

April 30, 2017

3rd Sunday of Easter

MASSES for the WEEK

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

Sunday, April 30, 2017

- 7:00 AM Ann Symonds McNeely
Req. Eileen Sibert, Sister
- 8:30 AM Benedict Izzo
Req. Pat Guerin
- 10:00 AM Angie Calamunci
Req. Husband, Louis Calamunci
- 11:30 AM Florence & Thomas Charles Field
Req. Kevin and Kelly Field & Family
- 1:00 PM Joseph Janonis
Req. Wife, Mary

Monday, May 1, 2017

- 7:00 AM Morgan O'Connor
Req. Family
- 8:30 AM Margaret McCann
Req. Lucille Kent
- 9:30 AM Multiple Intention Mass

Tuesday, May 2, 2017

- 7:00 AM Albert Castrovallari
Req. Raymond Germain
- 8:30 AM The Annese & Mei Families
Req. Susan Mei

Wednesday, May 3, 2017

- 7:00 AM Edward Steiniger
Req. Wife & Family
- 8:30 AM Patricia Jane Williamson
Req. John & Clara Fink

Thursday, May 4, 2017

- 7:00 AM Jimmy & Angie Viscel
Req. Georgianna & Don Forlenzo
- 8:30 AM Vincent & Santo Cangelosi
Req. The Cangelosi Family

Friday, May 5, 2017

- 7:00 AM Helen & Julius Jankowski
Req. Daughter, Dolores
- 8:30 AM John P. Brennan (Anniversary)
Req. Wife, Rita & Children

Saturday, May 6, 2017

- 7:00 AM Thomas Gannon
Req. Mom and Dad
- 8:30 AM Arthur Capone
Req. Ann & George McIntyre
- 4:00 PM MaryAnn O'Hara (Birthday)
Req. Mom & Dad
- 5:30 PM Michael Zoccolillo
Req. Wife, MaryAnn

Sunday, May 7, 2017

- 7:00 AM Deceased Mbrs Glatz & Chrzanowski Fams
Req. Bertha Glatz & Family
- 8:30 AM Paul F. McCarthy (1st Anniv.)
Req. Ruth McCarthy
- 10:00 AM Emily & Anthony Guglicello
Req. Gloria & Debra
- 11:30 AM Raphale T. Finnerty
Req. Donald J. Finnerty
- 1:00 PM James Gildea (Birthday)
Req. Wife, Elizabeth & Family

**Multiple Mass Intention
Monday at 9:30 AM
May 1, 2017**

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, *Req. Grandmother*
Robert Hayford, *Req. Wife Hildegarg*
Jennie & Vincent Fasciani,
Req. Daugher, Joancarole
David & Mary Nolte, *Req. Gloria Del Lupo*
Dean W. Peterson, *Req. Wife, Gertrude*
Lisa Demko, *Req. Aunt Lil*
Loran Taylor, *Req. Aunt Lil*
Ann Domanski, *Req. Husband, John*
Ceferino Gonzalez, *Req. Wife, Lilly*
John Kwiatkowski,
Req. Wife, Helen Kwiatkowski
Emily Young, *Req. Gertrude Peterson*
Dorothy Swaboda & Arthur Jr.,
Req. Brother, Sisters & Aunts
The Caverly & Modeshefsky Families,
Req. Mary Modeshefsky
Wincenty Gardyniec,
Req. Daugher, Mary Janonis
James Gannon, *Req. Mom & Dad*
Tom & MaryBeth Gannon,
Req. Mom & Dad
Elizabeth Jane Rademacher,
Req. Gertrude Peterson

Regina Muenzh, *Req. Gertrude Peterson*
Josephine Pignatoro,
Req. Barbara & Tina McMahon
Richard & Kathryn Grello,
Req. Ann Bederka
The Sullivan & Dempsey Family,
Req. Daughter, Eileen
Steve Wargo, *Req. Rosemary & Bill Sugrue*
Phyllis Angelo-Good Health,
Req. Lilly O'Keeffe
Janet Luzzi, *Req. Karen Postlewaite*
Dolores Rongo-Healing,
Req. Tom McCormack
Grace Clayberger, *Req. Friend, Lee*
MariBeth McCoy, *Req. Garry Conklin*
Margaret Conklin, *Req. Son, Garry*
Charles E. Conklin, *Req. Son, Garry*
Samuel Koury, *Req. Friend, Charlie*

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Please join us in praying for the intentions mentioned in this bulletin.

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SPECIAL INTENTIONS – WEEK of April 29, 2017 to May 5, 2017

Bread & Wine – Church
James Finnegan, *Req. Wife, Pat*

Bread & Wine-Chapel
Benedict Izzo, *Req. Pat Guerin*

Altar Candles – Church
James Finnegan, *Req. Wife, Pat*

Sanctuary Candle – Church
James Finnegan, *Req. Wife, Pat*

Sanctuary Candle – Chapel
Rev. Francis E. Santitoro & Maria Santitoro, Sister
Req. Andre & Ann Santitoro-Vispetti

Altar Flowers – Church
James Finnegan, *Req. Wife, Pat*

PARISH NEWS

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY

We invite the women of our parish to join the Altar Rosary Society in promoting devotion to the Blessed Mother Mary. We meet on the third Wednesday of every month. Our next meeting will be held on May 17, 2017 at 1:00 P.M. At which time we will have a Crowning of the Blessed Mother.

Cake and coffee will be available before the meeting begins.

On Sunday, May 7, 2017 during the 8:30 A.M. Mass, we will have a Crowning of the Blessed Mother. We hope to see you there.

Please note that our Annual Flower Sale will take place on May 13th-14th, 2017. Flowers will be available to purchase after all Masses.

Rosalie Fuentes (732) 505-4432

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, May 3rd at 12:30 P.M.

We will have a Sandwich Party at the following month's meeting, which will be held on Wednesday, June 7th, 2017 at 12:30 P.M. The cost will be \$3.00 per person, and coffee and cake will be available. If you cannot attend the May 3rd meeting and would like to come to the Sandwich Party, please call:

Bob Colello (732) 818-9270

Please note that the June 7th meeting will be our last meeting for the Summer. Hope to see you all in September!

LEGION OF MARY

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

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

New members always welcome!

Jean Hanna (732) 473-9755

TRIP TO ST. PADRE PIO CENTER

Join the Altar Rosary Society on Wednesday, May 10th for a bus trip from our Church to St. Padre Pio Center in Barto, Pennsylvania.

The cost for the bus trip is \$55.00 per person, which includes lunch at the Center. The bus trip is open to all parishioners and friends. The bus will leave promptly from the church parking lot at 8:00 A.M. Please arrive no later than 7:45 A.M. Thank you.

For reservations, please call:

Josephine Roeder – (732) 349-9379

PARISH NEWS

FROM THE PASTOR

It is with a heavy heart that I announce that Gen Feeney, our bulletin coordinator since the year 2000, has retired. We are so thankful for her presence among us for so long. She is already sorely missed by all the staff. She did such a great job for us with the bulletin. Her love of God and neighbor as well as her great sense of humor always shone through. Join me in keeping her in your prayers.

Blessings, Fr. Steve

ATLANTIC CITY TRIP TO RESORTS

Date: Monday, June 5, 2017

Cost: \$23.00 Coins: \$25.00

Tickets are sold in the Parish Hall foyer 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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

The Adoration of the Exposed Blessed Sacrament is to join Pope Francis in praying for the unborn children and the special intentions we hold in our hearts.

Eucharistic Adoration begins at 12:00 P.M. every Friday in the Chapel.

GENNESARET RETREAT

Gennesaret is a retreat for those facing life changing illnesses.

This retreat is designed to provide a spiritual and temporal oasis for men and women suffering with a life changing illness. It will be held the weekend of May 19th-21st, 2017 at the Archdiocesan Retreat Center located in Kearny, NJ.

The retreat will begin on Friday, May 19th at 2:15 P.M. and end with a closing Prayer Service on Sunday, May 21st at 1:30 P.M.

For further information, please call:

Linda Capobianco-(732)608-7277

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.

WEEKLY DEVOTIONS

The weekly devotions of Bread and Wine, Altar Candles, Sanctuary Candles and Altar Flowers are available for 2017 for the Church and Chapel.

Stop by the Parish Office between the hours of 9:00 A.M.–3:00 P.M. to request your special week and intentions.

SECOND COLLECTION

The second collection this weekend is for the Catholic Home Mission.



ARTS AND CRAFTS

The Arts and Crafts group needs volunteers to help create items for our yearly sales. The group meets on Monday mornings from 9:00 A.M. to 11:30 A.M in the Parish Hall foyer. Revenue from our sales are always donated to the Church.

However, we need more helping hands to continue our work. With enough volunteers, we are also considering making comfort shawls. Please join us. You will meet a group of talented ladies who will be very happy to see you!

MAUSOLEUM

Christ the King Mausoleum, at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church, has been opened since November 2013. If you are interested in a final resting place for a loved one or yourself, and would like additional information, kindly call our Parish Office for an appointment.

(732) 914-0300

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MAUSOLEUM HOURS

Weekdays : Monday to Friday
6:00 AM to 3: 35 PM
Saturday: 6:00 AM to 5:45 PM
Sunday: 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

20/20 Project

The Knights of Columbus will participate in a Culture of Life Initiative by attending as an organization the 8:30 am Mass on the 20th day of each month, in support of the New Jersey State Knights of Columbus 20/20 Project.

FAITH IN THE FUTURE

UPDATE

The priority items our 4 Church cohort- St. Joes, St. Justins, St. Lukes and Us-have decided to work on include:

1. *Evangelization: to establish collaborative relationships among the parishes and ministries of our cohort in order to re-evangelize our local Church;*
2. *Ministry to Parishioners: to combine efforts in such areas as bereavement, youth and young adult ministries;*
3. *Social Justice: to work to meet the needs of the most vulnerable in our communities;*
4. *Hispanic Catholics: to establish St. Joes as the center for Hispanic ministry in our area.*

May God bless the continued efforts of the 20 people representing the four "Roman Catholic Churches of the Greater Toms River area"!

PRAYERS AND DEVOTIONS

HOW DO I PRAY?

Various forms of prayer are presented in the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 2623-2649). These various forms include prayer of blessing or adoration, prayer of petition, prayer of intercession, prayer of thanksgiving, and prayer of praise.

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WHAT IS MEDITATION?

"Meditation is above all a quest."

Meditation is a Christian practice of prayer dating back to the early Church. As the Catechism states: "Meditation is above all a quest. The mind seeks to understand the why and how of the Christian life, in order to adhere and respond to what the Lord is asking." By meditating on the Gospels, holy icons, liturgical texts, spiritual writings, or "the great book of creation," we come to make our own that which is God's. "To the extent that we are humble and faithful, we discover in meditation the movements that stir the heart and we are able to discern them. It is a question of acting truthfully in order to come into the light: "Lord, what do you want me to do?" (CCC 2705-2706).

Meditation is an essential form of Christian prayer, especially for those who are seeking to answer the vocational question, "Lord, what do you want me to do?"



HOW DO WE PRAY WITH SACRED SCRIPTURE?

Spiritual reading of Sacred Scripture, especially the Gospels, is an important form of meditation. This spiritual reading is traditionally called *lectio divina* or divine reading. *Lectio divina* is prayer over the Scriptures.

1. The first element of this type of prayer is reading (*lectio*): you take a short passage from the Bible, preferably a Gospel passage and read it carefully, perhaps three or more times. Let it really soak-in.
2. The second element is meditation (*meditatio*). By using your imagination enter into the Biblical scene in order to "see" the setting, the people, and the unfolding action. It is through this meditation that you encounter the text and discover its meaning for your life.
3. The next element is prayer (*oratio*) or your personal response to the text: asking for graces, offering praise or thanksgiving, seeking healing or forgiveness. In this prayerful engagement with the text, you open yourself up to the possibility of contemplation.

Contemplation (*contemplatio*) is a gaze turned toward Christ and the things of God. By God's action of grace, you may be raised above meditation to a state of seeing or experiencing the text as mystery and reality. In contemplation, you come into an experiential contact with the One behind and beyond the text.

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ONE MINUTE MEDITATIONS

Frivolity

"Don't behave like those people who after hearing a sermon, instead of applying the doctrine to themselves, they think: that would suit So-and-so very well".

- St. Josemaria Escriva, Furrow #543

The Life of Jesus

Luke 24:13-35

THE ROAD TO EMMAUS

That very day, the first day of the week, two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus, and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred.

And it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him.

He asked them,

"What are you discussing as you walk along?"

They stopped, looking downcast.

One of them, named Cleopas, said to him in reply, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know of the things that have taken place there in these days?"

And he replied to them, *"What sort of things?"*

They said to him,

"The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, how our chief priests and rulers both handed him over to a sentence of death and crucified him.

But we were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel; and besides all this, it is now the third day since this took place.

Some women from our group, however, have astounded us:

they were at the tomb early in the morning and did not find his body;

they came back and reported

that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who announced that he was alive.

Then some of those with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women had described, but him they did not see."

And he said to them, *"Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?"*

Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the Scriptures.

As they approached the village to which they were going, he gave the impression that he was going on farther.

But they urged him, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over."

So he went in to stay with them.

And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them.

With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight.

Then they said to each other,

"Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?"

So they set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!"

Then the two recounted

what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of bread.



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 2 St. Athanasius, Bishop

May 3 St. Philip & St. James, Apostles

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

In an address to the Catholic Association of Italian Workers, May 1, 1955, Pope Pius XII proclaimed May (May Day) the feast day of St. Joseph the Worker. He imparted special religious significance to an observance that had been strictly secular—the proper feast of labor throughout the world—and one that had been used by the enemies of the Church to further their evil designs.

May Day is to be a day of rejoicing for the concrete and progressive triumph of the Christian ideals of the great family of labor. Acclaimed this way by Christian workers and having received as it were a Christian baptism, the first of May, far from being a stimulus for discord, hate and violence, is and will be a recurring invitation to modern society to accomplish that which is still lacking for social peace.

Thus the humble carpenter of Nazareth, who was the support and guardian of the Divine Child and His Virgin Mother on earth, is now honored above all other men as the personification of the dignity of the manual laborer and the provident guardian of the worker's family.

SAINT ATHANASIUS

Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Saint Athanasius, the great champion of the Faith, was born at Alexandria, about the year 296, of Christian parents. Educated under the eye of Alexander, later Bishop of his native city, he made great progress in learning and virtue. In 313, Alexander succeeded Achillas in the Patriarchal See, and two years later St. Athanasius went to the desert to spend some time in retreat with St. Anthony.

In 319, he became a deacon, and even in this capacity he was called upon to take an active part against the rising heresy of Arius, an ambitious priest of the Alexandrian Church who denied the Divinity of Christ. This was to be the life struggle of St. Athanasius.

In 325, he assisted his Bishop at the Council of Nicaea, where his influence began to be felt. Five months later, Alexander died; on his deathbed he recommended St. Athanasius as his successor. In consequence of this, Athanasius was unanimously elected Patriarch in 326.

His refusal to tolerate the Arian heresy was the cause of many trials and persecutions for St. Athanasius. He spent seventeen of the forty-six years of his episcopate in exile. After a life of virtue and suffering, this intrepid champion of the Catholic faith, the greatest man of his time, died in peace on May 2, 373.

PRAYER

Father, You gave us St. Athanasius, Your Bishop, to defend the Divinity of Your Son. Grant that we may enjoy his teaching and protection and grow continually in our knowledge and love of You. Amen.

Our Faith

THE 50 DAYS OF EASTER

WHAT IS THE OCTAVE OF EASTER?

Similarly, the period from Easter Sunday through [Divine Mercy Sunday](#) (the Sunday after Easter Sunday) is an especially joyful time. The Catholic Church refers to these eight days (counting both Easter Sunday and Divine Mercy Sunday) as the Octave of Easter. (*Octave* is also sometimes used to indicate the eighth day – that is, Divine Mercy Sunday – rather than the entire eight-day period.)

Every day in the Octave of Easter is so important that it is treated as a continuation of Easter Sunday itself. For that reason, no [fasting](#) is allowed during the Octave of Easter (since fasting has always been forbidden on Sundays), and on the Friday after Easter, the normal obligation to abstain from meat on Fridays is waived.

HOW MANY DAYS DOES THE EASTER SEASON LAST?

But the Easter season doesn't end after the Octave of Easter: Because Easter is the most important feast in the Christian calendar – even more important than Christmas – the Easter season continues on for 50 days, through the [Ascension of our Lord](#) to Pentecost Sunday Pentecost Sunday, seven full weeks after Easter Sunday!

Indeed, for the purpose of fulfilling our Easter Duty (the requirement to receive Communion at least once during the Easter season), the Easter season extends a bit further – until Trinity Sunday, the first Sunday after Pentecost. That final week isn't counted in the regular Easter season, though.

HOW MANY DAYS ARE BETWEEN EASTER AND PENTECOST? 49 OR 50?

But wait—if Pentecost Sunday is the seventh Sunday after Easter Sunday, shouldn't that mean that the Easter season is only 49 days long?

After all, seven weeks times seven days is 49 days, right?

There's no problem with your math. But just as we count both Easter Sunday and Divine Mercy Sunday in the Octave of Easter, so, too, we count both Easter Sunday and Pentecost Sunday in the 50 days of the Easter season.

HAVE A HAPPY EASTER – ALL 50 DAYS!

So even after Easter Sunday has passed, and the Octave of Easter has passed, keep on celebrating and wishing your friends a Happy Easter! As St. John Chrysostom reminds us in his famous Easter homily read in Eastern Catholic and Eastern Orthodox churches on Easter, Christ has destroyed death, and now is the "feast of faith."

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ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The Annual Catholic Appeal helps to fund the ongoing operating expenses of the Diocese from day to day. Funds received in this campaign will be dispersed as described during the 12 month period.

Each parish is unique and offers religious education in ways that meet the needs of over 50,000 students in the local community. Some program structures are very traditional and others are innovative.

Over 300 adults are brought to full initiation with the church in our Diocese each year. Many opportunities for the enrichment of faith are found in events and activities in parishes throughout the Diocese, such as Bible Study, parish missions, support for parish leaders and access to resources.

Your gift, in essence, builds up our Catholic faith.

Diocese of Trenton