

May 17, 2009

SIXTH SUNDAY of EASTER



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 16

5 p.m. Helen Pellegrino
r/o Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Flaherty

Sunday May 17

8 a.m. The Family of Susan Reynolds: Anna Kane, Rose Kane, Francis Kane, Jeanette Urbano, Salvatore Urbano, & Patrick Kane
r/o Fr. Zenek

10:30 a.m. Denise Chamberlain
r/o The Maguire Family

Monday, May 18

8:45 a.m. Morgan Housel III
r/o Mother and Sisters

Tuesday, May 19

8:45 a.m. Clarence Burrell
r/o Matt Wilmot

Wednesday, May 20

8:45 a.m. Souls in Purgatory
r/o Cathleen and Don DeLorenzo

Thursday, May 21-The Ascension of the Lord

8:45 a.m. Sabino Antinolfi
r/o Family

7 p.m. Catherine Pezzello
r/o The Saksa Family

Friday, May 22- No Mass

Saturday, May 23

5 p.m. Frank Kinney
r/o Marion Saldon

Sunday, May 24

8 a.m. Samuel Martin
r/o Kristin and Ron DeLorenzo
10:30 a.m. Caremla and Frank
r/o Carmela and Vincent Gallo

Dear parishioners!

Welcome to a brief explanation of the "Mass" (or the "Eucharist"). This is a short but in depth look at the Mass. The Mass is described as the most powerful prayer on earth. That is because it is the Prayer and Sacrifice of Jesus Christ the "LAMB of GOD" on Mount Calvary nearly two thousand years ago. His sacrifice is made present on the altar under the appearance of "Bread and Wine". At the end of Mass we can receive Jesus raised from the dead into our souls.

Introductory Rite

The priest begins by kissing the altar as soon as he has approached it. This is because it is a symbol of Jesus and on it will be offered the Eucharistic Sacrifice. Each altar also contains relics of the martyrs who gave their lives for Christ.

Because we belong to God we begin every Mass by signing ourselves with the cross in the name of the Trinity

Because none of us is yet fully Christ, none of us is yet fully converted, each of us is in need of further conversion, we ask for mercy for our sins before we listen to the Word of God in the readings.

Having been forgiven by God it is natural to give thanks. We want to thank God for his love for us and we do so using the Gloria which is a hymn as old as the fourth century. It begins with the words of the angels to the shepherds on the first Christmas night.

The opening prayer is called the Collect. It begins with the priest saying, 'Let us pray...' followed by a pause for the peoples' silent prayer. All of these silent prayers of the people are then 'collected' (hence the name Collect) and offered to God in the prayer offered by the priest. The priest offers this prayer with outstretched arms symbolizing the new person freed by Jesus dying on the cross and rising for us. The people answer 'Amen' to this opening prayer. 'Amen' means 'so be it' or 'Let it be'. It is the peoples' acknowledgement and acceptance as their own the prayer which the priest has offered to God.

Next week: Liturgy of the Word.

In Christ
Fr. Zenek, SDS

The Ascension of the Lord Thursday May 21
Holy Day of Obligation.
Masses: 8:45 a.m. and 7 p.m.



Mass at Warren Haven, Tuesday May 19, 2:30 p.m.
In Loving Memory of
Nancy Crowley
By Barbara Colacchia

Mass at Little Brook, Wednesday May 20, 3 p.m.
In Loving Memory of
Eunice Durnin
By Mary Rupell

FYI

50/50 Raffle Drawing: May 31. Tickets can be purchased after the Masses in the Parish Center or at the Parish Office.

Rosarian Meeting: Monday, May 18 at 7p.m. in the Parish Center. Members, as well as other ladies of the Parish, are encouraged

to attend. Please take notice of the new starting time.

Baptism Class for New Parents: You need to pre-register. Call the Parish Office 689-8318. Please note the correction of the date of the next class. It is May 19 at 6 p.m. in the Rectory.

Little Brook Nursing Home, Califon, NJ: Father will saying monthly mass there starting May 20 at 3 p.m. The nursing home is looking for Catholics to say the Rosary with their residents. If you would like participate in this new ministry, please see Fr. Zenek. Praying the Rosary with these individuals will enrich their spiritual life and they would be very appreciative. "Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain Mercy."

Parish Office/Rectory Closed: Memorial Day, Monday, May 25

Thank You for Your Donation to the Statue Grounds Project

Paul and Elisabeth Boccolini and Art and Mary Zeiss.

Your generous donation will be used to make the area upon which the statue of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel stands, safe, accessible, and beautiful for those who come to pray and show devotion to the Blessed Mother.

ALTAR SERVERS

May 23 Austin Vitto, Carlee Moran
May 24 Mackenzie and Robert Mason- 8; Gianna Orrechio, Meghan VanAlstyne, Angelica Jackson 10:30
May 30 Sean Flaherty, Christopher Pollack
May 31 Robert & Juliette Capaldo-8; Philip Koskoff, Kaitlyn Gagliano, Justin Watt-10:30

LECTORS

May 21 Mary Rupell
May 23 John Haines
May 24 Theresa Lucas 8; Mary Rupell-10:30
May 30 Christine DeLillis
May 31 Bob Gagliano

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

May 23 Charles Shipley C, Ray Vonderheide E, Eileen Mattison C
May 24 Diane Keggan C, Emily Cirone C, Monica Merkel E- 8
Jane Labato C, Tina Jackson C, Helene Picht E- 10:30
May 30 Tim Flaherty E, Denise Flaherty C, Charles Shipley C
May 31 Bill Supple E, Rose & Karl Strohmaier C-8; Phil Koskoff E, Mary Koskoff C, Tina Jackson C-10:30
(Altar Servers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers: Please don't forget to sign in when you are serving the Mass.)

Our Weekly Offering

Last Week \$2,928.10
Last Year \$3,818.75

Our weekly budget for this year is \$4,000. As you are aware from reading the weekly bulletin, we have not been reaching the \$3,500 necessary to meet expenses for the 2008-2009 year. Currently, we are at 88% of budget, reflecting a shortfall of approximately \$500 per week.

I have cut expenses significantly from the 2007-2008 year, trimming the budget to bare bones; however, it is impossible to meet operating costs as things stand now and I need your help. Therefore, I am asking each of you to commit to financially support the church as much as you are able.

It's interesting to observe the way we react to being asked to give financially to God's work; some rejoice that we are being open about our financial needs, others get defensive and provide reasons why we shouldn't talk about giving, and there are those who make excuses why people don't give (such as the current economic crisis). Without doubt, giving to the Lord's work is as biblical and fundamental as prayer and reading the Scriptures. Sometimes we need to be reminded to pray and to read God's Word or to evangelize, just as we need to be reminded to give.

To those who infrequently attend Mass (which includes some parents of Religious Education children who stop attending Mass once the summer break begins) and seldom contribute financially, please make a commitment today to renew your Catholicism by regularly attending Mass and, in turn, supporting your church's financial welfare. Please know that it is your responsibility to support the church with your prayers and you monetary contributions. Your church is also your home and it needs both your prayers and economic support.

Fr. Zenek



Special Collection

May 21: Ascension Thursday
May 23/24: Summer Collection

Religious Education Corner

2009 Religious Education Registration

Registration forms for the 2009 Religious Education Sessions have been mailed. Please complete the form and mail or deliver it to the Parish Office by the June 30 deadline. This form can be downloaded from our web site www.sttheodorenj.com

Please Pray For

Margaret Glackin, Leslie Kuhn, Erin Stanton, Chris, John Grigalunas, Mrs. Fred Logan, Mrs. Skiawinska, Debbie Carmeci, Anna & John Saks, Jurg Rennert, Ray Baldwin