

# SACRED HEART HEARTBEAT

ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



**6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EASTER**  
**May 5/6, 2018**



*Pope Francis'*

MONTHLY  
PRAYER  
INTENTIONS

## FOR MAY

**Evangelization: The Mission of the Laity**

That the lay faithful may fulfil their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today.

## **MASS SCHEDULE**

<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Mon - Sat	8:30 AM	Jesuit Center
Saturday	5:00 PM	Sweifieh, St. Mary of Nazareth
Sunday	6:00 PM	Jabal Hussein, St. Jean Baptiste de la Salle (Al Razi Street)

## **COMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS (Updated)**

May 4 – First Friday; Adoration following Mass in the Francis Xavier Chapel

10 – Solemnity of the Ascension of Christ, Holy Day of Obligation

Mass at the Jesuit Center at 8:30 AM and at 6 PM

May 12 – FIRST HOLY COMMUNION with a parish reception following the Mass

**May 12/13 – SECOND COLLECTION FOR SACRED HEART PARISH IN BOTH CHURCHES**

May 14 – Feast of St. Matthias, Apostle

May 15 – Birthday of Bishop William Shomali

May 22/21 – Pentecost Sunday celebrated

May 25 – Independence Day

May 26/27 – Trinity Sunday

May 27 – June 26 – Fr. John in the U.S.

May 31 – Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

June 1 – First Friday; Adoration following Mass in the Francis Xavier Chapel

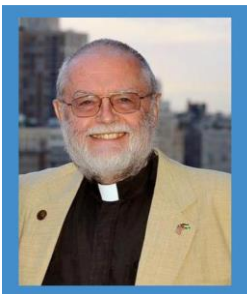
June 2/3 – Corpus Christi (The Body and Blood of Christ)

June 6 – Birthday of Fr. Anton, St. Mary of Nazareth Church

**June 8 – The Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus – Patronal Feast of Our Parish**

Birthday of Fr. Michael Linden, SJ

**June 9/10 - SECOND COLLECTION FOR SACRED HEART PARISH IN BOTH CHURCHES**



# RAMBLINGS

## OF THE REVEREND REDACTOR

If people remember nothing else about Pope John XXIII, they remember his call to “open the windows,” his desire to let the world come more into the Church so that the Church can more easily go out into the world. It is still a good idea, as long as we remember and keep clearly in mind that our call is not to be the world, but to be the Church.

I had an idea the other day, in one of those strange moments between being asleep and waking up. I make no pretense that this is one of those dreams that comes from God – but on waking and thinking about it, it still seems like a good idea. It resonates with that “opening the window” idea.

Right now our weekly Newsletter is a one-man show. And while the “man” (that would be me) is not bad, he does have a limited perspective, and often realizes or finds out after the fact that he doesn’t always know what is going on. I submit that no one person can ever know all that is going on.

So I would like to “open the windows” and invite people – that would be you – to share first of all just the news of what is going on. In casual conversation the other day, I learned that one of our schools – ICS? – is putting on a performance of Aladdin at the end of the month. I know it’s ICS that is having a Food Fair on May 11<sup>th</sup>. I am going to a concert production of Madame Butterfly at the Bank Al-Etihad auditorium this coming Tuesday – I put a notice about that in last week’s HEARTBEAT. The local newspaper is very good about reporting events AFTER the fact, but that doesn’t help those who want to go someplace or actually attend.

There are wonderful places to visit in this area that aren’t in the guide books, restaurants that we’ve never heard of, other events going on – let’s share them. If we believe – and I do – that God is in all things, then let’s go forth and find Him.

That’s the beginning – and because it is simply reporting facts, bits of news, it should not be neither scary or intimidating. Now if we want to expand even more – I’m open to the idea of people writing a column, a “Letter to the Editor,” a news story about something. We have a number of young people, and I suspect that their point of view is not always going to be mine – but they/you are part of this community, and we need to hear your voice. If the title of this weekly publication – Heartbeat – is accurate, then your voice is the blood that the heart needs to pump. I know people are busy, and schedules are tight and I understand that many are simply not able to make the commitment of time and place to serve on a committee or take part physically in some of our activities. Fair enough. But you can take 5 minutes and jot down a note, a thought, share an experience. I will put your name on it, or if you wish, it can be anonymous.

But while God hears your thoughts even before you think them (or so the Psalmist tells us), the rest of us need to hear your voice. E-mail is easy and quick and the community awaits your contributions. Please?

And let us continue to pray for one another.

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Fr. John’s Mobile: 079 013-8985 (If no answer, leave a message.)

**Website:** [Jordanjesuits.org](http://Jordanjesuits.org) **Facebook:** Go to Parish Group and ask to be admitted to the group. You will be.

## THE SACRED HEART MUSIC GROUP

Obviously we are still searching for the right name for this group.

But we are meeting every Tuesday at 7 PM at a private home near the American Embassy.

We would love to have you join us.

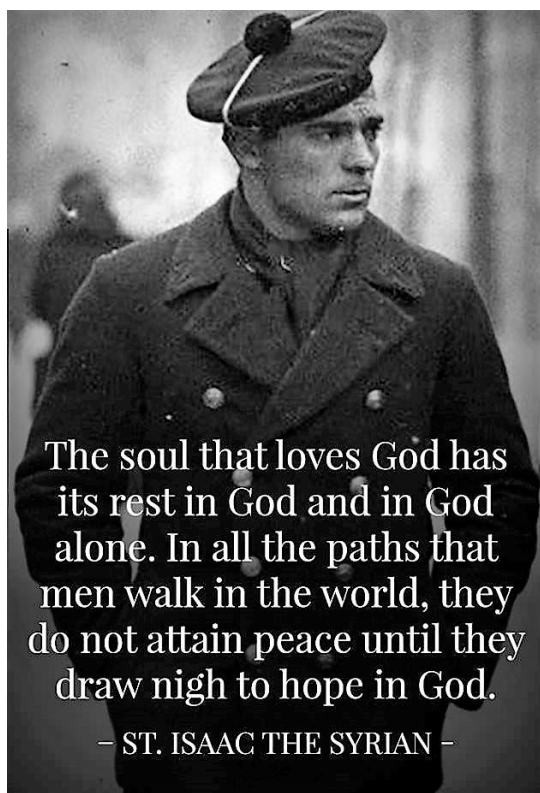
To get the address and confirm the meeting contact either Father John or Jeff Van Dorn who is the leader of the group (Email: jeffrey.vandorn@gmail.com). The more people we have, the better we sound. Prior musical training is good, but not necessary.



Angela Dusing

### \MAY

- 6 Janice Crowley
- 11 Michelle Costa
- 14 Gaby Mooney
- 15 Bishop William Shomali
- 24 Matthew Corbin



The soul that loves God has its rest in God and in God alone. In all the paths that men walk in the world, they do not attain peace until they draw nigh to hope in God.

– ST. ISAAC THE SYRIAN –

## ARE YOU CALLED TO SERVE?

Obviously not in the military but at the altar at Mass? We have no servers for the Mass at Freres, and we have only 5 right now for Mass at Sweifieh.

Young men and women who have received their First Communion are eligible. But traditionally adult men have been altar servers, and if there are women who would be interested, Fr. John will approach the Bishop and see what the local custom might allow.

We always welcome those who would like to serve: as Lectors, reading at Mass; we have some Eucharistic Ministers but would be grateful for more; people to sing with the music group are needed, and of course, those to serve at the altar.

Contact Fr. John NOW! Don't wait, don't hesitate. You are needed and wanted and this is your call.

## HOW TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION

Next week, ten young people will receive their First Holy Communion. As they have been prepared, so it is perhaps a good time to review for everyone.

**APPROACHING THE SACRAMENT** – In a state of grace, with no unconfessed major sins. As you approach the priest or Minister of Communion, you bow, in reverence to God. The Host is held up and the Priest says, “Body of Christ,” to which you replay “Amen.” Your Amen is a profession of faith, that Yes, you do believe that this IS the Body of Christ.

There are two ways to receive:

**RECEIVING ON THE TONGUE** – After you have said your Amen, open your mouth and extend your tongue, so the priest may easily place the Host. It is not enough to simply open your mouth, please also extend your tongue.

**IN THE HAND** – After you have said your Amen, place one hand underneath the other, and open your palm on the top hand, so it forms a place where the priest may reverently place the Host. You should not try and take the Host from the priest, but rather let it be placed safely in your hand.

## Psalm 23

**The Lord is my Shepherd**

*(That's Relationship!)*

**I shall not want**

*(That's Supply!)*

**He maketh me to lie down in green pastures**

*(That's Rest!)*

**He leadeth me beside the still waters**

*(That's Refreshment!)*

**He restoreth my soul**

*(That's Healing!)*

**He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness**

*(That's Guidance!)*

**For His name sake**

*(That's Purpose!)*

**Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death**

*(That's Testing!)*

**I will fear no evil**

*(That's Protection!)*

**For Thou art with me**

*(That's Faithfulness!)*

**Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me**

*(That's Discipline!)*

**Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies**

*(That's Hope!)*

**Thou annointest my head with oil**

*(That's Consecration!)*

**My cup runneth over**

*(That's Abundance!)*

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life**

*(That's Blessing!)*

**And I will dwell in the house of the Lord**

*(That's Security!)*

**Forever**

*(That's Eternity!)*

