

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 12, 2019**



SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2019

5:30 P.M. Mothers of the Parish

SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2019

7:30 A.M. Mothers of the Parish

10:00 A.M. Mothers of the Parish

12:00 Noon Mothers of the Parish

MONDAY, MAY 13, 2019

8:00 A.M. Sam & Mary Bisaccio

Leonor Umiten

TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2019

8:00 A.M. Neil & Marie DeFazio

Carol Gustafson – 1st Anniversary

THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2019

8:00 A.M. Roseann Stampone

Venancio Tindoc

FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2019

8:00 A.M. Intentions of Fr. Greg

Paul Moli, Jr.

SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2019

5:30 P.M. Sgt. Michael Garbarino

Vincent “Jim” Spina

John Renick

Mary Luciani

SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2019

7:30 A.M. Parishioners

Angela & Francis Bacigalupo

Mark Pierce

10:00 A.M. Mary Sievers

Intentions of Rich Funcheon

12 NOON William Montgoris

Elaine Arendas

Pray daily for our servicemen and women serving their country.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Mary Carton	Jacob Hicks	Estella Soto
Ava Rae Nebbia	Matthew Polifonte	William Pannone
Gary Ragusa	Alex Haines	Evelyn Means
George Link	Michael Soojian	Valentina Manuele
Susan Nichols-Boggio	Kevin Kerrigan	Ryder Sasso
Mike Tidaback	Robert Moreno	Jordan Soroko
Dorothea King	Jerome Foray	Sister Annette
Manuel Esguerra	Frank Michaelson	Norberto Marin
Cenelia Soto	Robert Nebbia	Christopher Berry
Sharon Acquire	Noah Lorencovitz	Jessica Skorubski
Florence Grim	Anton Grim	George Macagnone
Alex Coronel	Alice Roslund	Kathleen Kiley
Ann Cervino	Bernie Shushan	Jean'na Wojik Post

DECEASED: Deceased Parishioners



CHURCH MEMORIALS

Church Altar Candle in memory of Mary & Joseph Purcella requested by Family.

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday, May 5, 2019 – \$5,614.00

Thank you for your continued support.

WEEKLY REFLECTION

Today's gospel considers the relationship between Jesus the Good Shepherd and the sheep he cares for and protects. The imagery is old, but the message is topical. Our relationship with Jesus is a deeply personal one, but it is a force in our life that we are invited to share with others.

In order to gain eternal life, we need to listen to Jesus our Shepherd, and follow him. We attune our minds to the sound of his voice and let him lead us in the path he has shown. Many siren voices can draw us into an existence of corporate materialism and selfish comfort. But God is faithful and will not let us be tempted beyond our strength. We are in good hands, since God has entrusted us to his Son, our Shepherd and Savior.

Today, Good Shepherd Sunday, we focus our prayer on how pastoral care of each other can continue into the future. If our idea of ministry were to emphasize relational service rather than dominant authority, would more people be willing to take on that kind of pastoral role? The challenge is for all parishioners to somehow be shepherds to one another.

Everyone who has been baptized and confirmed, is entrusted with spreading the faith. Laity as well as priests and religious are in the service of the Risen Lord.

The Good Shepherd knows each of us personally and calls us each by name. The more we build a sense of belonging and of trust in the parish, the better we can identify the ones who would be good shepherds. We might then quietly approach them to take on the kind of leadership that our Church needs for today.

The spiritual reward for staying close to our Good Shepherd is described in the Book of Revelation: “They will never hunger or thirst again. For the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.” As we receive this Good Shepherd in Holy Communion, we trust him to lead us to that living water and bless us with a closer relationship with him personally, and with others in his name.



**INCENSE – RAISING OUR PRAYERS TO
HEAVEN**

Were you at Mass during Holy Week and Easter? Did you notice the extra special care that our many wonderful parishioners and liturgical ministers took to decorate the church, sing beautifully and proclaim the Word with dignity and conviction? Did you notice the use of incense for Easter and the way the smoke curled up to the rafters of the church?

Our Catholic faith is a liturgical faith. It makes use of all five of our senses: sight, sound, smell, taste, and touch. Each sense helps us receive the salvific grace flowing from the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. What about the incense? It has a very special meaning for us.

The word “incense” comes from the Latin *incendere*, which means “to burn”. Incense was a highly valuable commodity in ancient times. A gift of incense was something to be prized. In the Old Testament God commanded His people to burn incense. Incense is a sacramental used to venerate, bless, and sanctify. Its smoke conveys a sense of mystery and awe. It is a reminder of the sweet-smelling presence of our Lord. Its use adds a feeling of solemnity to the Mass. Since ancient times, incense has been used in connection with offering sacrifices to God. Our ancestors believed, as we do, that our prayers would rise to heaven just as surely and quickly as the incense itself rises upward.

The visual imagery of the smoke and the beautiful fragrance of incense reinforce how the Mass links Heaven with Earth and allows us to enter into the presence of God. The smoke symbolizes the burning zeal of faith that should consume all Christians, while the fragrance symbolizes Christian virtue.

Lord, may our prayers rise like incense in Your sight; may this place be filled with the fragrance of Christ. (Ps. 145)



PETER’S PENCE COLLECTION

Next week, we will take up the Peter’s Pence Collection, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence



Wishing that this special day unfolds many joys and happy moments for you to cherish always

SPRING IS HERE AND SUMMER WILL CLOSELY FOLLOW, therefore, it is time to plan St. Francis Church’s biggest annual fundraiser:

“THE CARNIVAL”

The dates for this year’s carnival are Monday, July 29th – Saturday, August 3rd. Please make yourselves available to volunteer some of your time to enable us to make it successful. We can’t do it without our help. Our community and surrounding areas look forward to the best carnival in the area. It is the local highlight of the summer.



Sponsored by St. Francis Knights of Columbus

Time: 8:00 am to 12:00 pm

Date: May 19, 2019

Place: St. Francis of Assisi Church Hall

BREAKFAST INCLUDES

Pancakes - Bacon - Sausage

Scrambled Eggs - Diced Potatoes

Juice - Coffee - Tea

(Chocolate chip pancakes available)

\$8.00 per adult

\$4.00 per child (8 & under)

FIRST COMMUNICANTS - FREE!!

For Tickets Contact:

Pete Kramer 973-839-5731 or available at Door

**PARISH PILGRIMAGE –
SATURDAY JUNE 8, 2019**



**Our spiritual director
and guide will be Fr.
Greg. Please save the
date!**

We are traveling by modern, airconditioned motor coach equipped with a restroom. Departure is from St. Francis at 8 AM, returning by approximately 5 PM the same evening. Our journey will take us to:

**National Shrine of St. John Neumann -
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**

St. John Neumann, the only American born man to be canonized a saint, was a bishop of Philadelphia during one of the great immigration booms. At the Shrine, we will attend Mass concelebrated by Fr. Greg, with relic veneration and novena afterwards. There will be free time to pray, and tour both the upper church and Shrine (lower church). The dining area has been reserved for us so we may enjoy our lunch together as a parish family. There is a gift shop if you would like to browse.

**National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa -
Doylestown, Pennsylvania**

The beloved miraculous icon of Our Lady of Czestochowa is housed in the Monastery of Jasna Góra in Czestochowa, Poland. According to tradition, the icon was painted by Luke the Evangelist, and was brought to Poland in 1382. Most of all it is a home of **our Mother**, Mary, who loves us and always leads us to Her Son Jesus Christ. The National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa houses a reproduction of the Black Madonna icon of Czestochowa. There are many beautiful side altars, mosaic murals, and more. Fr. Greg will guide as through the Shrine and share his insights about this holy place. There is a large gift shop with a great variety of religious items, and there is a modern vending machine area. Bring your own box lunch.

SEATING IS LIMITED. YOU MAY PURCHASE YOUR SEAT AT THE PARISH OFFICE. THE COST IS \$35 PER PERSON. FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE WELCOME. PLEASE JOIN US!

PARISH HAPPENINGS

May 19th Pancake Breakfast – Church Hall
June 8th Trip to St. John Neumann Shrine in Philadelphia
June 8th Clothing Drive 9AM – 2PM

DIAPER DROP

Anyone who has had a child knows how expensive diapers, wipes, and formula have become. The Knights of Columbus would like to remove this obstacle to the choice for life by providing much needed economic assistance.

St. Francis Council K of C will hold a “Diaper Drop” at St. Francis parish to collect diapers, wipes, baby food and formula. We plan on giving these items to The Lighthouse, a pregnancy care center, located in Wayne, NJ.

We will start collecting item on Mother’s Day weekend (May 12th) and finish on Father’s Day weekend (June 16th).

We would like St. Francis parish to be the surrogate fathers to children saved from abortion.

Drop off will be in the church narthex. Any questions, call Frank La Sala, FDD-PGK at 973-839-8399.

**ADDITIONAL EASTER FLOWER
REMEMBRANCE**

IN MEMORY OF
Rose DeStefano

REQUESTED BY
Peter DeStefano

**LAKELAND NURSING HOME SCHEDULE
SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2019**

Frank & Sandy Polglaze
LECTORS

SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2019

8:00 P.M. Martha Bisaccio & Giovanna Vollaro

SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2019

7:30 A.M. Bill Boswell

10:00 A.M. Judy Moran & Mary Letterese

12 NOON Linda O’Connell & Armando Haro

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2019

5:30 P.M. Lynn Magnini & Karen Cisco

SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2019

7:30 A.M. Sandy Weigand & Jason Velante

10:00 A.M. Judy Moran & Anne Springstead

12 NOON Matt Kampff & Tony Mazza

ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2019

5:30 P.M. Peter Sutula & Kevin Bruenjes

SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2019

7:30 A.M. Danielle Reid & Collin O’Keefe

10:00 A.M. Kelly Frisina & Mackenzie King

12 NOON Tim Kenny & Aaron Manalili



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May 2019

Dear Friends in Christ,

This month our parishes are asked to take up the Peter's Pence Collection. This collection is a unique opportunity for Catholics in our Diocese and worldwide to come together to help alleviate the plight of those who suffer and are marginalized. For example, the Peter's Pence collection helped our brothers and sisters in Haiti as they faced difficult challenges from the 2010 earthquake and the destruction caused by Hurricane Matthew in 2016.

Pope Francis calls each of us to see each person as an individual "infinitely loved by the Father, an image of God, a brother or sister redeemed by Jesus Christ" (Apostolic Exhortation *Gaudete et Exsultate*, no. 98). By supporting the Peter's Pence collection, you help our Church respond to the Gospel imperative to show mercy and grace to those in need.

Please be as generous as possible when this collection is taken up in your parish.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ *Arthur J. Serratelli*

Most Reverend Arthur J. Serratelli, S.T.D., S.S.L., D.D.
Bishop of Paterson