

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
JUNE 2, 2019



SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2019

5:30 P.M. Vincent "Jim" Spina
Mary Luciani
Claudia Arnoldi Folsom

SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2019

7:30 A.M. Parishioners
Tillie & Arthur Bullett
Marie & William Moran
Mary Capella

10:00 A.M. Ramuel Pascua
Bernard Harrsch

12:00 P.M. Frank Mancuso
Elaine Arendas

MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2019

8:00 A.M. Nunzio DiLaura

TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2019

8:00 A.M. Mr. & Mrs. Francisco Tindoc
Intentions of Martha Bisaccio

THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 2019

8:00 A.M. Elena Sutula

FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 2019

8:00 A.M. Parish Purgatorial

SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2019

5:30 P.M. Intentions of Lily Mae Skorubski
Intentions of Mr. & Mrs. James T. Moro

SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 2019

7:30 A.M. Intentions of Rocco Sorrentino
Ann Straub

10:00 A.M. Ricardo Glorioso
Bernard Harrsch
Intentions of Gerri Minutoulo

12:00 P.M. Elaine Arendas
Frank & Bella Oriole
Jennie & Joe Lambert
Miguel DeCastro

**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: Our Deceased Loved Ones

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday, May 26, 2019 – \$4,948.00
Thank you for your continued support.

WEEKLY REFLECTION

Dear Friends in Christ,

Our Gospel reading today is a part of the famous High Priestly Prayer of Jesus - one of the mountain peaks of revelation in John's Gospel.

The prayer reveals many things. In it, Jesus reveals that his mission here on earth was to give eternal life to all those who are his true disciples – those whom God the Father had given to Him.

I want to share a few ideas from the passage this morning.

Prayer: The first idea that came to me was the importance of prayer in Jesus' life - and as Christians we need to follow his example. As Christians, we can easily get sidetracked into "doing things for God" rather than "spending time with God".

You may recall the story of the two sisters Martha and Mary. Martha was the busy sister doing things FOR Jesus and Mary was the sister who spent time WITH Jesus. Who was commended by Jesus? Mary was, and this tells us we have a need also to start spending more time with God.

The second idea that came to me as I was preparing was that, in this prayer, Jesus reveals the whole rationale for his ministry here on earth. And that was to give his disciples eternal life. Jesus put it like this, "Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him."

And how is that life achieved? Jesus' answer is simple – by knowing God the Father and Jesus his Son.

The third idea that came to me was the simplicity of Jesus' mission. Jesus came simply to reveal his heavenly Father and himself to His disciples.

We can KNOW God personally– that is we can have a relationship with him.

And the final idea that I had was simply this, Being a Christian is all about changed lifestyle. We are called to live a different lifestyle, because we are called to live not only for God but in a close relationship with God.

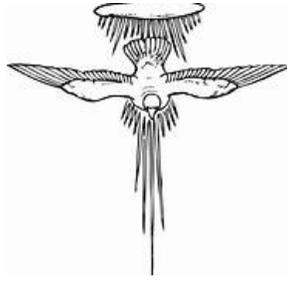
Do you use the spiritual gifts that God has given you to fulfill your God given commands to serve others and the church, or do you just believe that if you believe God exists that that is enough to save you.

If you think that belief in God will save you I ask that you consider that even the devil knows that God exists.



WHAT'S THE HOLY SPIRIT DOING UP THERE?

If you look up, what do you see above the sanctuary at St. Francis? A beautiful stained glass window depicting a dove, which is a symbol of the Holy Spirit. When Christ comes up from the water of his baptism, the Holy Spirit, in the form of a dove, comes down upon him and remains with him. (Matthew 3:16, Luke 3:22).



We know of Him as the third part of the Trinity. As Pentecost approaches, He has become a focus or out Mass readings. The Holy Spirit is everywhere. During the Mass we speak of Him in as we recite our profession of faith, the Nicene Creed. He “proceeds from the Father and the Son,” and is often described as the love between the Father and the Son. He has other names as well; the Paraclete, the Comforter, the Advocate, the Counselor, and some of us remember Him by an older name, the Holy Ghost.

During the Consecration, the priest says raises his hands over the bread and wine and says,

“Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray, by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall, so that they may become for us the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Now, there are no longer bread and wine on the altar; they have been consecrated, and so we are privileged to receive the gift that Jesus left us – himself.

So, what is the Holy Spirit doing up there in our sanctuary? He is reminding us constantly of His presence in our lives and the gifts we receive through Him during the Sacrament of Confirmation. He is watching over us and inviting us to be the best follower of Christ we can be.

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, which the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows it. But you know it, because it remains with you, and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you (John 14).”

Do you allow your heart and mind to be open to the Holy Spirit?



PARISH HAPPENINGS

June 3rd Ladies' Guild Mtg. 7:30pm church hall
June 8th Parish Pilgrimage
June 8th Clothing Drive 9AM – 2PM

DIAPER DROP

St. Francis Council K of C is holding a “Diaper Drop” at St. Francis parish to collect diapers, wipes, baby food and formula. They 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.

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NIGHT TO SHINE

It's time for our NTS Guests to Shine on as we share God's love year-round!

INTEREST MEETING

Special Needs Youth Group

For ages 14 – 22

JUNE 12 from 7:30-8:30pm

St. Francis of Assisi Church Hall

Contact Blair Ransom @

YLCapernaum.blair@gmail.com

Or call 908-347-9976

www.bergencapernaum.younglife.org

Needed: Parents, Teachers, OT's, PTs, SLP's, Coaches,
Potential Youth Leaders & Joy Filled volunteers
We welcome members from all area churches, too!

CORPUS CHRISTI FOOD COLLECTION

Due to the unprecedented requests for assistance from Catholic Charities' food pantries, Bishop Serratelli has authorized a Diocesan-wide food collection in all parishes and agencies on the Feast of Corpus Christi, Saturday/Sunday, June 22nd -23rd, 2019. We are all being asked to bring assorted food products on that day. We have been asked to provide **Instant pudding, Jello, Dish detergent.** Cash/Check donations will also be accepted made payable to Catholic Charities or online at www.ccpaterson.org/corpus

A large bin will be placed in the Narthex to collect your donations. Thank you for all you do!!

**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!

ANNIVERSARY MASS

All couples in our parish who are celebrating their 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, or any year beyond their 50th anniversary this year, are invited to renew their Marriage Vows at the 10 AM Mass on Sunday, June 23, 2019.

If you plan to celebrate with us, please fill out the form below and drop it in the collection basket or at the rectory. We ask those celebrating their anniversary to invite family and friends to the Mass and reception that follows in the church hall.

Reservation deadline is June 17th.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY RESERVATION

Names: _____

Telephone No: _____

Anniversary year: 25th – 30th – 35th – 40th – 50th
Beyond 50th

(Please circle year)

Approximate number of family/friends attending _____
(not including anniversary couple)

Carnival News

Yes! The St. Francis Carnival is only nine weeks away! At last year's carnival, to celebrate Wanaque's 100th birthday, our parish donated 80 ride bracelets (at \$30.00 per bracelet) to children in Wanaque whose families could never afford to come to the carnival before. Friday night at last year's carnival was a joy to see—happy kids everywhere. So, we are going to do it again. We will celebrate Wanaque's 101st birthday. Beginning the weekend of June 8-9, donation baskets will be in the narthex and at the side church entrance. If you can, just drop a few bucks in the basket—or more if you are able. Last year, those few bucks really added up. And one more thing—PLEASE pray for good weather. Thank you.

CARNIVAL – JULY 29TH - AUGUST 3RD

Please note the carnival will run from Monday through Saturday this year. We have the usual need for volunteers, so we are asking that you seriously consider volunteering your time to help run a successful carnival. Think about giving your time as a way of giving back for all the good in your life.

The volunteer sign-up forms are in the Narthex and by the side entrance to the church. Please fill one out and return it to the rectory. Your help is greatly needed.

**LAKELAND NURSING HOME SCHEDULE
SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 2019**

Frank & Sandy Polglaze

LECTORS

SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2019

5:30 P.M. Pat Demarest & Martha Bisaccio

SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 2019

7:30 A.M. Jason Velante

10:00 A.M. Chris Marren & Debbie Griffin

12 NOON Debbie Ackerly & Linda O'Connell

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2019

5:30 P.M. Maria Invernon & Cesar Vasquez

SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 2019

7:30 A.M. Sue Raoul & Sandy Weigand

10:00 A.M. Tom & Olympia Luciani

12 NOON Fred Ackerly & Joe Darlington

ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2019

5:30 P.M. Sean Moebius

SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 2019

7:30 A.M. Elizabeth Reid

Hayden Whitaker - Currie

10:00 A.M. Scott & Stephen Bracken

12 NOON David Ackerly

St Francis Spring Clothing Drive!

**Where: St.
Francis School**

**When: June
8, 2019**

**What Time: 9:00am –
2:00pm**



Please support St. Francis Parish by donating clothing, linens, stuffed animals and any other soft goods you no longer have a use for.

Clean those closets out! Clothes, sheets, blankets, we'll take it!

If you can't make it the day of the clothing drive, you can drop your bags off at the Rectory before 4 pm Monday – Friday. Receipts available upon request.

