

St. Paul's by-the-Sea

Weekly news & updates

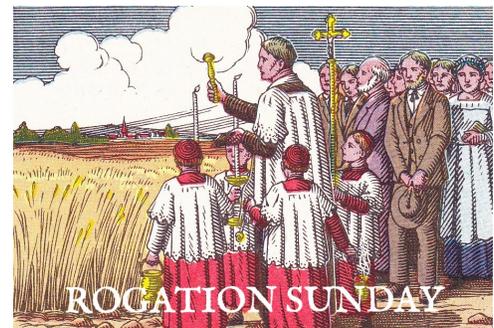
May 7, 2021



Join us this Sunday as parishioners Nancy Knotts and Andy Diaz read the Lessons in English and Spanish.

Rogation Sunday

This Sunday is the Sixth Sunday of Easter, Rogation Sunday. The name derives from the Latin verb “rogare” which means to ask for God’s blessings and protection from calamity. Traditionally, Rogation Days are the three days before Ascension Day (May 13 this year). They originated in Vienne, France, in the fifth century when Bishop Mamertus introduced



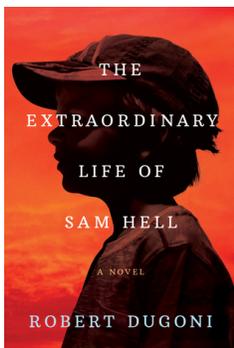
days of fasting and prayer to ward off a threatened disaster. In England they were associated with the blessing of the fields at planting. The vicar “beat the bounds” of the parish, processing around the fields reciting psalms and the litany. In the United States they have been associated with rural life and with agriculture and fishing. Today, our Prayers of the People, Form V, will include petitions added in observance of Rogation days. Note: text above taken from www.episcopalchurch.org/glossary/rogation-days/.

Prayers of the People for Rogation Sunday:

For favorable weather, temperate rains, and fruitful seasons, that there may be food and drink for all your creatures, we pray to you, O Lord.

For your blessing upon the lands and waters, and all who work upon them to bring forth food and all things needful for your people, we pray to you, O Lord.

For all who care for the earth, the water, and the air, that the riches of your creation may abound from age to age, we pray to you, O Lord.



SPBTS Book Club

On May 20th at 4pm the SPBTS Book will meet via Zoom to discuss *The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell* by Robert Dugoni. [Click here if you'd like to know more about the book and where to buy it.](#) The group will also be planning the next couple of months, which books to read and who will lead the discussions. If you would like to join the group for one meeting or all of them, please contact the church office. We will need your email address so we can send you the Zoom link.

Altar Flowers

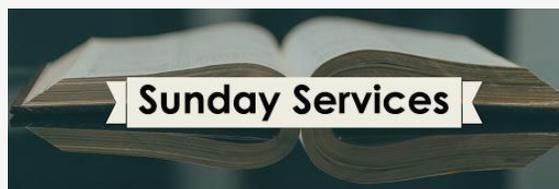
The cost of flowers has risen again, due to the pandemic, to \$60 for two arrangements and \$40 for a small pedestal arrangement. We know that many cannot afford this cost alone, so we would like to encourage 2-3 parishioners to partner in order to split the cost.

Altar flowers are a wonderful way to commemorate birthdays, anniversaries, memorials and thanksgivings. You can sign up by calling the church office at 410-289-3453 or emailing office@stpaulsbythesea.org. Please be certain to give us your dedication. Payment can be mailed to the church or placed into the collection plate.



Church Online

To view the May 2nd Holy Eucharist service, [click here](#).



Sunday Services

May 9:
Rite II Morning Prayer with music, officiated by Lay Worship Leaders, Debbie Shuster and Tom Shuster. [Click here](#) for a PDF version of the bulletin so you can follow along.

May 16:
Rite II Morning Prayer with music, officiated by Lay Worship Leaders, Amy Rothermel and Paul Rogers.

May 23: Pentecost



Sara Rutka (5/12)
Nicklous Mitchell (5/15)

Rite II Holy Eucharist service with
music, officiated by Fr. Ron Knapp.

Worship Leaders Schedule

This Week - May 9, 2021

Worship Leaders: Debbie Shuster and Tom Shuster

Readers: Andy Diaz, Nancy Knotts

Altar Guild: Mary Wright

Ushers: John & Nancy Knotts, Karen Gordon

Counters: Nancy Knotts, Debbie Shuster

Next Week—May 16, 2021

Worship Leaders: Paul Rogers and Amy Rothermel

Altar Guild: Mary Wright

Ushers: Amanda Cropper, Kay Ayres, Elsie

Counters: Amanda Cropper, Amy Rothermel

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