family

For the repose of the soul of Jeanette Sullivan given by the Horn 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)

By this Sixth Sunday of Easter, we have rounded the corner in the season and the Church's prayer, the Collect, the opening prayer for the Mass, again reminds us of the historical reality of Easter, the original event of Jesus' death and Resurrection while linking it with our present life, even though far removed by time: "Grant, almighty God, that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy, which we keep in honor of the risen Lord, and that what we relive in remembrance we may always hold to in what we do." (*Roman Missal*, 3rd ed.) Essential to this prayer and our Catholic faith is the word, "remembrance." Without a theological memory, a memory of what we believe, in whom we believe, how we pray, then we would become a religion about ourselves.

Last Sunday, the Fifth Sunday of Easter, one repeated characteristic of the prayers and readings was that of remaining, God with us and us with God: "Remain in me, as I remain in you." (John 15:4) This remaining makes sense and we persevere to remain with God because we remember and believe in what He professes and does for us.

This relation of remaining and remembering is subtly present in many of the readings and prayers of the Church's Liturgy, including on this Sunday. St. John's first letter, the source of the Second Reading, instructs us, "In this way the love of God was revealed to us: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life through him." (1 John 4:9) For the early Christian Church to whom St. John writes, maybe they are just beginning to hear the Gospel or are receiving additional catechesis, in either state, the Evangelist is keen to foster their memory of Christ's Paschal Mystery, from His Incarnation through His death and Resurrection (the past), and that the Paschal Mystery is what vivifies, gives life to those Christians in the early decades of the faith (present). By remembering what Christ does the faithful may remain with Christ and receive eternal life.

Providing an even closer association between remaining with our Lord and remembering Him and His Paschal Mystery, Jesus, in St. John Gospel, explains to His Apostles, "Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. ... It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you." (John 15:9-10, 16) For the Apostles and subsequent generations of Christians, including us, to remain in our Lord's love, to "go and bear fruit that will remain" and to pray to the Father in Jesus' name, we need to remember who the Holy Trinity is and what the Three Divine Persons in one God have done and are doing for us.

Sometimes remembering bad experiences can be easier than remembering good experiences. Which good experiences do you remember of God and of being a Catholic? Which "good fruit" do you remember either receiving from God, perhaps mediated through someone doing good for you, or you remember God enabling you to do good for someone else?

~Fr. Matt Compton

Project ♥ Linus



Project Linus Blanket Drive

May 22, 2021
10am - 1pm
St. Symphorosa Church

Please turn into the parking lot next to the church. Project Linus volunteers will be at the end of the lot accepting your donations of new, handmade blankets suitable for children aged 0-18. Fleece (single or double, flannel, cotton and yarn blankets are accepted.



Devotional Candle Intention

The Repose of the soul of Eleanore Holmes - 45th Anniversary
(Son Larry Holmes)

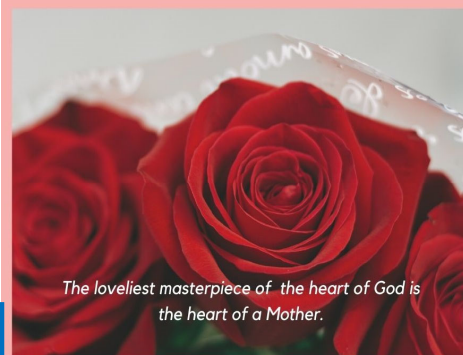


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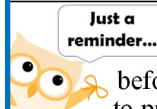
Saturday, May 29 &
Sunday, May 30
St. Rene Church

More information to come in next week's bulletin.

MOTHER'S DAY ROSES CELEBRATE MOM WITH ROSES AT MASS ON MAY 8 & 9



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



Mass pre-registration will open as of Sundays a week before. We highly encourage all to pre-register for Mass each and every weekend. You may register by calling the parish office (773.767.1523) during regular business hours, visiting our website (twoholymartyrs.org) or by scanning the printed QR code.



SPECIAL THANKS!

Two Holy Martyrs Parish would like to thank all of our parishioners who continue to make their weekly Offertory contributions. In addition, special thanks is given to the growing number of parishioners who are providing "Catch Up" Offertory envelopes for time when they were not have been able to attend Mass during the COVID pandemic! Please know that your precious financial resources are extremely valuable to our parish as we continue to gain momentum toward a return to a more normal lifestyle!



Faith Formation Office

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**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

**5/12: Faith Formation
May Crowning
St. Rene Campus**

**5/15: Faith Formation
May Crowning
St. Symphorosa Campus**



**BLESSING PRAYER
FOR FAMILIES OF
FIRST
COMMUNICANTS**

Blessed are you,
Lord and Father of all life.
You have given us the gift of family
as a sign of your divine affection.

As we celebrate the
First Holy Communion of our
children, we pray for the members of
their families and all who have
brought them to this special moment
in their lives of faith.

We pray for their parents and
grandparents: May they continue to
show their children the path of life
as they guide them to follow the
holy way of Christ.

We pray for their godparents and
sponsors: May those who have
witnessed and supported these
young people on their journey of
faith be a source of inspiration
and example of true Christian living.

Loving God,
may all who have here shared in the
Eucharist deepen the bonds which
unite their hearts to the Lord Jesus
and to one another.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
AMEN.

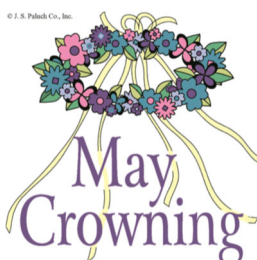
**WELCOME FAMILIES TO
TWO HOLY MARTYRS PARISH
FAITH FORMATION**



Congratulations to all of our School and
Faith Formation students who received their First
Holy Communion May 1st and May 8th.

Lily Altamirano
Stephanie Arreguin Machuca
Marcos Bernal
Mia Bernal
Isaiah Braulio
Romeo Braulio
Milagros Cardenas
Christopher Castro
Abby Corona
Karla Cortez
Ciro Del Bosque
Antonio Di Carlos Pérez
Dylan Dominguez
Adriana Elizondo
Nathan Estrada
Adrian Ferrer
Angel Flores
Abbie Gasteier
Diego Gonzalez
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Amelia Kelly
Olivia Kupiec
Cynthia Leckner
Dustin Litrenta
Gianna Loza
Derrick Magallanes
Anayeli Marquez
Mario Mendoza
Sebastian Montoya
Josephine Olson
Hailey Orozco
Noemi Perez
Olivia Remiasz
Maximilliano Reynaga
Alexis Rodriguez
Alejandro Rubio
Alejandro Valdovinos
Camila Valdovinos
Stephanie Valdovinos
Adrian Valles
Evelyn Velazquez
Oliver Velazquez
Jack Wojcik
Julian Zamora



May Crowning

On Wednesday, May 12th, at our St. Rene Campus
and on Saturday, May 15th, at our St. Symphorosa
Campus.... during our regularly scheduled classes, all
the Faith Formation students are invited to participate
in our May Crowning Ceremonies. We will honor
Mary, the Mother of God as Queen of the Universe.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, May 8, 2021

4:00pm *St. Rene Church*

Presider: Fr. Bob

5:30pm *St. Symphorosa Church*

Presider: Fr. Matt

†Lorraine Gorniak (*Family*)

†Wanda Zalewski (*Gunnell Family*)

†Thomas W. Bobbitt (*Hohm Family*)

†Janet & Steve Molnar (*Hohm Family*)

†Theresa Pudelek (*Pudelek Family*)

†Joyce Stalmack (*Donna Bialek*)

Sunday, May 9, 2021 Sixth Sunday of Easter

7:30am *St. Rene Church*

Presider: Fr. Norm

9:00am *St. Symphorosa Church*

Presider: Fr. Bob

†Thomas Murray (*Family*)

†John & Irene Simonelic (*Simonelic Family*)

†Rafael Alvarez (*Chris Doherty*)

†Thomas W. Bobbitt (*Hohm Family*)

†Susie Graziano (*Barbara Rendak*)

†Janet & Steve Molnar (*Hohm Family*)

†Claude Wiatrak (*Wife Clara*)

10:30am *St. Rene Church*

Presider: Fr. Bob

†Patricia "Patty" Contreras (*Rebecca & Family*)

†Alvina Drozd (*Yakes & Drozd Families*)

†Vince Porcelli (*Wife Judy*)

†Lillian Byrne, Ellen O'Leary & Beverly O'Leary (*Mike & Bea Byrne*)

†LaVerne Slowinski (*Daughters & Families*)

Monday, May 10, 2021

8:00am *St. Rene Church*

Health & Safety for all members of the Battung, Cordova, Petrosky families (*Petrosky & Battung Family*)

God's grace and guidance for Gen (*Family*)

Success in school, especially on exams for Cristina Petrosky, her children, & family (*Family*)

For all the poor souls in purgatory (*Petrosky & Battung Families*)

†Tosie M. Kozik (*Arlene Capparelli*)

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

8:00am *St. Rene Church*

†Nancy Nowac (*Mary Kolimas*)

Wednesday, May 12, 2021

8:00am *St. Rene Church*

†Graciano Zamudio, Sr. & Graciano Zamudio, Jr. (*Zamudio Family*)

Thursday, May 13, 2021

8:00am *St. Rene Church*

For all members of the Tomassini Family, living & deceased

Friday, May 14, 2021

8:00am *St. Rene Church*

St. Matthias, Apostle

For all mothers & caregivers throughout the world (*Pelegrino Family*)

For all members of the John Kolimas and Mary Karłowicz families, living & deceased (*John & Mary Kolimas*)

†Ruben Camacho (*Ann & Andy Tuszyński*)

†Joseph Dzik (*Mary Shortall*)

†Nancy Ortman (*Chuck Palka*)

†Vince Porcelli (*Wife Judy*)

†Jeanette Sullivan (*Family*)

Saturday, May 15, 2021

8:00am *St. Rene Church*

Health and all the Lord's blessings in retirement for Jackie Lawless (*Marge Tulik*)

†Stephanie Adam (*Barbara Stoyak*)

†Judy Siwek (*Linda Dobias*)

†Thomas W. Bobbitt (*Hohm Family*)

†Janet & Steve Molnar (*Hohm Family*)

†Chalida Svastisalee (*Family*)

†Wanda Zalewski (*Chester & Peggy Potempa*)

The Ascension of the Lord

For all Two Holy Martyrs' parishioners, living & deceased

Sunday, May 16, 2021

7:30am *St. Rene Church*

Presider: Fr. Matt

9:00am *St. Symphorosa Church*

Presider: Fr. Bob

†Thomas W. Bobbitt (*Hohm Family*)

†Nick Bouzios (*Janina Turek*)

†Socorro Duran (*Family*)

†Janet & Steve Molnar (*Hohm Family*)

†Andrew Schramm (*Family*)

†John F. Soltis (*Pat Soltis*)

†Joseph & Mary Negoski (*Ben & Judy Shafer*)

†Judith Siwek (*Family*)

†Dennis Battain (*C. Moran*)

†John Dragosetti (*Rosaria Dragosetti*)

†Vince Porcelli (*Wife Judy*)

Weekend Presider subject to change without notice



There are in the end three things that last: Faith, Hope, and Love, and the greatest of these is LOVE.

Martin Adelsbach
Judy Adelsbach
Larry Adkins
Mary Adkins
Guadalupe Almendarez
Raeanne Arends
Kim Argires
JoAnn Baade
Ignatius Battiatto
Carl Bell
Mary Bieser
Fr. Ted Bojczuk
Lydia Brown
Kathy Calcagno
Gina Camp
Judy Carranza
Margaret Ciampaglia
Michael Clifford
Marilyn Crites
Chris Doherty
Randy Etapa
Moe Faraj
Juan Figueroa
Maria Flores
Janet Funk
Mitchell Gallas
Geri Gestaut
Carol Gress
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Joan Juris
John Kappel, Jr.
John Kappel, Sr.
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Lee Karpinski
Dennis Kline
Claudia Kwilosz
Norman Kwilosz
James Lapsansky
Maryann Larson
Donna Lauritzen
Domenico Lepore

Rose Ann Lindsay
Debbie Lipien
Maria Lopez
Diane Malarick
Maria & Martinez Family
John Martini
Marge Masunas
Cathy Mazeika
Lori McCarthy
Tina McGleam
Thomas Minnich
Christine Mosqueda
Genevieve Nagle
William Nita
Carol Oles
Joan Orsi
Florence Panzarella
Eleanor Pastorek
Baby Alexander J Pentz
Gi Gi Piccolini
Rochelle Piegari
Marie Pratt
Ann Robertson
Edward Robertson
Fr. John Rudnik
Joseph Rudnik
Collyn Schmidt
Kristyn Schmidt
Marge Schmidt
Elliana Sterk
Brian Styka
Sr. Christine Styka
Terry Styka
Melinda Svastisalee
Michael Tallon
Sandra Tallon
Mary Thorpe
Shirley Tloczek
George Trendle
Hector Hugo Valles
Ryan Vaughan
Judith Webber
Joan Wilhelmy
Richard Zaleski
Emily Zambrano
John Zappavigna
Barb Ziegler
Michelle

Due to privacy laws, names may only be added to our prayer list by immediate family. Please let us know when to remove a name.

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Staff Sgt. Andrew Gaca, USAF
Sgt. Michael Hough, US Army

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Trevor Lutz, US Army
Corporal Zachary Maderak, USMC
Private Joseph M. Mikutis, USMC
Pvt1st Class Daniel Morales, US Army
SPC Alex Ramos
Staff Sgt. Abel Sandoval, USMC
WO-1 Richard Sabeske, US Army
Sgt. 1st Class Kristina Stuhlmacher
LCpl. Justin R. Thorpe, USMC
1LT Zachary White, IL Army NG

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.

Martin R. Costello

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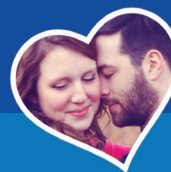
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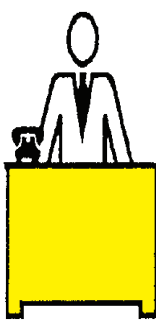
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