

April 24, 2016

Fifth Sunday of Easter

MASSSES for the WEEK

"It is a holy and wholesome thing to pray for the living and the dead." (II Mac. 12:46)

Sunday, April 24, 2016

7:00 AM Ann Symonds McNeeley
Req. Eileen Sibert, Sister
8:30 AM Salvatore Pelletiere
Req. Sylvia & Al Pacitti
10:00 AM Walter J. Kozak
Req. Wife, Helen, Son and Family
11:30 AM Edith, Carl and Family (Living)
Req. Agnes Traschetti, Mother
1:00 PM William Golden (11th Anniversary)
Req. Wife, Bea and Sons

Monday, April 25, 2016

7:00 AM Gerard Sheehan
Req. The Sheehan Family
8:30 AM Rose Capobianco
Req. Anita & John Lynch

9:30 AM Multiple Intention Mass

Tuesday, April 26, 2016

7:00 AM Trudy Tully
Req. Family
8:30 AM Rosamunda S. Alison
Req. Doris S. Alison

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

7:00 AM David E. Christensen
Req. Jane Walters
8:30 AM John and Frances Pichowicz
Req. Daughters

Thursday, April 28, 2016

7:00 AM Rosina & Cosimo DeNorcia
Req. Daughter
8:30 AM Mary and Rigo Salvi & Family
Req. Daughter, Julia LoVerde

Friday, April 29, 2016

7:00 AM David Christensen
Req. Alicia Tyszkiewicz
8:30 AM Virginia Wladich
Req. Husband, Michael

Saturday, April 30, 2016

7:00 AM Rocco D'Amato
Req. Alice Petroccione & Ceasare Rotunda
8:30 AM Cecilia Krzykalski Chevestick
Req. Ann Corsaro & Beatrice Cangellosi

4:00 PM Frank Irilli
Req. Family
5:30 PM Joseph Cericola
Req. Wife, Frances

Sunday, May 1, 2016

7:00 AM Marie Antonia Santitoro
Req. Family
8:30 AM Madeline & Nick DiSesso
Req. Pat and Tom Srsich
10:00 AM Marion Branagan
Req. Joe & Terri Spera
11:30 AM Raphale Finnerty
Req. Donald Finnerty
1:00 PM Anthony & Emily Guglicello
Req. Gloria & Debra Corsich

**Multiple Mass Intention
Monday at 9:30 AM
April 25, 2016**

In Memory of: Rev. Francis E. Santitoro
The Santitoro Family (*Living & Deceased*)
Rev. Frank Porazzo, & Porazzo Family
Kathleen & Anthony Jackomin
Joseph P. Flaherty
Steven Kilianski (*Speedy Recovery*),
Req. Grandmother
Frank Irilli, *Req. Family*
Steven Beckley (*BirthDay*),
Req. Wife, Judy
Dominick Perrone, *Req. Julia LoVerde*
Felicia Grace Chiodi, *Req. The Chiodi*
Family
Alfred Vieiva, *Req. Wife, Maria*
Edward Gibney (*7th Anniversary*),
Req. Wife, Ellen & Family
Margaret Mikolajczyk (*1st Anniversary*),
Req. Husband, Edward
Barbara Kohaut, *Req. Family*
Michael Anthony, *Req. Marilyn Emick*
Patricia Jasinski Critelli,
Req. Mom and Dad
Lawrence McInerney, *Req. Dolores*
Van Splinter
Rose Capobianco, *Req. Anita & John*
Lynch
Eugene Delaney, *Req. Wife,*
Monica
James Gannon, *Req. Mom & Dad*

Richard & Kathryn Grello, *Req. Ann*
Bederka
Jerry A. Bagnalo, *Req. Wife and*
Children
Carol A. Caporrino, *Req. Love, Husband,*
John
Nancy Lohmann, *Req. Pat Guerin*
Ronald Morasse, *Req. Pat Guerin*
Thomas J. Daly, *Req. Wife, Mary and*
Children
Sacred Heart of Jesus for Prayers Answered,
Req. Alma
Dolores Rossi, *Req. Anita Crowell and*
Joan Ceriello
James, Elizabeth & Philip LaManna,
Req. Vinnie & Betty
Philip Cilea, *Req. Michael & Phyllis*
Walsh
Margaret Burt, *Req. Florence & Wayne*
Burt
Patrick Burt, *Req. Florence & Wayne*
Burt
Frank Vincent, *Req. Florence & Wayne*
Burt
Robert Genova, *Req. Al & Barbara*
Giamarino
Jean Punderson, *Req. Noreen Mackle*
Veronica Farrell, *Req. Eleanor & Bill*
Davison

SPECIAL INTENTIONS – WEEK of April 23 to April 29, 2016

Bread & Wine – Church
Alice, Louis & Nick Soriano, *Req. Dom & Terry*
Pagano

Altar Candles – Church
Theresa Schade, *Req. Jerry & Rose DelGaudio*

Sanctuary Candles – Church
Rev. Francis E. Santitoro & Marie Santitoro, *Sister,*
Req. Andre and Ann Santitoro -Vispetti

Altar Flowers – Church
Jean Wist, *Req. Husband, Gus*

PARISH NEWS

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY

The Altar Rosary Society will meet on Wednesday, May 18, 2016 at 1:00 PM.

We invite all the women of the parish to join the Altar Rosary Society in promoting devotion to the Blessed Mother. Coffee and cake will be available prior to the meeting.

At our May meeting we will have the Crowning of the Blessed Mother Mary in the Chapel. Mother's Day carnations will be on sale on May 7th and 8th.

Rosalie Fuentes (732) 505-4432

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

The next meeting of the Holy Name Society will be held on Wednesday, May 4, 2016 at 12:30 pm. Coffee and cake will be available prior to our meeting.

We will have a sandwich party for our next meeting in June. Please attend our May meeting for details on the party and more.

Andrew Turco (732) 286-6353

LEGION OF MARY

Our meetings take place on Mondays from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM.

The Legion of Mary is pleased to offer a weekly visitation of the Blessed Mother's statue to homes within the Parish community.

Jean Hanna (732) 473-9755

FR. MAX'S SMILE CORNER

One day Dudley looked tired and depressed as he entered the barber shop. The barber said, "Good morning Dudley, why so glum, cheer up. Why I once knew a guy who owed a gambling debt of \$5,000 to some shady characters. Then one day the man drove his vehicle to the edge of a cliff where he sat thinking for over an hour. A group of concerned citizens heard about his problem and passed a hat around. Somewhat relieved, the man finally pulled back his vehicle from the edge of the cliff."

Dudley said, "Incredible, who were these kind people?"

The barber replied: "The passengers on his bus!"

PARISH NEWS

Prayer for our Nation

Dear God Our Father,

We entrust the United States of America to Your loving care. You are the rock on which this nation was founded and You alone are the true source of our cherished rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Through the intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary, Patroness of our Country, protect our land and its people. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

ATLANTIC CITY TRIP TO RESORTS

Date: May 2, 2016

Cost: \$23.00 Coins: \$25.00

Tickets are sold by the Parish Auditorium on Tuesdays from 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. or call:

Mr. Sandy Monda (732) 349-0143

The bus leaves for Atlantic City from St. Maximilian Kolbe Church promptly at 9:15 A.M.

Note: All Cancellations are non-refundable.

ADORATION

The Adoration devotion is to join the Holy Father in praying for the unborn and for the special intentions of our families.

The Adoration begins at 12:00 Noon every Friday in the Chapel.

GENNESARET

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Gennesaret is a retreat for those facing serious illness. It is designed to provide a spiritual and temporal oasis for men and women suffering with a life changing illness and will be held the weekend of: May 20, 21, and 22, 2016.

The Archdiocesan Retreat Center is located in Kearney, New Jersey. The retreat will begin on Friday at 2:15 PM and end with a closing Prayer Service on Sunday.

There is no cost to you for the retreat. For further information call:

Linda Capobianco (732) 608-7277

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BINGO...BINGO... BINGO

Bingo is held on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons in the Parish Hall auditorium. Doors open at 10:00A.M. and the games begin at 12:00 Noon.

Food is also available for purchase.

ARTS & CRAFTS

The group is continuing to meet on Mondays, from 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM. Come join us and bring some new ideas.

WEEKLY DEVOTIONS

The weekly devotions of Bread and Wine; Altar Candles, Sanctuary Candles and Flowers are available for 2016 for the Church and Chapel.

Stop by the Parish Office during our business hours to request your special week.

COLLECTION

The second collection this weekend is for Non-Diocesan Catholic Home Missions.

DIOCESE OF TRENTON

Through a joint effort of the Diocese of Trenton and Catholic Charities, licensed professional counselors are available to help parishioners with difficult issues such as bereavement, marital and family problems, elder care, and stress of job loss. The service can be accessed by contacting the pastor or a parish priest who will provide additional information.

The fee is \$75.00 per session. If needed, financial assistance is available for this counseling services.

MASS OF THANKSGIVING

There will be a Mass of Thanksgiving for the closing of the Abortion Clinic on Route 37 at 12:00 Noon on Saturday April 30th at St. Joseph's Church in Toms River.

All are welcome!

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JUBILEE HOLY YEAR OF MERCY

In honor of the Jubilee Holy Year of Mercy which started on the feast day of the Blessed Virgin Mary December 8th and last till Jesus, King of the Universe, Sunday of November 2016. Pray in a special way for the peace and safety of our Country.

We have a framed blessed picture of Jesus as the Divine Mercy (12" X 17" with stand) that you can take home for one week. This way it can be passed about throughout the parish during the Holy Year.

Sign up now for your special week by contacting the Parish Office. (732) 914-0300

SAN ALFONSO DAY OF PRAYER

Join Deacon Stan for a "Day of Prayer" on May 16, 2016 at San Alfonso Retreat House in Long Branch, NJ.

The day includes a continental breakfast, full lunch, instructional lecture, confession and Mass. The retreat begins at 9:30 AM and concludes by 3:00 PM. There is \$35.00 donation for the day.

If interested leave your name at the Parish Office for a proper count. (732) 914-0300

"Lord Jesus Christ, may I always remember the sweetness of Your mercy and rejoice in the freedom of your forgiveness."

Amen

Trivia: Poets, etc.... (Medium to Hard)

1. The Cowboy Poetry Gathering takes place in January in what western State?
2. The U.S. poet laureate is appointed by what Washington institution?
3. In what State is Walden Pond State Reservation?
4. What shy female poet was called the "Belle of Amherst?"
5. Illustrator, James Montgomery Flagg gave America what patriotic symbol?
6. What painter of America gained fame for his Saturday Evening Post covers?

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FROM THE PASTOR

With the Spring season in full swing, I'd like to give some information regarding the parish. Our first collection averages between 11-12K a week, while the second varies from 4 to 6. Thankfully, our Bingo continues to be a great fundraiser and I publicly thank Josephine Roeder, Sylvia Pacitti, Jerry Beyer and all the wonderful volunteers who make it happen. Because of this income, we are not in any kind of debt like some parishes are.

We continue to be involved in two initiatives of our Bishop. Faith to Move Mountains has gone over the mountain and is now on the down slope and so far our parish has contributed 235,000 towards our 995,000 goal. It seems quite clear we won't come close to that lofty goal, but I am proud of what you have contributed which is over and above your weekly collection donations. It is clear that many of you are very generous and I thank you. Don't forget we receive 30% of the final figure which will be a nice piece of change, or as my grandmother would say, "a pretty penny."

Faith in the Future, the Bishop's initiative on planning and sharing resources now and in the future, is in full swing here and all over the diocese. Our five parishioners meet every 2 weeks with 5 members from Sts. Joseph, Luke and Justin. We are in no danger of being closed or merged so don't worry about that (as long as our income remains stable). One idea that has developed is that:

St. Joseph's may send us 2nd graders in First Communion attire in May for a procession and a Crowning of the Blessed Mother Mary,

5th graders in October to perform a Living Rosary,

and 8th graders next Lent, to act out the Stations of the Cross!

Still to come: Bishops Annual Catholic Appeal

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask them as this is your parish! Go out and enjoy the Spring while it is here!

God Bless you all.

Thank You!

Fr. Steve

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ST. MARK THE EVANGELIST

Patron of Venice, Egypt, and Basket Weavers

Mark is the writer of the second Gospel. Many scholars identify this young man who fled upon Jesus' arrest in Mark's Gospel as Mark himself.

When the soldiers moved to arrest him, he ran off naked, leaving the cloth in the soldiers hands and abandoned Jesus to His enemies.

Mark's mother's house was a meeting place for Christians in Jerusalem and he traveled with his cousins, Barnabas and Paul. But it was the relationship he had with the Apostle Peter. Mark worked closely with Peter to build the Christian community in Rome.

According to tradition, after Peter's death, Mark traveled to the Roman province of Alexandria where he established the first Christian school. Later when the Romans were persecuting Christians throughout Europe, Mark was arrested and tortured.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Council 10899

On the weekend of May 7th & 8th the Knights of Columbus will be distributing Baby Bottles as you enter the Church. Each bottle will contain a note explaining the:

Baby Bottle Boomerang Project.

You will be asked to keep the bottle for 21 days, putting your loose change that you may have each day in the bottle and return the bottle on the Memorial Day weekend Masses. (May 28 & 29)

Just a small amount per bottle will have a great impact. 100% of all money collected will be sent to qualified Culture of Life organizations within our Community.

Reminder: The Knights of Columbus is hosting a Communion Breakfast at our church after the 7:00 AM, 8:30 and 10:00 AM Masses this Sunday.

If interested, you may pay at the door. \$8.00 at the door and \$5.00 for children

"Sometimes we need to remind ourselves that thankfulness is indeed a virtue."

William J. Bennett

The Life of Jesus

John 8: 12-59

THE JEWS REJECT THE LIGHT

Jesus turned back to His people He had been teaching and said:

"I am the light of the world. He who follows Me does not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

"Thou bearest witness to Thyself," some Pharisees objected. But Jesus said:

"Even if I bear witness to Myself, My witness is true, because I know where I come from and where I go. But you do not know where I came from or where I go. You judge according to the flesh for I judge no one. Even if I do judge, My judgment is true, because I am not alone, but with Me is He who sent Me, the Father.

In your Law it is written that the witness of two persons is true. It is I who bear witness to Myself and He who sent Me, the Father, bears witness to Me."

"Where is Thy Father?" they asked contemptuously. Jesus answered:

"You know neither Me nor My Father. If you know Me, you would then know My Father also. I go and you will seek Me and in your sin you will die. Where I go you cannot come."

The Jews were perplexed, thinking He was going to kill Himself. Jesus continued:

"You are from below, I am from above. You are of this world, I am not of this world. Therefore I say to thee, that you will die in your sins, for if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sin."

"Who art Thou," they asked and Jesus replied:

"Why do I speak to you at all. I have many things to speak and to judge concerning you, but He who sent Me is true and the things that I heard from Him these I speak in the world.

When you have lifted up the Son of Man they you will know that I am He, and that of Myself I do nothing, but that I preach only what the Father has taught Me. He who sent Me is with Me. He has not left Me alone, because I do always the things that are pleasing to Him."

To those that believed in Him, Jesus said:

"If you abide in My word, you shall be My disciples indeed, and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

Now there was a protest that the children of Abraham had never been slaves. Jesus explained:

"Amen, amen I say to thee, everyone who commits sin is a slave of sin. But the slave does not abide in the house forever, the son abides there forever.

If therefore the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed. I know that you are the children of Abraham, but you seek to kill Me because My word takes no hold among you. I speak what I have seen with the Father, and you do what you have seen with your Father.

If you are the children of Abraham do the works of Abraham. You are seeking to kill Me one who had spoken the truth to thee."

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Catholic Press

LIVES OF THE SAINTS

Occasionally in this space will appear a short article covering the lives of the saints, especially with reference to those saints whose likeness appear on the stained glass windows in the church and chapel, or whose statue is present in the chapel area or the candle room area.

LIVES OF THE SAINTS

May the wisdom of the saints inspire us in our daily lives.

April 24 St. Fidelis of Signaringen
 April 24 St. Benedict Menni
 April 25 St. Mark, Evangelist
 April 26 St. Aldobrandesca
 April 27 St. Zita
 April 28 St. Peter Chanel, Priest
 April 28 St. Louis Marie Grignion deMontfort
 April 29 St. Catherine of Sienna
 April 30 St. Pius V, Pope

ST. FIDELIS OF SIGMARINGEN

Patron of Lawyers

Fidelis was named Mark Roy at birth. He earned a doctorate in philosophy from the University of Freiburg, then studied law while he taught. For six years, Mark tutored a group of young aristocrats who were traveling from college to college throughout Europe. He also taught them the Christian principles of living God's Word and being generous to the poor.

Mark received his doctorate in civil and canon law and began to practice law, making his serves readily available to the poor. But he soon found himself disillusioned by the deceitful tactics of his fellow lawyers. Mark gave up his practice and became a priest. He joined the Capuchin Franciscan Order and took the name Fidelis.

Fidelis was devoted to caring for the sick, He was also a passionate preacher and was asked to mission to the Swiss. When Fidelis went to Switzerland with eight other friars, but they were threatened by the missionaries. The situation worsened when Fidelis was shot while he was delivering a sermon. Although he escaped unharmed 20 men immediately traced him down and demanded that he abandon his faith. Fidelis said, "I came here to enlighten you, not to accept your errors." He was killed instantly.

ST. LOUIS MARIE GRIGNION DE MONTFORT

Founder of the Company of Mary and the Daughters of Divine Wisdom

Louis came from a poor hard working family in France. He was an unusually spiritual child with such great devotion to Our Lady that he took the name Marie at his confirmation. After several years of schooling with the Jesuits, he decided to study for the priesthood in Paris.

Louis wanted to surrender to God's love he walked 130 miles to Paris giving his money to the poor, exchanging his new clothes for a beggar's rags and sleeping in haystacks and under bridges along the way. As a student, he lacked for money so he stayed in hostels where the conditions were so horrid that he became gravely ill. Finally Louis was ordained a priest.

Not always liked, Louis struggled with his ministry. He worked at hospitals for the poor but the authorities opposed his reforms and asked him to resign. Then he began to preach successful missions around Poitiers where his flamboyant style aroused hostility about the conservative clergy that the bishop made him stop. Louis went to Rome for the Pope's advice.

Pope Clement XI was impressed by Louis's enthusiasm and sent him back to France with the title "Apostolic Missionary." But despite criticism, Louis preached in the churches, town squares and poorhouses urging people to recite the Rosary. He also wrote a book called "True Devotion to the Blessed Mother" and founded two religious congregations. He died at the early age of forty-three.

Louis had a personal commitment to the poor which he practiced with great courage. Today, the Montford Missionaries carry on his commitment where they offer help to the homeless and families in crisis.

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Our Faith

THE SEVEN SACRAMENTS

What are the seven sacraments of the Catholic Church?

The seven sacraments are Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick, Holy Orders and Matrimony,

What is the meaning of each of the seven sacraments?

Baptism:

This sacrament begins our Christian life. Baptism marks us as one who has been saved by Jesus Christ and sanctified with the Spirit of God. "Are you not aware that we who were baptized in Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? ...were buried with Him, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life."

(Rom 6: 3-4)

Through the sign of the baptismal waters, the recipient and the Church community experience death and new life in Christ.

Confirmation:

This sacrament is the full initiation into the Church community. Confirmation empowers us to serve the Kingdom of God boldly, for we are told: "As Paul laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came down on them and they began to speak in tongues and to utter prophecies. Thus did the Wind of the Lord continue to spread with influence and power."

(Acts 19: 6-20)

Therefore, through the signs of laying on of hands and scaling with oil in Confirmation the community passes on the gifts received in the Spirit.

Eucharist:

Called Holy Communion this sacrament unites us directly with Jesus. Through union with Him and with one another, we are truly joined as a community. "This is My body to be given for you. Do this as a remembrance of me."

(Luke 22: 19-20)

Reconciliation:

Penance or Confession, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is the formal celebration of a sinner's repentance and God's immaculate forgiveness. Scripture tells us that Jesus said, "Your sins are forgiven... Your faith has been your salvation. Now go in peace." (Luke 7: 48-50)

Anointing of the Sick:

This sacrament which is the liturgical prayer for the seriously ill Church members, was formerly called Extreme Unction. "Is there anyone sick among you? He should ask for the presbyters of the church. This prayer uttered in faith will reclaim the one who is ill, and the Lord will restore him to health. If he has committed any sins, forgiveness will be his."

(Jas 5: 14-15)

Holy Orders:

Members or the community are chosen and anointed in this sacrament to serve the Church as deacons, priests and bishops. For we are told, "Then He breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

(John 20:32)

Marriage

Marriage is the rite by which the matrimonial union becomes a sign of God's love and union with His people. "Husbands love your wives as Christ loved the Church." (Eph 5:25)

Through this Sacrament Christians are able to see a sign of depth and permanence of God's love. In addition, the couples learn the holiness the Lord intended to be part of the marital union.

Rev. Alfred McBride

Trivia: (Answers from page 5)

1. Nevada
2. The Library of Congress
3. Massachusetts
4. Emily Dickinson
5. Uncle Sam
(US was modeled after the illustrator)
6. Norman Rockwell