Called to be Holy
through Prayer, Service & Sharing
to Build Up the Kingdom of God.
Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 18, 2014
This weekend we continue the celebration of Easter, a time of great joy and new life. I believe strongly in the power of the Resurrection and new beginnings. So I come to you. My name is Father Bill Vollmer. I was born and raised by Don and the late Mary Jane Vollmer in Chicago Heights. I have an older and younger brother, both married with families. I attended St. Agnes School and Marian Catholic High School. I then studied at Prairie State Community College and Governors State University graduating with a degree in Psychology. After graduation I began to work at General Motors Acceptance Corporation as a Credit Representative. One of my many duties was repossessing cars. It did not take me long to realize that I longed for more than this. After much discernment, I entered Mundelein Seminary to prepare for priesthood.

I was ordained to the priesthood on May 24, 1997. My first assignment was at St. James Parish in Arlington Heights. I also served at St. Bernadette Parish, Evergreen Park, St. Joseph College Seminary at Loyola University, St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Orland Park, St. Adrian Parish, Chicago, St. Norbert Parish, Northbrook and most recently at St. Joan of Arc, Evanston. All of these assignments have brought alive for me the verse from today’s Gospel, “In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places,” each filled with grace.

Following the death of my mother last August, I realized that I needed to take time for prayer and healing. With the support of Cardinal George and the Archdiocese, I began a sabbatical to deal with the depression I was experiencing. I am most grateful to the Cardinal, family, friends, brother priests and past parishioners for their support, prayers and encouragement over these past six months. With new awarenesses of my vocation and myself, I come eager to serve you as an associate pastor. I have found through my years of ministry that my gifts and talents are best put to use in service to God’s people as an associate pastor.

May our years together be long and Spirit filled.

Peace,

Fr. Bill

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Summer Mass Schedule: Just a reminder, our summer Mass schedule begins in a few short weeks. Beginning Memorial Day weekend, on May 25th, there will be no 12:15 p.m. Mass on Sundays until the week after Labor Day, September 7th.

Memorial Day is Monday, May 26th. Join us at 9am Mass. There will no Adoration on Memorial Day.
God bless the babies who were baptized last Sunday and their families. Congratulations to (from left to right) Kirt and Kristen Hartman, parents of Brooke Isabelle, Jim and Jamie Wideikis, parents of Joseph Ryan, Leonard and Sarah DePasquale, parents of Campbell Jane, and Kevin and Stephanie Selig, parents of Alexander James.

Thank you to the St. John of the Cross Cherub and Youth Choirs for an inspirational season of singing.
Background on the Gospel Reading

The readings for the last few Sundays have been about the Resurrection, but today's Gospel takes us back in time to an event in Jesus' life before his Passion. Jesus tells his disciples that he is going to prepare a place for them in his Father's house. He promises that where he is going, his disciples will be able to follow. Thomas, who will later doubt the disciples' reports that they have seen the Risen Lord, contradicts Jesus by saying that the disciples don't know where Jesus is going or how to get there. Jesus explains that he himself is the way, the truth, and the life. In knowing and loving Jesus, the disciples now love God the Father.

Philip then makes a request that challenges Jesus' words. Philip wants Jesus to show the Father to the disciples. Recall that Jesus has just told his disciples, "If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him." As a good teacher, Jesus responds to Philip by repeating and elaborating on what he has just told the disciples: they have seen and known Jesus, so they have seen and known the Father. Then Jesus offers another reassurance about his departure: because of faith in God and in Jesus, the disciples will do the work that Jesus has done and more.

The connection between Jesus and his Father, between Jesus' work and the work of the Father, is made clear in today's Gospel. Jesus is in the Father, and God the Father is in Jesus. As God spoke his name to Moses, "I am," so too Jesus speaks his name to his disciples: "I am the way and the truth and the life."

The revelation of the Trinity is completed in the passage that follows today's reading, and it is the Gospel for next Sunday. Because Jesus goes away, the Father will send in Jesus' name the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will continue the work of the Father and of Jesus.

We are an Easter people.
We have received the Holy Spirit who empowers us to know Jesus, through him to know the Father, and to do the works of Jesus.
Believing this mitigates all troubles, all anxiety.
Believing enables us to encounter Jesus in all we do.

Our baptism plunges us not only into a relationship with the triune God, but also into a profound relationship with each other. Therefore, our belief in the resurrection and the Good News of salvation is played out concretely in the way we treat others in justice, mercy, forgiveness, and love. Relationships always make demands on us. Moreover, we cannot have a relationship with Jesus and the Father without relationships with each other. That is both the challenge and the good news. It is also the promise that Jesus' leave-taking is not long-term. He is always with us. ©Living Liturgy 2014.

God of all truth, you sent your Son to lead us out of the darkness of error and sin into the light of your reign in which all is pure, all is holy, all is true.
Form us in the truth of Christ that we may live for ever in your presence, through the same Christ our Lord.
Amen.
Richard Rohr Meditation: Eucharist

Christ is the bread, awaiting hunger. — St. Augustine

Eucharist is presence encountering presence—mutuality, vulnerability. There is nothing to prove, to protect, or to sell. It feels so empty, simple, and harmless, that all you can do is be present. In most of Christian history we instead tried to “understand” and explain presence. As if we could.

The Eucharist is telling us that God is the food and all we have to do is provide the hunger. Somehow we have to make sure that each day we are hungry, that there’s room inside of us for another presence. If you are filled with your own opinions, ideas, righteousness, superiority, or sufficiency, you are a world unto yourself and there is no room for “another.” Despite all our attempts to define who is worthy and who is not worthy to receive communion, our only ticket or prerequisite for coming to Eucharist is hunger. And most often sinners are much hungrier than the so-called saints.

Spiritual Journaling

Beginning on Monday May 5th, the Spiritual Journaling group began reading the new book by Pope Francis, *The Church of Mercy*. We read a little each week after which those who wish, write for 10-15 minutes. We then share our thoughts. We meet in the parish center Mondays from 2-3:30pm. All are welcome. The book is available on Amazon.com. Join us anytime.

Explore Spiritual Direction

Spiritual direction encourages you to explore a closer relationship with God. In the midst of a busy life, many people find it difficult to notice God’s action in their daily affairs. Yet, at the deepest level, all of us long for a more conscious experience of God’s presence and love.

People come to spiritual direction for a variety of reasons, including to: identify and trust your own experiences of God, integrate spirituality into your daily life, discern and make difficult choices, and share your hopes, struggles, and losses.

At our parish, our spiritual director, Marianne Firlit, has an office in the rectory. To reach Marianne call the parish center or email her at mfgirlit@stjohnofthecross.org.

Ask the Lord today to give us all this sense of what is sacred, to understand that it is one thing to pray at home, to pray in Church, to pray the rosary, to pray many beautiful prayers, to do the Way of the Cross, and to read the Bible; but it is quite another to celebrate the Eucharist. In this celebration we enter into the mystery of God, on that path which we cannot control: he is the only one, he is the glory, he is in power. We ask for this grace, that the Lord may teach us to enter into the mystery of God. ~ Pope Francis
Upcoming Program at The Well

This program is free for our parishioners. Simply call the parish center to register. The Well is located at 1515 W. Ogden Avenue in LaGrange Park.

ENTERING INTO COSMIC THEOLOGY WITH ILIA DELIO, OSF

Monday May 19: 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Today, we are at the dawn of a new religious consciousness, an evolutionary leap into a new path of Christian life. The challenge for some people is frightening and, for others, liberating. I will explore the spiritual values and creative freedom, based on my own personal journey, that can help lead us from death into cosmic resurrection.

ILIA DELIO, OSF is a Franciscan Sister of Washington D.C. and Director of Catholic Studies at Georgetown University. She holds a doctorate in Pharmacology from Rutgers University-New Jersey Medical School and a doctorate in Historical Theology from Fordham University and is the author of fourteen books.

Join us as Ilia Delio receives the 2014 Sacred Universe Award

Free to Parishioners

For more information or to register contact:
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What We Believe: The Real Presence

Catholics believe that Jesus Christ is present in the presiding priest, who acts in the name of Christ. Jesus is present in the assembly gathered for worship, for he said, "where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20). Jesus is present in the proclamation of the Word, for he himself is the Word of God made flesh. Finally, Jesus becomes present during the great Eucharistic Prayer as the bread and wine are transformed into his Body and Blood. Jesus is really present in all of these ways, but Catholics use the term "Real Presence" to refer to the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ under the appearance of bread and wine.

The reason for this term is that some people have mistakenly asserted that the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist is only symbolic. Their mistake is in failing to recognize the role of sacramental symbols in expressing realities. The water of Baptism, the oil of Confirmation, and the bread and wine of the Eucharist are indeed symbols, but they make real what they symbolize—for that is what a sacrament does. The presence of Jesus in the Eucharist is real, and indeed the Eucharist is the supreme form of the presence of Christ. It is not, however, physical but rather sacramental, a presence made real through signs and symbols.

All of the popes of the 20th century proclaimed something wonderful about Mary. Pope Paul VI declared her the Mother of the Church. Just as mothers give birth, nourish, and educate their children, so does Mary guide our spiritual birth and development. She unceasingly prays to Jesus on our behalf and provides us with an example of how to live a holy life.

Mary's holiness was the result not only of a special gift from God but also of her continuous and generous cooperation with the action of the Holy Spirit. We contemplate Mary admiringly, Pope Paul VI said, because she was “firm in her faith, ready in her obedience, simple in humility, exulting in praising the Lord, ardent in charity, strong and constant in the fulfillment of her mission.” (“Signum Magnum: Letter on the Blessed Virgin Mary,” May 13, 1967)
On Monday, our school gathered in the church for the Annual May Crowning and Eighth Grade Ribbon Ceremony. Each year, our students honor Mary during the month of May in a beautiful prayer service. Our 1st Communicants wear their Communion dresses and suits and serve as an honor guard to our eighth graders as they process into church.

Each of our eighth graders receives their green and white ribbons as a symbol of their time at SJC. The first graders present their eighth grade buddies with these ribbons. After the eighth graders receive their ribbons, the faculty, staff, and students have the opportunity to address the class with well wishes for their bright futures. It is a lovely morning for our entire student body.

This Week At SJC
Tuesday, May 20, 2014
Parent Association Meeting 9 a.m. Parish Center
School Advisory Board Meeting 7 p.m. Parish Center

Friday, May 23, 2014
Donor Mass and Coffee 7:45 a.m. Church/Parish Center
Grade 1 Author’s Day 2 p.m. Multi Purpose Room

St. John of the Cross Parish announces 2014 Summer Running Camp
For all boys & girls in the parish who are entering grades 3 – 8
The Running Camp will emphasize speed, endurance, agility and conditioning Michelle Fink, Cross Country Coordinator will coach the Camp. Every Wednesday, June 11th- August 6th from 7:30am to 8:30am. The fee: $60 Includes a T-shirt. Meet each Wednesday morning in the SJC parking lot near the flagpole. To Register: Go To: www.stjohnofthecross.org/school Go To: Athletics, Select: 2014 Running Camp Flyer and Form from the drop down print the registration form and return it with the fee (payable to St. John of the Cross) to: SJC Parish School, Attn: SJC Running Camp, 708 51st Street, Western Springs, IL 60558 For questions contact Michelle Fink at: (708) 784-1599 OR am_fink@sbcglobal.net.
Men’s Golf Club Outing: Friday June 6th
Flagg Creek Golf Course

Cost: $26 includes golf, cart, 2 beverage tickets, entry into contests. Contests: low score, closest to the pin, longest drive, longest putt. Tee times: 1:00 to 2:24 pm. Please drop off an envelope with your contact information, your name and/or the name of your foursome and a check(s) made payable to SJC Men’s Club.
Questions: contact Barrett Long (708-784-9224) or John Cisek (708-784-9224) or John Cisek (708-784-998)

Bereavement Camp for Kids
Tommy’s Kids Summer Camp
Helping children who have experienced the death of someone they love is one of the most difficult tasks a parent or other relative may ever face. Tommy’s Kids Camp, an extension of Tommy’s Kids Support Group is available to assist you with that difficult task and to help your child learn healthy ways of coping.

This Camp is a five day summer camp where children ages 5-12 can come together to talk about their loss, to remember special times, to meet new friends and to have fun. It is facilitated by Adventist St. Thomas Hospice staff and volunteers who have received specialized training in childhood development and grief.

Monday, June 16th—Friday, June 20th from 9am until 3pm at the Arabian Knights Farms 6526 Clarendon Hills Rd., Willowbrook. The cost is $50/child (includes all five days, scholarships available). Snacks and supplies will be provided by St. Thomas. Children are asked to bring a sack lunch including a drink and to wear comfortable shoes. Camp will meet rain or shine and is limited to 30 children. For more information or to register please contact Heather Kochen at 630-856-6985 or heather.kochen@ahss.org

Rainbow Hospice
Rainbow Hospice is looking for individuals who have a caring and compassionate presence and want to develop their skills to assist families and patients that are facing loss at end of life. Volunteers will be trained to meet the needs of the patients in their homes, long term care facilities and our in-patient unit. Call for more information 847.692.8889.

Welcome!
Please help us welcome our new members to the St. John of the Cross faith community:
Adrienne and Alexander Joves and Family
Kristi and Justin Bruno and Family
Meghan and Bill Kushner
Kate and Brian Oleniczak and Family
Doris and Martin Quintana and Family
Carol Baum
Mariela and Jason Gorman and Family

If you would like to register to become a new member, please contact Elizabeth Russell-Jones in the Welcome Center. For more information call 708.246.4404x155 or erussell-jones@stjohnofthecross.org.

New Parishioner Welcome Weekend
Join us at Mass the weekend of May 31/June 1 as we welcome new parishioners. There will be coffee and donuts after the 9am and 10:45am Masses!
Interfaith Career Network
Career Transition Workshop

Please join us this Tuesday, May 20 from 7-9 pm for Week 3 of this supportive 5-week workshop. This week Dennis Hamilton will help you craft that all important “Elevator Speech”. Time will be allowed to practice your personal statement with fellow attendees. This workshop is important for the employed and under employed as well as the unemployed. Come for one or all of the consecutive Tuesday sessions and gain new skills that can help you land a new position. Everyone is welcome and there is no charge to attend.

We look forward to welcoming you at First Presbyterian Church of La Grange, 150 South Ashland Avenue. Please enter the church on Catherine Avenue. For further information, contact Susan Sedler at sqsedler@aol.com.

SUMMARY ADVENTURES:
Want to try a retreat, but too busy to go away overnight? Then this is a great opportunity for you.

Our S.W.O.R.D. Retreat Day is June 6 11am-8pm on the grounds of SJC Join other teens who want to begin their summer with some fun, faith and friends! www.stjohnofthecross.org/crossroads/retreats

Our Sports coordinators are getting ready for our first (in a long time) SUMMER Softball League. Join Abby & Jim and a bunch of teens to have fun in a casual easy game on Sunday evenings

CROSSROADS REGISTRATION FOR FALL IS OPEN on our website! www.stjohnofthecross.org/crossroads

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. Psalm 33
Parish News

**Fest Entertainment Line-Up**

- **Thursday** — Red Seven
- **Friday** — Maggie Speaks
- **Saturday** — One Night Band
- **Sunday** — Raisin Rhyme & Radio Rocks

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**41ST ANNUAL SJC GARAGE SALE**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 21**

- **9am to 2pm**

**HALF-PRICE/BAG SALE, MONDAY, JUNE 23**

- **9am to 1pm**

The mission of the Garage Sale means giving to those in need, respecting others less fortunate, bringing together volunteers in a Christian spirit, raising funds to support local charities within our community, supporting the parish as a whole, and it means... making a difference in the lives of others!

Our success in support of our mission relies on YOU! It is your generous donation of items and volunteer support that keep the sale going year after year. Check your closets, toy boxes, cupboards, attic, basement and garage for items to donate. Please separate and label your bags i.e. adult clothing, boys’ clothes, house wares items, etc. Given the multitude of items received, this really saves us time! Give generously and please only give items in usable condition.

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**VOLUNTEER INFORMATION:**

- **All Volunteer Meeting:**
  - **May 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center**

We need your help! Believe it or not...it’s fun, it’s crazy, it’s truly an amazing event you won’t want to miss out on. You’ll meet and make new friends while giving back to the community!

**Come Anytime – No Need to Sign Up**! Just come when you can...give an hour, or two or more...on any or all days. Truly, any amount of time you can give is greatly appreciated!

**Free babysitting available:** Call Rita Forster: (708) 246-4519.

**VOLUNTEER HOURS**

- **Friday, June 13** (Rm Chairs Only) 10am to 2pm
- **Saturday, June 14** 9am to 3pm
- **Mon. – Thurs., June 16 – 19** 9:30am to 8:30pm
- **Friday, June 20** 11am to 3pm

**Sale Day** June 21, 8:30am to 2pm

**Half-Price/Bag Sale Day** June 23, 8:30am to 1pm

**Clean-Up Day** June 23, 12 pm to 5/6:00pm

* Please let a Garage Sale/Room Chair know which hours you can work these days

**DONATION INFORMATION:**

- **All Donations Accepted at the School:**
  - **Saturday**, June 14: 9am – 2pm
  - **Mon - Wed**, June 16 - 18: 10am – 8pm
  - **Thursday**, June 19: 10am - 6pm

**NO DROP OFFS ACCEPTED FRIDAY, JUNE 20**

WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ACCEPT:
- Any items if stained, torn or damaged including clothing, undergarments, linens, stuffed toys, furniture and rugs
- Items with missing pieces/parts
- Console stereo, console TVs, electric organs, typewriters, trophies non-motorized treadmills, Nordic Tracks
- Bikes not in working condition
- Bed Frames or mattresses, traverse drapery rods
- Encyclopedia, textbooks, magazines
- Large appliances (stoves, microwave ovens, washers/dryers)
- Humidifiers
- Large Artificial Christmas trees/stands
- Skis/ski boots
- Computers 7 yrs or older, ANY monitor other than flat screen
- Construction materials, kitchen cupboards, shutters, metal filing cabinets/desks
- Tires
- Food items
- Drop side cribs
- Car seats older than 5 yrs.

**LARGE ITEM PICK-UP:**

Available on Monday thru Thursday, June 16th -18th, thanks to our all-volunteer crew. To schedule call Marian Orth (708) 246-2160 or Connie Madden (708) 417-2012.

**Last day to request pick-up is June 19th**

(Donation receipts available)

Evening volunteers and vehicles are needed:
Call Connie Madden (708) 417-2012 to offer.

*Thank you for your support!*

- The SJC Women’s Club

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There's an old adage that offers a wise counsel, even as it leaves us powerless to heed its advice: Pick your parents wisely!

Easier said than done; but the adage holds. We're not fully our own persons. We're also products of our parents who don't give us only our physical DNA, but, in complex confluence of how they are inside their own persons and how they relate to us and to the world, also profoundly help shape our person and our character. As adults, it can be both freeing and emotionally-crippling to reflect upon exactly what we really inherited from our parents. They shape us.

I have this in the back of my mind today, Mother's Day, as I reflect upon my own mother and the DNA that I inherited from her. She died forty-three years ago but she left a lot of herself here, with my siblings, with me. What did she give me, beyond some of my bodily features?

What she gave me didn't happen in a vacuum. She raised a large family, with the help of a very supportive husband, my dad, and, while they had a marriage made in heaven, they had to spend most of it chronically strapped for money, time, and energy. The demands on her were always somewhat beyond that for which she had adequate resources. But, somehow, she always managed, always managed to make do, always found a way to stretch everything, including her time and energy, to feed, cloth, and properly mother us.

She frequently didn't have the time, energy, or heroic patience to provide us with the individual affection and warmth that a child so desperately desires and needs, even though she was a naturally warm and kind-hearted person. The pressure of so many needs could wear her idealism and attention pretty thin at times. And so she wasn't a Hollywood mom, always perfectly dressed and perfectly affectionate; but she gave us, and in spades, the most important thing that a home is really asked to give, safety and security. The one need in a child that trumps all others is the need to feel safe and secure.

My mother was often torn in so many directions that she couldn't give us her full attention and warm affection, but she did provide us with what we needed most of all, safety and security. She gave us a house and a home that was always steady and robustly sane - often times, loudly so. Inside that ambience we were always safe. Nobody could have given me a greater gift or greater riches in my youth.

Moreover, inside all that busyness, scrambling to provide, and the conscriptive attention deficit disorder that she had chronically to deal with she taught us something else of importance, namely, that you don't have to wait until everything is perfect, until all your bills are paid, your health is perfect, you have the right leisure time, and there are no large headaches waiting for you tomorrow, in order to celebrate and enjoy a moment. She knew how to celebrate the temporary. Every feast-day, birthday, or Sunday was an occasion for a special meal and a special celebration no matter whatever might be putting a damper on life. And, perhaps most important of all, my mother was largely responsible for giving me faith, though, in this, she had my dad as an equal partner; however she, more than anyone else, pushed me to be open to hear the call to priesthood.

Anthropologists who study initiation rites in various cultures tell us that the initiatory process needed to move someone from being a child to an adult needs to instill four salient truths: Your life is not your own. Life is hard. You will die. Your life is not about you.

The culture and church out of which she came had already indelibly etched those truths into her. For her generation, especially if you were poor and lived in a rural area, life was naturally hard and mortality rates were high. Lots of people died young. And the ethos of her generation held that family, church, neighbor, and country could ask you for your life, and your duty was to give it over, without whining or self-pity. It was selfish to think first of yourself. She had inhaled that ethos and then she etched it into us, particularly the truth about your life as not being about you. The other facts, that life was hard and that you were going to die, were left to speak for themselves; but, from the time you graduated from toys to school, the message was clear: Your life is not your own. Your life is not about you. Anthropologists might well study my mother's initiatory vision and tactics.

No mother is perfect, and neither was mine. She had her faults and I carry many of those too, along with the better things she gave me. But, reflecting on my mother, I have only good feelings and warm gratitude. I chose my mother wisely!

Oblate Father Ron Rolheiser, theologian, teacher, and award-winning author, is President of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, TX. He can be contacted through his website www.ronrolheiser.com.

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This Week at SJC

Monday, May 19
10:30 a.m. Step 11 Christian Meditation
2:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration
2:30 p.m. Spiritual Journaling
7:00 p.m. Garage Sale Volunteer Meeting

Tuesday, May 20
8:00 a.m. Precious Blood Center Cooking
9:00 a.m. Parent Association Meeting
9:05 a.m. Rosary
9:30 a.m. Focus on Sunday Scriptures Group
6:30 p.m. Women’s Club Installation
7:00 p.m. School Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 21
8:30 a.m. Fr. Bonin Music Thru the Ages
9:30 a.m. Bible Study
2:00 p.m. Christian Meditation
6:30 p.m. Christian Meditation Planning Mtg.
6:30 p.m. Parent Football Meeting
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts
7:00 p.m. Girl Scouts/Daisy’s Bridging Ceremony
7:00 p.m. SPRED Planning Meeting
7:30 p.m. Christian Meditation

Thursday, May 22
9:30 a.m. Flourish– Plus-Mary Dorsey
7:00 p.m. Outreach Advisory Meeting

Friday, May 23
9:30 a.m. Mom’s Club

Saturday, May 24
7:00 a.m. Christian Meditation

Sunday, May 25
12:00 p.m. Baptism Prep Class, Mary Chapel and Parish Center, Pre-registration required 708-246-4404

Wedding Banns
Amanda Brazis & Mitchell Cook
Kathleen Napleton & Kevin Kysiak
Ashley Davis & Anton Steele

Mass Intentions

Monday, May 19
7:45 Our Beloved Dead; O’Malley & Madigan Families

Tuesday, May 20, St. Bernardine of Siena
7:45 Gloria Oechsel; Marguerite Maggiore

Wednesday, May 21, St. Christopher Magellanes
7:45 Chuck McGregor; Special Intention

Thursday, May 22, St. Rita of Cascia
7:45 Jack Callahan; Karen Reilly

Friday, May 23
7:45 Anthony Shafranski; Jack Creagan

Saturday, May 24
8:00 Suzanne Strakhov; William P. Burns
5:00 Rose King; Martha Matrisciano

Sunday, May 25, Sixth Sunday of Easter
7:30 Lino Lupetini; Stephen O’Malley
9:00 Barbara Mann; Elizabeth Wilson
10:45 Michael Nolan; Barbara Mann
5:00 Eileen Hans; Deceased SJC School Families

Italics—Living

Pray for our Sick

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Debbie Brandt       John Munch
Miroslav Chybik     Mary Nowicki
John Cozza          Alexander Obi
Margaret Daley      Joe Robin
Karen Hult          Harry Stone
Donisha Jackson     Mary Catherine Warren
Joe Jezmoinka       Donna Webster
Allison Kazragis    Sharon Wildman
Shirley Kazragis    Edward Wojcik

Eternal Rest Grant unto These, O Lord

Thomas “Monk” Hawkins,
brother of Leenie Spinato and uncle of Katie Hayes

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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS —
Come join us as we learn it’s okay to be different!
God made each one of us unique and special!
And He loves us totally!!
VBS at St. John of the Cross Parish is amazing!
It’s interactive and filled with games, skits, crafts, and snacks -
all while learning about God’s love for us!
All children entering kindergarten through 5th grade in the fall
can register on the YC website or directly at
Registration fee is $35.00
If you have questions, contact the YC office at 708-246-6760 or email at yc@sjcross.org