

Saint Susanna Parish

May 13, 2012

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May 13, 2012 Happy Mother's Day!

This weekend we pause to remember, honor, and celebrate the gift of our mothers in our lives. The life, love and faith that they have passed along to us are perhaps our most cherished gifts for our journey in life. Whether we are toddlers gathering dandelions to bring to mom, or adults leaving some flowers on her grave, we always sense the closeness of her love.

Interestingly, Julia Ward Howe began this tradition as a response to violence and war in the world. She rightly recognized that no mother brings life into the world to take life away from another mother's child.

Today, representatives from the Peace and Justice committee will speak briefly after each mass to help keep this often overlooked spirit alive.

Celebrate the Day Well!

Prayers

We pray for all the deceased of our parish, our sick, and all who have asked for our prayers.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 4:00 PM	May 12 Donald Gillis
Sunday 8:00 AM 10:00 AM	May 13 Leslie Connors & Doris St. Germain Mary MacNeil
Monday 9:00 AM	May 14 James Sheehan
Friday 9:00 AM	May 18 Juan Rosadio
Saturday 4:00 PM	May 19 Albert Fiore & Carmella (Millie) Fiore
Sunday 8:00 AM 10:00 AM	May 20 Robert Methe Donna Chandler Battaglino

✠✠ In Loving Memory ✠✠

During May the communion hosts for our liturgies have been donated in loving memory of **Mary Kelly** from the Kelly-Scheib Family

A Wonderful Eco-Opportunity to Consider

Plans are in motion to offer a unique day long experience this summer for Middle Age Youth. Our hope is to offer an Eco-Experience making use of the tremendous natural resources that surround the parish.

The experience would encompass canoeing on the Charles River and surrounding watershed areas, exploring the woods out back and learn how the Native Americans lived before our ancestors arrived—cooking, farming and shelter, and conclude with a trip to Agape in Ware and visit a modern day, fully eco conscious homestead (straw bale house, solar, gardens, etc.)

This project is evolving to a 12 hour experience.. 11:00 AM to 11:00 PM on Sunday July 22nd.

If this would be of interest to your children please contact Mary Scanlon at the rectory as soon as possible so that we may begin to gauge interest as we put this wonderful experience together. Thank you!

Vacation Bible School

We are hoping to offer a Vacation Bible School during the week of June 25 for children entering grades K-6. The curriculum will include Bible stories, crafts, music, outdoor activities, and snack/nutrition. Mary Scanlon will be director and nurse, and will provide advance training, materials, and curriculum to volunteers, who are needed to lead the activities.

If you are interested in this opportunity for your child, please contact Mary Scanlon at the rectory.

Parish Giving - May 6

Offertory: \$3,893

Grand Annual

2011 to date: \$81,354 / Last Year: \$82,600

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Readings: # 983

Music Selections

	<u>4:00 PM</u>	<u>8:00 AM</u>	<u>10:00 AM</u>
Opening	# 744	# 708	# 537
Offering	# 842	# 827	
Comm.	# 831	# 628	# 702
Closing	# 602	# 558	

Adult Faith Formation

Our final program of the academic year will be Fr. Steve’s Book Group which will meet on May 14 & 21. The book is **“Insurrection”** - To Believe is Human, to Doubt, Divine by Peter Rollins.

The book may be obtained at **Bluebunny-books.com** at a 20% discount with free shipping!

Resurrection Garden Memorials

In the month of May, names of parishioners we received over the winter months, to be honored in the Resurrection Garden, will be inscribed. Anyone wishing to honor a family member - living or deceased – is invited to make arrangements as soon as possible in order to be included in the “spring inscribing”.

Respect For Life Baby Shower

A heartfelt thanks to all who contributed to the “Respect Life Baby Shower” All items will be collected and delivered to **Pregnancy Help** this week and distributed throughout the Archdiocese of Boston where needed. A very special thank you goes to **Carol Farwell** who organizes this Baby Shower every year. Thanks Carol !!!

Peace and Justice Committee

On this Mother’s Day we honor all women who have birthed or nurtured children into life and wholeness. We remember and thank Julia Ward Howe for the creation of the first Mother’s Day with the prophetic call for women to rise up against the sin that is war. We remember all women who have suffered the loss of children in war. As we unite in the spirit of Jesus’ unconditional love for all, let us take to heart this pledge:

“I join with my sisters in every land
In the Pax Materna – the Peace of Motherhood –
A permanent declaration of peace
That transcends our ideological differences.
In the nuclear shadow, war is obsolete.
I will no longer suffer it in silence
Nor sustain it by complicity.
They shall not send my child
To fight another mother’s child.
For now, forever, there is no mother
Who is enemy to another mother.”

Copies of the Mother’s Day Proclamation, and the gift of a bookmark with the above quote will be available after mass.

Baptisms

We welcome: **Bridget Frances Noon** and **Jonathan Philip Zessis** to our St. Susanna Family. Bridget and Jonathan are being baptized this weekend. Congratulations !!!

Upcoming Events

- Mon. Adult Formation/Book Club 7 PM
- Tues. Knitting Group 7 PM
Auction Helpers meeting 7:30 PM
- Wed. Prayer Group 1 PM
A.A. Meeting 7:30 PM
- Thurs. Ascension Thursday Mass 7: 00 PM
SVDP Meeting 7 PM
- Sat. ***Wine Tasting & Auction!*** 7:30 PM

***May 19
Save the Date !!!
Wine Tasting and Auction***

Our Spring Auction and Wine Tasting will be held next Saturday, May 19th. Tickets are now available after all Masses at \$25. This is our one and only fundraiser which is held every other year!

Come enjoy delicious foods, appetizers, cheeses, desserts while enjoying live jazz music. Sample fine wines to pair with our food offerings and bid on a vast array of all types of items.

A wonderful spectrum of items to suit every taste from Red Sox tickets to vacation getaways and fine dining, art lessons for yourself to training sessions for your pet, health club memberships to lessons on scones making in your kitchen!

Take a chance on our door-prizes: the latest I-Pad (64GB) or an original piece of artwork by Fr. Steve. (limited number of tickets and only available at the auction!)

To check out all of the items offered please visit our parish web-site at **saintsusanna.org** and click on upcoming events. All items and donors are listed.

Please invite your family and friends to this absolutely wonderful evening!

***Liz Lawlor and Cathy Corbett
Auction Co-Chairs***

Ascension Thursday Feast Day

This Thursday we celebrate the Feast of The Ascension of the Lord. Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 PM to accommodate those working during the day. Please join us for this wonderful celebration!

Consider Joining the Parish Council

Nominations are now being accepted for three seats on the parish council. Terms last three year, and each year, three seats open. Lots are cast and names picked out of a hat on Pentecost Sunday. Please consider nominating yourself or another parishioner!