

## Ministers of the Liturgy April 30 & May 1, 2016

### Saturday - 4 P.M.

*Intention:* Hampton & Patty Weiss (L),  
Flora Maria Be, Karen Hebert (L), Julie Marino,  
Rose Marie Greco Federico, Althea Watson,  
Joseph Segari, Patrick C. McKinney,  
Merle & Charles Dittmer, George Spaulding  
*Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:*  
A. & P. Delaup  
*Cantor:* Trish Foti

### Sunday - 9 A.M.

*Intention:* Parishioners  
*Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:*  
M. Evola, P. Fleming, L. Director, C. Frederick  
*Song Leaders:* Traditional Choir

### Sunday - 11 A.M.

*Intention:* Dianne Z. Harrison, James Whelan,  
John Foltz, Special Intention (L), Melvin Ducote,  
Kelvin Ducote, Joseph Donald Bernard, Poor Souls,  
Ernestine Fontenot, Alan Serrine, Myron Yochim  
*Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:*  
N. Bostick, L. Frey, S. Gordon, L. Peters  
*Song Leaders:* Contemporary Choir

### Sunday - 6 P.M.

*Intention:* Vocations  
*Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:*  
A. Calongne, L. Daigle  
*Cantor:* Lauren Gisclair  
*Pianist:* Beth Kettenring

### Weekday Masses (5/2-7)

<b>Monday</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	Jacqueline Ross
	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Mary Rosa Esler
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	Maria Mercedes Cabrera
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	Olga Claiborne & D.J. (Budd) Olistter, Jr.
	<b>8:20 a.m.</b>	Mary Rosa Esler
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	Malcolm Kaye
	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Henry Bearmann, Sr.
<b>Friday</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	Paul LaRocca, Sr.
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8:45 a.m.</b>	Rosary & Altar Society



## Congratulations!

I extend my personal congratulations to **Earl and Cecilia Wilson, Melanie Plaideau and Cathy Francis**, the recipients of the 2016 Order of St. Louis IX Medallion, for their outstanding service and commitment to both St. Benilde Catholic Church and to the local Church in the Archdiocese of New Orleans. This award recognizes the lay faithful who, by their loving service to the Church in and of New Orleans, continue to spread the Good News of the Gospel to all whom they encounter. Congratulations to all three of you on this most deserved honor and recognition!

~ Fr. Cooper

## SVDP Report

During the first quarter of this year we assisted 130 clients. Approximately \$900 of food was distributed and we were able to contribute \$2,324 to assist with rent and utilities for some of the less fortunate residents in our parish. Thank you for your continued generosity. May God bless you.

## Extraordinary Ministers of Communion May 7/8

4 p.m. K. Hartdegan, R. Aucoin  
9 a.m. R. Meche, B. O'Hara, K. Klapatch, R. Theriot  
11 a.m. P. & R. Serio, J. Hutchinson, R. Oleksik  
6 p.m. B. Henry, B. David



Sanctuary Light in memory  
of Joseph J. Bodine, Sr.

Adoration Chapel Candles in  
in memory of Russell Joubert  
and Mary Lauricella



Adoration Chapel Sanctuary  
Light in memory of  
Stuart and Gloria Fourroux



## Altar Ladies

Week of May 1

J. LeBoeuf, J. Rojas, T. Gsell

Linens

Large - B. Koch-Jones Small - C. Jones

## Last Week's Collection

Envelopes .....	\$4,170.00
Loose .....	2,698.00
Clarion .....	100.00
Msgr. Richaud Endowment Fund.....	203.00
Repairs and Maintenance.....	\$625.00
<b>Totaling .....</b>	<b>\$7,796.00</b>

## Fr. Cooper's Corner

### *Learn from Mary*

As we begin this month of May, it's important for all of us to reflect on how we might learn from Mary to live by faith and to entrust everything with confidence to God. Devotion to the Blessed Virgin is intrinsic to Christian worship. From the most ancient times, Mary has been honored with the title of 'Mother of God,' to whose protection the faithful fly in all their dangers and needs. The liturgical feasts dedicated to the Mother of God and Marian prayer, such as the rosary, express this devotion to the Virgin Mary.

In our liturgical calendar, the month of May is when we particularly pray to Our Lady. It is said that the Christian custom of dedicating the month of May to the Blessed Virgin arose around the end of the 13th century. Devotions continue to take place during the month of May each year and in some countries, the Marian devotions are accompanied by pilgrimages to special shrines to Our Lady, such as at Lourdes and Fatima.

In Mary's life, following on from her courageous 'yes' to be the mother of God's Son, she coped with suffering and poverty at His birth in a stable. There was great confusion when Jesus was presented in the temple and Simeon prophesied that he would be the cause for the ruin and resurrection of many in Israel, and that Mary's own heart, a sword would pierce. The two examples above of Mary pondering the word of God, show that Mary found the word of God both in divine revelation (the angels' words to the shepherds) and in her own experiences (her encounter with her son in the temple).

There must have been indescribable sorrow when Mary witnessed her Son die a criminal's death on Calvary. Nevertheless, from the cross on Good Friday, Jesus gave Mary to us as Mother of the Church. This title of 'Mary, Mother of the Church' is authenticated in many Church documents, including those of the Second Vatican Council and the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

The Church sets Mary before us today because we, like her, need faith to journey into the unknown and her faith can inspire us. But we have to ponder more deeply how it is that she lived by faith. St. Luke tells us that she kept all of these things early in the life of Jesus, "reflecting on them in her heart." In his 2008 apostolic exhortation on the Word of God in the Life and Mission of the Church, *Verbum Domini*, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI said that, "ever attentive to God's word, Mary lives completely attuned to that word; she treasures in her heart the events of her Son, piecing them together as if in a single mosaic." This is a very important expression of how her faith worked, and how we're called to live by faith.

The need for a mother's love and support within all of us can be found in Mary – Mother of God and Mother of the Church. As the mother of Jesus, Mary has a central and essential role in the Catholic Church. Veneration of her as the Blessed Virgin Mary has grown over time both in

importance and manifestation, not only in prayer but in art, particularly in Michelangelo's beautiful Pieta, in poetry and in music. Alongside Schubert's Ave Maria, the Bach/Gounod Ave Maria has become a fixture at wedding Masses and funerals. Many of us take comfort in hearing those beautiful words and other Marian hymns sung at special times. That is also why the Hail Mary is the prayer said by so many Catholics across many centuries.

Let us remember to keep in touch with Mary, our Blessed Mother and Mother of the Church, by praying often to Our Blessed Lady. (*Full article on [frcooper.info](#)*)

## Saint John Paul II Award

The Catholic Foundation is seeking nominations for the Saint John Paul II Award. The award is presented annually to an outstanding Catholic layperson(s) or permanent deacon who resides in the Archdiocese of New Orleans and who exhibits inspirational examples of Christian stewardship. This year's award will be presented at The Catholic Foundation's Annual Dinner held at the New Orleans Hilton Riverside on Thursday, December 1. Award nominees should be a practicing Roman Catholic with an outstanding record of volunteer service in the Catholic Community; high moral character; volunteer board memberships and exemplary values. A nomination form is available on the Catholic Foundation website ([catholicfoundation.arch-no.org/events/st.john paul II award](http://catholicfoundation.arch-no.org/events/st.john%20paul%20II%20award)). Nominations should be no longer than three pages in length. **All nominations are due to The Catholic Foundation by Friday, May 13, 2016.** Please submit to: The Catholic Foundation, 1000 Howard Ave., Suite 800, New Orleans, LA 70113. Or fax to 504-596-3068 or email [mwolfe@arch-no.org](mailto:mwolfe@arch-no.org)

## Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Attention Married Couples: Rekindle your love for another on a get-away weekend. Consider attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend to renew those feelings you had during your first few years together. The next two weekends are July 22-24, 2016, and Oct 14-15, 2016, at the Bishop Robert E. Tracy Center in Baton Rouge. You can get more information or register online at [LAMS-wwme.org](http://LAMS-wwme.org) or by calling 470-297-8560.

## Summer Cabbage Ball

Registration is open for the St. Benilde Men's Club Summer Cabbage Ball Program. It is open to boys and girls currently in grades pre-K4 to 12th. Games will be held on Tuesday and Thursday nights, from May 24 to June 30. The registration fee includes insurance, free icees after each game, and a team shirt. The cost is now \$30/per child. Forms may be found in the the School and Parish Offices and on the parish website. Sponsorships are also available. **Forms must be submitted no later than May 9.** For more information, please email Phil Borne at [pjborne@christovich.com](mailto:pjborne@christovich.com) or call 504-228-7573.