

May 1, 2016

Sixth 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, May 1, 2016

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

Monday, May 2, 2016

7:00 AM Michelina, Frank, Jennie Giammarino
Req. Marge and Andy
8:30 AM Richard Scherm (1st Anniversary)
Req. Grandchildren
9:30 AM Multiple Intention Mass

Tuesday, May 3, 2016

7:00 AM Annese & Mei Families
Req. Susan Mei
8:30 AM Philip Graffeo, Jr.
Req. Joe and Terri Spera

Wednesday, May 4, 2016

7:00 AM John P. Brennan
Req. Wife, Rita and Children
8:30 AM Dominick Colangelo
Req. Wife and Children

The Ascension of the Lord

4:00 PM All Parishioners
Living and Deceased
5:30 PM All Parishioners
Living and Deceased

Thursday, May 5, 2016

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

7:00 AM All Parishioners
Living and Deceased
8:30 AM All Parishioners
Living and Deceased
10:00 AM All Parishioners
Living and Deceased
11:30 AM All Parishioners
Living and Deceased

Friday, May 6, 2016

7:00 AM Margo Miller
Req. Barbara Hoose
8:30 AM Lucille Rhode (Living)
Req. Daughters

Saturday, May 7, 2016

7:00 AM John Matlosz (Wedding Anniversary)
Req. Wife, Carolyn
8:30 AM Elizabeth Mazzuto
Req. Daughter, Maryann, Son Peter & Family
4:00 PM All Parishioners
Living and Deceased
5:30 PM All Parishioners
Living and Deceased

Sunday, May 8, 2016

Mother's Day

7:00 AM All Parishioners
Living and Deceased
8:30 AM All Parishioners
Living and Deceased
10:00 AM All Parishioners
Living and Deceased
11:30 AM All Parishioners
Living and Deceased
1:00 PM All Parishioners
Living and Deceased

**Multiple Mass Intention
Monday at 9:30 AM
May 2, 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
Jennie & Vincent Fasciani, *Req. Daughters*
Rita Wickman (5th Anniversary),
Req. Marguerite Martinkus
David & Mary Nolte, *Req. Gloria*
Del Lupo
Clifford Kamienski, *Req. Wife,*
Lois
Dorothy "Rose" Gemski, *Req. Floyd*
Cornelius and Daughters
Carol Giesler, *Req. Husband,*
Bernard
Patrick Giesler, *Req. Bernard,*
Father
Dean W. Peterson, *Req. Wife,*
Gertrude
Gerald Riedinger, *Req. Tuesday Bingo*
Workers
John Kwiatkowski, *Req. Wife,*
Helen
Caroline Kresky, *Req. Husband,*
Charles
Philip Markey, *Req. Family*
Nellie, George, Jr. & George, Sr. Dierkens,
Req. Son, John

Robert Hayford, *Req. Wife, Hildegarg*
The Modeshefsky & Caverly Families,
Req. Mary Modeshefsky
Barbara Kohaut, *Req. Family*
Patricia Quinn (1st Anniversary),
Req. Agnes & Paddy Kelly
In Thanks Jesus, Mary & St. Theresa,
Req. Agnes & Paddy Kelly
Michael Costa, *Req. Paddy & Agnes*
Kelly
James Gannon, *Req. Mom & Dad*
Alphonse & Julia Dandrea,
Req. Ann Bederka
Prayers Answered Sacred Heart of Jesus &
Blessed Mother, *Req. Alma*
Lawrence "Larry" Sivilli, *Req. Angie*
DaCosta
Jeanette Briones, *Req. Felicitas M.*
Villaluz
John Kolowicz (Healing),
Req. Krystina, Sister
Danielle Duhamel, *Req. Frank & Kathy*
LaGamma
Ester Critelli, *Req. Lynn & Robert*
Rosenkriaz
Robert Davis, *Req. Wife, Margaret*
Kyle Cipriani, *Req. Michael Wladich*
Minnie Roldan, *Req. The Holton*
Family
Grace Stegura, *Req. Husband, Charlie*

SPECIAL INTENTIONS – WEEK of April 30 to May 6, 2016

Altar Candles -Church
Emily & Lestor Insante,
Req. Aunt, Rose Kot

Bread & Wine – Church
Rev. Francis E. Santitoro & Marie Santitoro, Sister,
Req. Andre and Ann Santitoro -Vispetti

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.

At this May meeting, we will have the Crowning of the Blessed Mother Mary in the Chapel. Coffee and cake will be available prior to the meeting.

Carnations are on sale next weekend for Mother's Day.

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.

At our June meeting we will have a Sandwich Party. Please attend our May 4th 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

Trivia (Answers on Page 9) Easy.....

Religious Questions

1. What solemnity is celebrated on the last Sunday in the western liturgical calendar?
2. In which month is the final Sunday of the liturgical year?
3. What is the name for the cup containing the Precious Blood of Christ at Mass?
4. Which clergymen wear purple skullcaps?
5. The word "Beatitude" is derived from the Latin word "beatus" meaning what?
6. What Italian word for the Blessed Mother means "My Lady"?

PARISH NEWS

ATLANTIC CITY TRIP TO RESORTS

Date: June 6, 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 PM 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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Council 10899

Next weekend 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.

Then you will be asked to keep the bottle for 21 days, putting any loose change that you may have each day in the bottle. Return the bottle on Memorial Day weekend, May 28th & 29th.

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.

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. Bingo will not be held on Thursday, May 5th for Ascension Thursday.

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.

The days that the Parish Office is close, Arts and Crafts will not be held.

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 the Diocesan, Administration

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 your pastor or parish priest who will provide additional information.

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

“Let us not look back in anger, nor forward in fear, but around in awareness.”
(James Thurber)

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

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 a \$35.00 donation for the day.

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Council 10899

Meeting of the Knights of Columbus will be held on Saturday, May 14, 2016 in the Parish Hall at 10:00 AM. Anyone interested in becoming a member may contact:

Bernie Ernst at (732) 504-7496

CELL PHONES AND BEEPERS

In respect to the celebrant of the Mass and your neighbors, please turn off your cell phones and beepers before you enter the church complex for Mass.

Thanking you in advance for your attention in this matter.

Remember:

Next Sunday is Mother's Day! Don't forget your Mom, Daughter, Aunt or even your neighbor.

PRAYER TO ST. PEREGRINE

Patron Against Cancer

God, who gave St. Peregrine an Angel for his companion, the Mother of God for his Teacher and Jesus as the Physician of his malady, grant we beseech You through His merits, that we may on earth intensely love our Holy Angel, the Blessed Mother Mary and our Savior... bless them forever.

Grant that we may receive the favor which we now petition. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

REFLECTION

"The Cross is the School of Love. Let us remember that Love lives on and is nourished by sacrifices. Let us always have recourse to the Immaculate Mother Mary to preserve our peace of mind."

St. Maximilian Kolbe

WHEREVER WE ARE....

Sir Alec Guinness, the famous actor made what he called a "negative bargain" with God when his son contacted polio. If his son recovered, Guinness promised he wouldn't hinder his son's wish to become Catholic.

Some might take a cynical view of Guinness's attempt to lure God to the bargaining table. After all, he turned to God only when he had nowhere else to turn. However, that's been the experience of so many of us. Often it is only when our backs are pressed against the wall that we give God any real consideration.

God can work with that, for He knows that it is when we've hit rock bottom that we are most receptive to his grace. God will meet us wherever we are because even more that we might desire to be with God, God desires to be with us.

The Living Gospel

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

The Parish Office will be closed on Ascension Thursday, a Holy Day of Obligation May 5th

OUR LADY HELPS US NOT TO WORRY

Saint Jerome asserts that even while Mary was living in this world, her heart was so filled with tenderness and pity for people, that no one ever suffered to much distress for his own troubles as Mary did for the troubles of others.

Saint Bernard writes that Mary has made herself all to all and opens her merciful heart to all, that all may receive of its fullness. Turn then O most gracious advocate your eyes of mercy towards us. Mary cannot resist, for she is forced to listen and to grant the demand of anyone who addresses her in this way.

According to Saint Bonaventure, this loving Mother Mary has such a great desire to do good to all. She is not only offended by those who do her actual harm but she is even offended at those who do not ask her for favors and graces.

(Saint Alphonsus Liguori)

Father Max's Smile Corner

Dudley and Dolly both suffered from insomnia. One night Dolly suggested that they try a relaxation technique. Lying with their eyes closed, she described a calm and serene scene.

"We fly in a private jet to a beautiful resort on a tropical island. A gentle breeze comes through the French doors that leads to our private beach...."

Just then a wide awake Dudley yelled out to her, "How much is this vacation costing me?"

"Prayer is the best weapon we possess. It is the key that opens the heart of God."

Saint Padre Pio

"We cannot do great things in life as we can only do small things with great love."

Blessed Teresa of Calcutta

"Jesus Christ is not valued at all until He is valued above all."

Saint Augustine

"If you do not hope, you will not find what is beyond your hope."

Saint Clement of Alexandria

The Life of Jesus

Matthew 9: 1-8; Mark 2: 1-12; Luke 5: 17-26

CURE OF A PARALYTIC

At the beginning of June Jesus was again back in Capernaum, probably in the house of Simon and Andrew which seems to have been His customary residence when He was in Capernaum. At this time occurred the first of a series of incidents in which the Pharisees openly opposed or disputed with Christ.

The news that Christ had returned to the city created great excitement. The street before His house was soon filled with people, while crowds filled the house itself and blocked the entrance. Pharisees and doctors of the Law from all the villages of Galilee and Judea had come to hear Jesus, and Jerusalem also has sent its delegates.

While Jesus sat and spoke to this distinguished audience, four men came up to the house, carrying on a litter a paralytic who hoped to be cured by Jesus. When the bearers found the street entrance blocked by the crowds of curious onlookers, they climbed with the litter to the roof of the house. They removed a number of the tiles or shingles from the roof, carefully lowered the litter through the opening, depositing the paralytic in the midst of the crowd that surrounded Jesus in the room below.

Jesus was touched by the faith of this man and of the bearers, who had gone to such pains to bring their friend before Him. He was going to heal this invalid, but first He said:

"Son, thy sins are forgiven thee."

Jesus said this to make clear His claim to divine power, the power to forgive sins as well as to heal those ills which the Pharisees regarded as the punishment of sin. The Pharisees then began muttering within themselves that He blasphemed, but Jesus read their minds and said:

"Which is easier, to say to the paralytic. 'Thy sins are forgiven thee,' or to say, 'Arise and take up thy pallet and walk?' But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins.

I say to thee, arise, take up thy pallet, and go thy house."

The sick man arose and walked off, while all present praised God for what they had witnessed.

Summary:

Each of us has a sick friend like the paralytic, although it may be paralysis of the soul rather than the body that afflicts him. The common attitude is to "let the other fellow do it."

The four friends of the paralytic did not pass the responsibility to someone else. Would we extend a helping hand and lead him to Christ.

The Life of Christ
Catholic Press

THE KINGDOM OF GOD

The Kingdom of God is where humanity is in a state of grace and all things move in divine order. Human needs are met by God's abundance; human limitations are dissolved by God's power; and human rashness is tamed by the discipline of God. All this is part of the Kingdom of God.

It is a quickening in our innermost heart, passing from person to person. It is a silent grace which nevertheless gives impetus to word and deed; it exists both as an action and an order.

Father Alfred Delp, S.I.

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Jesus is Love!

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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.

- May 1 St. Joseph the Worker
- May 1 St. Peregrine
- May 2 St. Antoninus of Florence
- May 3 St. James and St. Philip, Apostles
- May 4 St. Florian
- May 5 St. Maximus of Jerusalem
- May 6 St. Edbert of Lindisfarne
- May 7 St. Domitian of Maastricht

ST. ANTONINUS OF FLORENCE

Archbishop of Florence

Antoninus was so small and frail that his parents called him Antonino. At the age of 15 years he applied for admission to the Dominican Order, but his fragile health worried the superior. To test Antoninus stamina, the superior instructed him to memorize a large book on canon law. After completing his task within a year, Antoninus was received into the Dominican Order.

As a priest, Antoninus became a master of canon law and helped bring about reforms within the Order. He was made prior of a number of houses, and founded the famous convent of San Marco in Florence. He also enlisted artists, led by his friend Fra Angelico to paint frescoes in each cell and decorate choir books. The monastery became known as a center of Christian art.

Antoninus was made Archbishop of Florence. The people of the city loved their new leader. His sermons were compassionate yet strict and held daily audiences for anyone who wished to speak with him. His tenure as Archbishop of Florence during earthquakes, plague, wars and political upheavals impressed not only Pope Pius II but also Cosimo de Medici the influential Florentine merchants.

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

Since the nineteenth century, May 1st has been associated with the struggle for improved working conditions for laborers, first in the United States and later in Communist countries. Pope Pius XII chose to move the feast of Joseph's patronage to this date in 1955.

As the "just man" of Nazareth, Joseph is invoked by all workers and those who seek justice for workers. "In work, the person exercises and fulfills in part the potential inscribed in his nature. The perennial value of labor stems from man himself...Work is for man, not man for work."

(Catechism of the Catholic Church)

ST. JAMES AND ST. PHILIP

Patron Saints of Uruguay; Apostles

James and Philip were both apostles who served Christ faithfully during the early days of the Church and both were martyred.

James was the son of Alphaeus and is said to have been born in Caesarea. He is sometimes called James the Less, which might mean that he was shorter or younger than the other apostle named James. He was the first bishop of Jerusalem and met his death after being stoned.

Philip was from Bethsaida in Galilee and brought others to Jesus including his friend Nathanael. He also had a practical down to earth mind, and commented that it would take a great deal of money to feed more than five thousand people. It was also Philip who asked to see the Father when Jesus spoke about him at the Last Supper.

Philip preached the Gospel in Phrygia and Greece. He is not to be confused with the Philip of Acts 8, the deacon who baptized the Ethiopian.

Our Faith

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

For forty days following His Resurrection Jesus appeared to the disciples frequently, strengthening and instructing them, and telling them of His Kingdom. On the fortieth day they had gathered again in Jerusalem to await the Feast of Pentecost, probably in the Cenacle, where they had celebrated the Passover the night before He died. Jesus appeared to them there and gave them His last instructions. Jesus said to them:

“These are the words which I spoke to you while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled that are written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me.

Thus it is written; the Christ should suffer, and should rise again from the dead on the third day; and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all the nations beginning with Jerusalem.

I send forth upon you the promise of My Father, but wait here in the city, until you are clothed with power from on height of which you have heard by my mouth.”

They said to Him, “Lord wilt Thou at this time restore the Kingdom to Israel? Jesus said:

“It is not for you to know the times or dates which the Father has fixed by His own authority, but you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you and you shall be witnesses for Me in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, even to the ends of the earth.”

When the disciples returned to the city, Mary met with them and prayed while awaiting the coming of the Holy Spirit, Jesus had promised. Then a great assembly of followers met in the “upper room.”

Great Events of Bible Times

The meaning of Christ’s Ascension” writes Pope Benedict XVI expresses our belief that in Christ the humanity that we all share has entered into the inner life of God in a new and hitherto unheard of way.

We go to heaven to the extent that we go to Jesus Christ and enter into “Heaven is a person” Jesus Himself is a person: “Jesus Himself is what we call Heaven.”

Pope Benedict XVI

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Christ ascends into heaven, not to abandon us but to be our hope. Filled with certainty before this great miracle of love, we pray:

- For the Church that the people of God will live with an ardent hope for heaven and partake of Christ’s divine life.
- That the mystery of the Ascension will bring comfort and peace to those who are separated from their loved ones.
- That through the grace of the Ascension we will be blessed to keep our minds and hearts fixed on heaven.
- That the authority of heaven will inform and guide the actions of those who govern on earth.

Loving Father, thanks to the Ascension of Your Son our human nature is now at home with You in heaven. May this truth be our lasting encouragement and hope. Amen.

Trivia (Answers)

1. Christ the King
2. November
3. Chalice
4. Bishops
5. Blessed or Happy
6. Madonna

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