

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



PASTOR'S CORNER

Do you remember the Broken Telephone Game from your childhood? In this game, all the players sit in a circle, and the first person in the circle comes up with a phrase. It can be anything at all, but it is usually best if the phrase is a bit on the longer side. That person then whispers it into the ear of the next person, who then whispers it into the ear of the next person, and so on until the phrase continues to travel around the circle to the last person. The last person then repeats the phrase out loud, and it is compared to the original phrase. Often there is little similarity between the two communiques. While Broken Telephone is a fun game, not communicating well with one another can have disastrous consequences: loss of friendships, failed marriages, silent treatment in families, or countries going to war. This is why I want to offer you a guide to effective, accurate communication:

1. **Think before you speak.** I recall a poster which stated, “Be sure your brain is engaged before putting your mouth in gear.”
2. **Get the other person’s attention.** Be sure the person is listening to you before you make a statement.
3. **Check your assumptions.** I was speaking to someone the other day. When her eyes seemed to be vacant I asked, “You don’t know what I am talking about, do you?” I was right: She did not have a clue.
4. **Be courteous.** It doesn’t matter how right you are on the subject. If you anger the other person, he or she will care little, or not at all, about what you have to say.
5. **Check for understanding.** Question the other person to see if what you said is what was heard.
6. **Be open to a different point of view.** But ask yourself: What made this person want to say these things? If it feels uncomfortable, that’s OK. You do not have to agree with what you heard, but it is good to rest for a time in the discomfort. Those are often the places where you need to grow. It is worth a try.
7. **Remember that a prayer can be a good beginning to a fruitful exchange of words.** Do not take for granted what can be accomplished with God’s help. We all need inspiration from above:

Lord,

*Open my eyes to your word that I will always read it more clearly...
Open my ears to your word that I will hear your message more completely...
Open my heart to your word that I will be filled with the love
that is always found in you.*

Amen.

Fr. Slawek

MAY 7, 2023

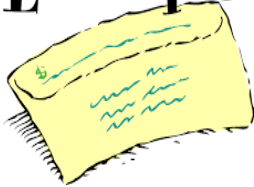


2000 HAIL MARY
Saturday, May 13, 2023
6 a.m.—3 p.m.

The Legion of Mary
will be praying 2000
Hail Mary on Satur-
day, May 13th.

Everyone is welcome
to pray the Rosary to
our Blessed Mother.

Offering Envelopes



Attention Parishioners

**Have you collected
your 2023 offertory box?**

2023 assigned offertory envelopes are available for pick up on the table at the back of the church until May 31st. After May 31st any remaining envelopes will be removed from the system.

ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS
Reception of Holy Communion

It has come to my attention that some people, receiving on the hand, carry the Sacred Host back to their seats. This is forbidden. Please be sure to consume Jesus, truly present in the Sacred Host, right after you receive Him. You must consume the Host in the front of the church, right after receiving. There are people who wish to steal consecrated Hosts for the sake of rituals. If you see anyone walking away without having consumed the Sacred Host please alert one of the Ushers, the Sacristan—Anthony or Fr. Slawek.

My day is better when
i talk to God first.

MASS INTENTIONS



Tuesday, May 9

9 a.m. Repose of the soul of Bob Cook req. by Pam Cook & family.

Wednesday, May 10

9 a.m. Repose of the soul of Martha San Roman req. by the Dunst family.

Thursday, May 11

9 a.m. Private Intentions.

Friday, May 12

9 a.m. Repose of the soul of Andre Pacheco req. by Birtha Panchecho

Saturday, May 13

4:30p.m. Intentions to Our Lady of Fatima req. by Lulu.

Sunday, May 14

9 a.m. Intentions of all Parishioners.

11 a.m. Repose of the soul of Annie Erimina Fernandes req. by the Fernandes family.

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

Bundle Up Collection
May 27 - 28, 2023

Please let those gently used items you can do without benefit those our neighbours in need.

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is a non-profit charity whose volunteer members collect clothing, shoes and linens to donate, exchange for vouchers or sell in order to support our works of charity.

We collect clothing, shoes and linens. Please tie your donation bags to prevent spoiling.

Please drop of donations to volunteer at the truck/bin before of after Mass on the week-end of May 27/28, 2023.