

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 19, 2019



SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2019

5:30 P.M. Sgt. Michael Garbarino
Vincent "Jim" Spina
Mary Luciani
John Renick

SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2019

7:30 A.M. Parishioners
Angela & Francis Bacigalupo
Mark Pierce
10:00 A.M. Mary Sievers
Intentions of Rich Funcheon
12:00 P.M. William Montgoris
Elaine Arendas
Cenelia Soto

MONDAY, MAY 20, 2019

8:00 A.M. Dan & Charlotte Bolen

TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2019

8:00 A.M. Louis Olivieri
William LaFontaine

THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2019

8:00 A.M. Catherine & Edward Howe

FRIDAY, MAY 24, 2019

8:00 A.M. Nunzio DiLaura

SATURDAY, MAY 25, 2019

5:30 P.M. Gertrudis Tindoc
Andreas & Alexandra Goebel
Kathy Weckler
Eileen McPartland
John McPartland
Mary Luciani

SUNDAY, MAY 26, 2019

7:30 A.M. Gertrudis Tindoc
Rocco Florio
Edward & Doris Bacigalupo
10:00 A.M. Joe Perini
Roy & Shirley Parian
Frank & Dorothy Orofino
Rocco Tarulli
12:00 P.M. Concetta "Tina" Pecorelli
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
Robert Nebbia Christopher Berry
Sharon Acquaire 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: Cenelia Soto

CHURCH MEMORIALS

Church Altar Candle in memory of Elaine Arendas
requested by William Morrison.

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday, April 28, 2019 – \$4,972.00
Thank you for your continued support.

WEEKLY REFLECTION

Dear Friends in Christ,

**"I give you a new commandment:
love one another"** John 13: 34

Everywhere we go there are rules. We have rules at home, we have rules at school, we have to follow the rules where we work.

I found a list of rules called "Golden Rules for Living." I don't know who wrote these, but they make a lot of sense.

- If you open it -- close it
- If you turn it on -- turn it off.
- If you unlock it -- lock it.
- If you move it -- put it back.
- If it belongs to someone else -- get permission to use it
- If you borrow it -- return it.
- If you don't know how to operate it -- leave it alone.
- If you use it -- take care of it.
- If you break it -- admit it.
- If you can't fix it -- call someone who can.
- If you mess it up -- clean it up.
- If it's none of your business, don't ask questions

If all of us would follow those rules, the world would be a better place. Living by a set of rules isn't anything new. Even Jesus knew the importance of rules.

One day Jesus was talking to his disciples. He knew that the day was coming when he would return to heaven, and he was trying to prepare his disciples for the day when he would no longer be with them. He wanted to leave them with something that would help them to live in such a way that other people would see them and know that they were his disciples.

Jesus said. " I give you a new commandment. You must love each other just as I have loved you. If you love each other, everyone will know that you are my disciples."

Would you like for people to look at the way you live and know that you are a follower of Jesus? Well, then obey his command, "Love one another as I have loved you."

Crowning an Image of the Blessed Virgin Mary



A number of traditions link the month of May to Mary. Alfonso in the 13th century wrote in his *Cantigas de Santa Maria* about the special honoring of Mary during specific dates in May. Eventually, the entire month was filled with special observances and devotions to Mary.

The origin of the conventional May devotion is still relatively unknown. Herbert Thurston identifies the seventeenth century as the earliest instance of the adoption of the custom of consecrating the month of May to the Blessed Virgin by special observances. It is certain that this form of Marian devotion began in Italy. Around 1739, witnesses speak of a particular form of Marian devotion in May in Grezzano near Verona. In 1747 the Archbishop of Genoa recommended the May devotion as a devotion for the home. Specific prayers for them were promulgated in Rome in 1838.

From Rome the practice spread to nearly every Catholic church of the Latin rite. In Rome by 1813, May devotions were held in as many as twenty churches. From Italy, May devotions soon spread to France. In Belgium, the May devotions, at least as a private devotion, were already known by 1803. The tradition of honoring Mary in a month-long May devotion spread eventually around the Roman Catholic world in the 19th century together with a month-long devotion to Jesus in June and the Rosary in October.



In his 1965 encyclical, *Mense Maio*, Pope Paul VI identified the month of May as an opportune time to incorporate special prayers for peace into traditional May devotions.

In the month of May, we have a traditional Roman Catholic ritual “Crowning an Image of the Blessed Virgin Mary.”

The ceremony usually takes place with young girls in dresses carrying flowers to adorn the statue. One of the girls (often the youngest) carries a crown of flowers. The statue of Blessed Virgin Mary is ceremonially crowned to signify her as Queen of Heaven and the Mother of God.



PARISH HAPPENINGS

May 31st - June 1st Eucharist Adoration
7PM - 10:30 AM
June 1st First Saturday Novena Mass
followed by the Patriotic Rosary
at 11AM
June 8th Parish Pilgrimage
June 8th Clothing Drive 9AM – 2PM

PETER’S PENCE COLLECTION

Today is the Peter’s Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the charitable works of Pope Francis. Funds from this collection help victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus

Sunday, May 19 from 8 AM until 12 Noon in our church hall. \$8.00 per adult, \$4.00 per child (8 & under)

First Communicants Free!!

Stop down for a wonderful breakfast cooked and served by our Knights of Columbus Council #2617.

AWARDS RECEIVED



An awards ceremony took place on May 7th at the Knights of Columbus Meeting in the church hall. Fr. Greg was awarded for Knight of the Year and Shannon & Kelsey Marren were awarded for CCD Teachers of the Year. Congratulations to all!!

DIAPER DROP

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 collect items until Father's Day weekend (June 16th).

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

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

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

June is the month dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, The heart of God who so loved us that He became one of us, lived with us, and died for us, although we were sinners. How worthy is God to be loved by us in return!

We will be having our monthly overnight Adoration beginning at 7 PM, Friday, May 31st through Saturday June 1st at 10:30 AM. This will be followed at 11 AM with our First Saturday Mass, as we continue our novena to Our Lady of Fatima. The Patriotic Rosary, which is being said for the needs of our country, will begin at the conclusion of Mass. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex. Won't you join us?

One or many adorers can sign up for any given time. Please include your name & phone number (noting home or cell) so that we can contact you to confirm your time and give you the entry code.

For the safety of the adorers, NO ONE will be permitted entry who has not signed up and been given the code. Please do not attempt entry before 9 AM if you have not signed up for Adoration. The Church will be open at 9 AM for those who wish to make an unplanned visit.

Please try to find time with our busy schedules which are so common this time of year, to stop in and give thanks to God for the many blessings that He has given us!

Many thanks to those who have joined us in this ministry and a warm welcome to all who would like to join us!

HELP WANTED

A young woman is in need of a place to live from May 27th – Aug. 23rd (dates may vary) during her internship at Camfil in Riverdale. If you have an extra room in our home and can help her out, please reply to Emily @ 612-224-6733 or Emily.schubert@camfil.com
Please only female or married couple reply. Thank you.



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH FIRST COMMUNICANTS

May 18, 2019

Lynn Magnini - Teacher

Arabella Butardo

Jake Chontos

Bianca Del Rio

Kristen Del Rio

Maya Diaz

Emma Gallanthen

Mikayla Harkey

Ava Karp

Madison McClure

Juliana Steeber

Ryan Tomasello

Lucas Tully

Madison Volpe

Jason Whitmore

GOD BLESS and CONGRATULATIONS!!

THE GLORY OF MAY

The glowing fields of dandelions
Have turned a snowy white
That looks like freshly fallen snow,
How they sparkle in the light!
A bowl of blue with fluffy clouds
Looks down this perfect day;
On our heavenly Father's masterpiece
A day in the month of May.

Lola Neff Merritt

LAKELAND NURSING HOME SCHEDULE SUNDAY, MAY 26, 2019

Maria Invernon & John Minnett

LECTORS

SATURDAY, MAY 25, 2019

5:30 P.M. Joan Ruffino & Brenda McWeeny

SUNDAY, MAY 26, 2019

7:30 A.M. Barbara Garruto

10:00 A.M. Joe Darlington & Chris Marren

12 NOON Henry Mendoza & Debbie Ackerly

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY, MAY 25, 2019

5:30 P.M. Peg Carolan & Cesar Vasquez

SUNDAY, MAY 26, 2019

7:30 A.M. Sue Raoul & Gina Martellacci

10:00 A.M. Mary Avella & Carmella Khoury

12 NOON Ronnie Caropreso & Fred Ackerly

ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY, MAY 25, 2019

5:30 P.M. Sean Moebius

SUNDAY, MAY 26, 2019

7:30 A.M. Elizabeth Reid

Hayden Whitaker - Currie

10:00 A.M. Scott & Stephen Bracken

12 NOON David Ackerly



PARISH PILGRIMAGE - SATURDAY JUNE 8, 2019

Our spiritual director and guide will be Fr. Greg.

Departure: St. Francis 8:15 am

Transportation: Deluxe motor coach with A/C and rest room on board

Return: St. Francis 7:30 pm

Lunch: bring your own - modern vending machines at both Shrines

Cost: \$35 per person

National Shrine of St. John Neumann - Philadelphia, Pa.

At the Shrine, we will attend Mass concelebrated by Fr. Greg, with veneration of relic afterwards.

National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa - Doylestown, Pa.

The Shrine is replica of the original in Czestochowa, Poland. Fr. Greg will share his insights into the famous Black Madonna icon and its history as we tour the Shrine.

SEATING IS LIMITED. YOU MAY PURCHASE YOUR SEAT AT THE PARISH OFFICE. FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE WELCOME. PLEASE JOIN US!