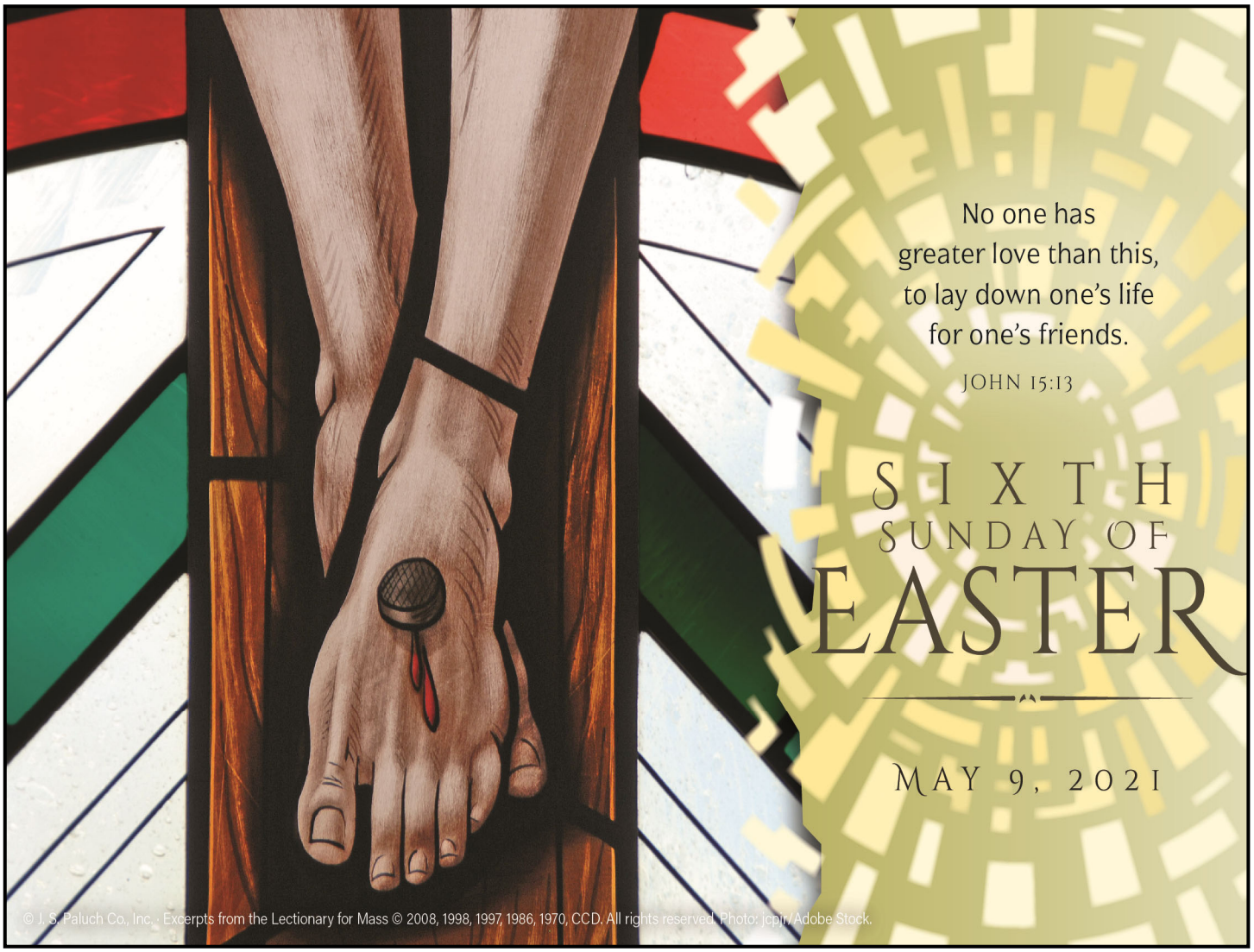
St. Alexander Church

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 9, 2021

The Palos Catholic



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St. Alexander Parish Administration Directory

Parish Administrative Center

7025 W. 126th St. Palos Heights, IL 60463
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Pastor: ……..….. Rev. Martin Michniewicz ext. 227
Associate Pastor: …… Rev. Patrick O'Neill ext. 223
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Director of Music: ……. Matthew Berardi ext. 224
Parish Center & Parish Athletic Director:
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St. Alexander School

126th St. and 71st Ave. Palos Heights, IL 60463
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Principal: …….….….. Sharon O'Toole
Assistant Principal: ……...…… Mary Dombrowski
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Religious Education Office

126th St. and 71st Ave. Palos Heights, IL 60463
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Coordinator of Religious Education: ……...…… Tyler Ried
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Knight of Columbus on the Web: ...…… www.kofc14057.org

Spreading the Holy Fire

Celebrating Christ Risen from the Dead through the 7 Sacraments

Sacraments of Initiation

BAPTISM

Celebration of Entrance into Christ's Church

You must be a registered parishioner in this parish.

At least one Godparent must be a practicing Catholic. The other must be a Christian.

Parents must register for a class on Baptism **BEFORE** your baby is baptized. Archdiocesan required classes are held once a month, usually on the 1st Monday of the month, and facilitated by trained parishioners.

Baptism contact Joan DeVito 448-4861 ext. 237

CONFIRMATION

Celebration of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit

This Sacrament is normally celebrated in 8th Grade and is a 2 year program of preparation.

Confirmation Contacts:
Tyler Ried - Religious Education 448-6624
Sharon O'Toole - School 448-0408

The Archdiocese also offers classes for adults wishing to receive Confirmation. **Adult Confirmation Contact - Deacon Tim Keating or Deacon Jim Horton 448-4861**

RCIA *Celebration of the Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults*

This process is for adults who would like to join the Roman Catholic Church and have never been Baptized, or were Baptized in another Christian denomination. There is also a process for children (RCIC) and teens (RCIT).

RCIA/RCIC/RCIT contact - Deacon Tim Keating or Deacon Jim Horton 448-4861

EUCHARIST

Celebration of Sharing Fully at Christ's Altar of Sacrifice & Communion with Jesus and His Church

Eucharistic Liturgy (Mass)

Sunday Vigil: 5:00 PM (Saturday)
Sunday: 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 AM
Monday through Friday: 8:30 AM
Holy Day Vigil: 7:00 PM
Holy Day: 8:30 AM & 7:00 PM

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday before the 1st Friday (postponed due to COVID)
9:00 AM - 7:00 PM Benediction

Evening of Prayer and Adoration—1st Saturday

4:30 PM - Rosary (postponed due to COVID)
5:00 PM - Mass
6:00 PM - Prayers for Healing (postponed due to COVID)

Sacraments of Healing

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Celebration of God's Restorative Love & Forgiveness

Sacrament offers strength to the living. If someone becomes seriously ill, please call the Parish Administrative Center.

RECONCILIATION

Celebration of God's Forgiveness through Personal Confession

Saturday Morning: 9:00 AM

Saturday Evening: after the 5:00 PM Mass (postponed due to COVID) Other Times by Appointment

Sacraments of Commitment

MATRIMONY

Celebration of God's Blessings on the Loving Union between Man and Woman

Please call the Parish Administration Center at least 4 months in advance of your wedding. Pre-Cana for engaged couples is required by the Archdiocese.

Matrimony Contact:
Fr. Martin Michniewicz & Fr. Patrick O'Neill 448-4861

HOLY ORDERS

Celebration of Ordained Service to the Church

The three offices of the Sacrament of Holy Orders are bishop, priest and deacon. All three are conferred by the sacramental act called "ordination."

Priesthood Contact - Fr. Michniewicz 448-4861 ext 227
Archdiocese of Chicago Vocation Director:
Rev. Timothy Monahan 312-534-8298

FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

I wish a blessed and Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers of our parish community. Let's make sure that we take time today to thank the Lord for the gift of our mothers, and thank our mothers for the gift of life. We, as a people, can take so much for granted in our everyday lives. Life is a precious gift for which we must never cease being thankful to those who gave us that gift and share their lives with us. As you recall, last year many people were not able to spend Mother's Day with their mothers due to the stay-at-home quarantine. This year many restaurants will be safely open, millions of people have been vaccinated for the virus, and safe gatherings will take place at home. Please remember when celebrating this day honor your mother in a way to ensure the safety of the entire family so you can celebrate Mother's Day next year. I am so blessed to have my mother and I would not know what I would do without her. For all those that have lost their mothers through death, my heart goes out to you, but be assured she is with the Most Holy Trinity and our Blessed Mother in the Kingdom of Heaven. Although God is always with us and is everywhere, I still enjoy the Jewish proverb: God could not be everywhere, so He created mothers.

It is also on this Mother's Day that we remember May is the month we honor the Mother of our Savior, The Blessed Virgin Mary. Let us all be united as Catholics today and say a prayer thanking Mary for her help and for being the mother of us all. Below are several quotations I have come across which remind me of the special place Mary holds in both our Church and hearts.

I write this article on Tuesday, May 4th to meet the deadline for the bulletin company. Today the governor is supposed to announce new guidelines for public gatherings which include churches. Eventually this will be followed by new directives from the Archdiocese of Chicago. Please continue to go to our parish website for current changes for our community worship and celebration of the sacraments. Let us continue to pray that all will return to normal soon.

God Bless,
Father Marty

Upon these titles, Mary Mother of God, and Mary the Mother of Mankind, the whole practice of the Catholic's devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary is built.

—Archbishop Goodwin

I fully grant that devotion towards the Blessed Virgin has increased among Catholics with the progress of centuries; I do not allow that the doctrine concerning her has undergone a growth for I believe that it has been in substance one and the same from the beginning.

—Cardinal Newman

If you ever feel distressed during your day, call upon our Lady. Just say this simple prayer: 'Mary, Mother of Jesus, please be a mother to me now.' I must admit this prayer has never failed me.

—Blessed Mother Teresa

In the case of Mary, everything is related to Christ and everything depends on Him. It was because of the part she was to play in the life of Christ that the Father chose her from all eternity as the mother full of grace and adorned her with gifts of the spirit granted to no other.

—Pope Paul VI

BAPTIZED

The following children were baptized by Fr. Patrick O'Neill on Sunday, May 19, 2021.

Leah Marie Cosgrove, daughter of Ryan & Maigan

Cameron Louise Kukulski, daughter of Justin & Stephanie

We welcome them into the family of the church and offer their parents our prayers and good wishes.

Wedding Banns

II Amanda Wetzel & Nicholas Cascone

With Sympathy

We ask you to remember and pray for the souls of the faithful departed. May they forever rest in the Lord's peace. We especially pray for:

Agnes Palmer, wife of Dave

Patricia Skudnig, mother of Kathy Estabrook

Thomas Toolis, father of Thomas

Prayers of the Faithful for the Sick

Prayers FOR HEALING

As the faith family of St. Alexander, we unite with one another to pray for those who need healing of their body, mind or spirit. Confident that God hears the voices of those who trust in the Lord Jesus, we join in prayer for:

John D. Baron	Mike Garetto Sr.
Josh Haberkorn	Tom O'Donnell
Joe Punda	Chuck Kalousek
Eva Ritz	Nancy Czajkowski
Floanne Hamilton	Phil & Sue Gordon
Eunice Molsen	Dale Yukich

If you or anyone in your family would like to be added to our *Prayers of the Faithful for the Sick* please contact the Parish Administrative Office at 708-448-4861.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

We have a unique episode in the Acts of the Apostles today. A whole roomful of people are baptized with the Holy Spirit before they are baptized with water! The verb used—"the Holy Spirit 'fell' on them" (Acts 10:44)—is characteristic of the way the Spirit works throughout the book of Acts: powerful and surprising. Though this "baptism" is not the normative way the New Testament describes baptism, it is still a good reminder today that the Holy Spirit is not controlled by whether or not we pour water, but rather that our sacramental signs reveal the presence of the Spirit at work among us. And we have a double reinforcement of how this work is accomplished from a Letter and a Gospel bearing John's name. It is love, self-sacrificing and self-giving love, that manifests the Spirit of Jesus in our midst. It is love that is the greatest of commandments. The Spirit is manifested equally through those who live in that love.

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Today's Readings: Acts 10:25-36, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1-4; 1 Jn 4:7-10 or 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 15:9-17 or Jn 17:11b-19

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
May 10-16, 2021

Monday:	Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a
Tuesday:	Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday:	Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15
Thursday:	Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]; Mk 16:15-20 (for Ascension); otherwise Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20
Friday:	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17
Saturday:	Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28
Sunday:	Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20; 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 17:11b-19; or, for Ascension, Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17- 23 or Eph 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]; Mk 16:15-20

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WORD OF LIFE

"O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties."

—USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "A Prayer for Pregnant Mothers"

Catholic Charities Mother's Day Collection

Give to be the Face of Hope

Today, our second collection will support mothers and children who reach out to Catholic Charities and lift-up our most vulnerable neighbors across Chicagoland who are facing extraordinary challenges right now. Please offer your most generous donation to the second collection to help ease the burden of poverty, hunger, homelessness, unemployment, abuse, addiction or aging.

Learn more or make a gift at www.catholiccharities.net, text HOPE to 878787, or scan the QR code with your phone.

A PRAYER AS I PUT ON MY MASK

As I prepare to go into the world, help me
To see the sacrament of wearing this cloth -
Let it be "an outward sign
Of an inward grace" -
A tangible and visible way of living
Love for my neighbors, as I love myself.
Christ, since my lips will be covered,
Uncover my heart, that people will see
Me smile in the crinkles around my eyes.
Since my voice may be muffled,
Help me to speak clearly,
Not only with words, but with my actions.
Holy Spirit, as the elastic touches my ears,
Remind me to listen carefully -
And full of care - to all those I meet.
May this simple piece of cloth
Be shield and banner,
And each breath that it holds;
Be filled with your love.
In your name in in the name of love I pray.
- Amen

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ATTENTION: St. Laurence HS Class of 1970 Alums

Join us for festivities & celebration at the St. Laurence Class of 1970 **"50 plus 1"** reunion weekend—September 10-12, 2021.

Spouses and guests are welcome. Activities include a banquet and entertainment at the Riviera Country Club in Orland Park on Sept. 11th. For information please call Tom Lipinski at 708-573-4923.

Neat Repeats Resale stores are looking for volunteers to work in their stores with a boutique atmosphere. Share your compassion, talents and time.

Give four hours a week and make a difference in the lives of victims of domestic violence. Join the Neat Repeats team, develop new skills and help in your own community. All of the sales at Neat Repeats Resale benefit the clients served by the Crisis Center for South Suburbia, a not-for-profit domestic violence agency. For information, call Cindy Selling at 708-429-7233 ext. 604.

Assisted Listening Systems for Church Sound

Our church is equipped with a hearing "loop" system which will allow those with a tele-coil (T-coil) in their hearing aid to hear more clearly. Some hearing aids will automatically switch to our "loop" system. Other hearing aids must be *manually* switched to the T-coil mode.

If you do not think your hearing aid is functioning properly with our "loop" system it may be because: A) Your hearing aid does not have a built-in T-coil OR B) You have to *manually* switch your hearing aid to the T-coil mode.

T-Coil Switches: If your hearing aid has a switch labeled **M-T-O** the switch should be set to the **T** position. If your hearing aid has switch labeled **M-MT** the switch should be set to the **MT** position.

Please consult your Audiologist with any questions, and to be sure that your hearing aid is equipped with a T-coil and is working properly.

The CATHOLIC CHARITIES ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

LEGAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

Catholic Charities Legal Assistance Department has attorneys and volunteer attorneys available to provide advice in numerous areas of law. If you are unsure about your legal rights or lost in the legal system, let us help you. Services include in-depth advice and possible direct representation on many issues, including landlord/tenant issues, family law, consumer and debtor rights, foreclosure, employment issues, orders of protection, power of attorney, and more. CCLA provides free to low-cost legal services to eligible low-income individuals. For help, contact the legal advice line at (312) 948-6821.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

With less people allowed at weekend Masses, due to the pandemic, your generous weekly offerings are needed—*and appreciated*—more than ever. You can mail your envelopes or sign up to give electronically with Faith Direct.

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Please visit **www.faithdirect.net** to enroll securely online. Or, download the Faith Direct app onto your smartphone. Our parish code is **IL910**.

ST. ALEXANDER DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MINISTRY

The mission of the Domestic Violence Ministry of St. Alexander Parish is to raise awareness of domestic violence in our parish; to promote the development and delivery of services in our community; and to advocate for the prevention of domestic violence through education and parish activities.

If you need help contact:

- **National DV Hotline: 1-800-799-7233**
- **Illinois DV Helpline: 1-877-863-6338**
- **Crisis Center for South Suburbia: 1-708-429-7233**

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2021 ST. ALEXANDER WALK A-THON

ST. ALEXANDER STUDENTS ARE WALKING TO RAISE MONEY FOR THEIR COMPUTER LAB & TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT. PLEASE HELP SUPPORT THIS SCHOOL-WIDE FUNDRAISING EVENT!

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Contact Laura MacNamara
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MASS INTENTIONS

Contact the parish office if you would like to have a Mass intention for 2021 or 2022. Please note that Mass intentions are not just for the deceased but for anyone you would like to include in prayer.

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Episode 6—Am I Saved?
Episode 7—Why a Church?

Mass Intentions For The Week

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 9, 2021

Saturday, May 8th
5:00 PM— For the Parishioners
Ron Antos
Gen Hertko Houck

Sunday, May 9th
7:30 AM— Kavanaugh Family
Virginia White
Ed Dombrowski
Susan Watson
Agnes Blaney
Healing Blessings—Lori Czech
9:30 AM— Yvonne Envent
Helen Radnoti
Mary Dolores Murphy
Michael Kennedy
Frank & Jean Hofrichter
Donna Marie & Joseph A. Feldner, SGM
Dr. Loren Feldner
Robert Pikula
Margaret Feldner
Ann Gillen
Helen Bilina
Geraldine Judickas
11:30 AM— Cathy Popp
Dorothy Viravec
Mo & Jim Oswald
Bielawski Family
Dr. Stan Blair
Lorraine Wittbrodt
Joanne Terhesh

Monday, May 10th *(: St. Damien de Veuster; St. John De Avila)*
8:30 AM— Michael Hanley
Marilyn Sutley

Tuesday, May 11th
8:30 AM— Michael Kennedy
Nita Martin

Wednesday, May 12th *(Ss. Nereus and Achilleus; St. Pancras)*
8:30 AM— Kavanaugh Family
James McAleer

Thursday, May 13th *(Our Lady of Fatima)*
8:30 AM— Steve Weber
James A. McAleer

Friday, May 14th *(St. Matthias)*
8:30 AM— Sophie Myslinski

Saturday, May 15th *(St. Isidore)*

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
MAY 16, 2021

Saturday, May 15th
5:00 PM— Joe Macey
Deceased Members of Heinemann & Hertko Families
Paulson/Carney Family
Betty Conwell
Graduation Blessings—Marcus Lyons, Ben Culver, Aric Campbell & Abram Gettelfinger

Sunday, May 16th
7:30 AM— For the Parishioners
Ed Dombrowski
Catherine Kaberna
9:30 AM— Eileen J. Demos
Patricia O'Rourke
Donna Marie & Joseph A. Feldner, SGM
Dr. Loren Feldner
Robert Pikula
Jim O'Connell
Geraldine Judickas
Antionette Ferraro
Nicholas Diorio
11:30 AM— Maciasz Family
Berry Yocum
Jerry Keller
Geraldine Kawacin
Arthur Ruddy
Christopher M. O'Gara
Gen Hertko Houck
Martin Mellenthin

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Services for individuals, couples & families

For more information, call
448-4861 ext. 310
Sr. Claire M. Czerwiec, SSND, LCPC
Pastoral Counselor & Spiritual Director

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