

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
MAY 21, 2017**



**SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2017**

5:30 P.M. Ted Srodon  
Margharita Davis  
Mary Luciani  
John Renick  
Alvin & Mary Shough  
Edward Fryns, Jr.

**SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2017**

7:30 A.M. Parishioners  
Edward & Doris Bacigalupo  
Cecelia Sagan  
10:00 A.M. Rose Whitman  
Stella Eagen  
Mario Silvano  
12:00 P.M. William Montgoris, Sr.  
Bill Sbrocco  
Russ Spretrino  
Michael Beato

**MONDAY, MAY 22, 2017**

8:00 A.M. Joseph & Gea Giavannone

**TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2017**

8:00 A.M. Nunzio DiLaura

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2017**

7:30 P.M. Elena Sutula

**THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2017**

9:00 A.M. JoAnn Karpovich – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

7:30 P.M. Dan & Charlotte Bolen

**FRIDAY, MAY 26, 2017**

8:00 A.M. Rev. Otto Hearle

**SATURDAY, MAY 27, 2017**

5:30 P.M. Helelne Shenesko  
Mary Luciani  
Charlene Fiorella-Izone  
Marie Verzillo  
Vivencio & Leonor Umiten

**SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2017**

7:30 A.M. Parishioners  
Rocco Florio  
Irene Reichwald  
Cecelia Sagan  
10:00 A.M. Dorothy & Frank Orofino  
Shirley & Roy Parian  
Stella Eagen  
12:00 P.M. Theresa Quatrone  
Charlene Izone

**Pray for the safety of the servicemen and women who are serving our country.**

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**SICK:** Mary Carton Jacob Hicks Ron Moebius  
Nina Margossian Veny Hongo Frank Sanclementi  
Gary Ragusa Reva Zanetti Joan Deblasio Tom Guzowski  
Baby Michael Soojian Jan Hongo Susan Nichols-Boggio  
Baby Ryder Sasso Carmela Fusco Frank Morici  
Frances De Maria Dorothea King Jerome Foray  
Gabe Bellantoni Millie Farina Eileen McPartland  
Rosemary Liebman Cenia Soto Gertrude Tindoc  
Stacey Caropreso Sharon Acquire Noah Lorencovitz  
Sister Marie Louise Silverio Conte Barbara Kincaid  
Brenda McWeeney Rosemary Pannone Virginia Taylor  
**DECEASED:** Jeremy Dymowski Catherine Sylvia Anthony

**CHURCH MEMORIALS**

**Church Altar Candle** in memory of Bill Sbrocco requested by his wife Antoinette.

**WEEKLY OFFERING**

Sunday - \$6,611.00

Thank you for your continued support.



**Dear friends in Christ,**

My friends just returned from holidays. They were in Disneyland in Florida. We need time away to recharge our batteries and replenish our energy. Many of you tell me where you go on vacation and you go to all sorts of interesting places. As well as going on holidays every year priests and religious also go on holidays with the Lord; it is called a retreat. Priests and Sisters take this holiday with the Lord every year but an increasing number of lay people also take this holiday with the Lord, a retreat, every year. Why?

The pace of life is such now that we need a quiet time to spend with the Lord, loving him and soaking up his love and reflecting on our lives and where we're going. We all need our private space and time apart, our time with the Lord.

After Jesus' Ascension his disciples returned to the upper room where they had celebrated the Last Supper and gathered in prayer with Mary, the women, the apostles and many disciples. They needed time apart after Jesus' Ascension. It was like a time of retreat for them. Jesus had said to them to stay in the city until they were clothed with power from on high (Luke 24:49). Jesus had promised that he would send them a Comforter or Advocate, the Holy Spirit. So they spent these days on retreat praying for the Holy Spirit.

Remembering Mary, the women, apostles and disciples gathered in prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit reminds us of the importance of praying for what we need. While prayer is principally to make us more open to God, to help us respond better to God's grace in our lives.

During this week before Pentecost I ask you to please pray like Mary, the women, the apostles and disciples for a renewed outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Church and on all of us that we may respond to God better. Please believe that your prayer will be answered. Pray that our celebration of Pentecost will lead to the Church being renewed and strengthened by God's Spirit. Also as well as going on holidays every year why not give some thought to taking a holiday with the Lord by going on a retreat?

**St. Rita of Cascia  
Feast Day: May 22**

Margherita Lotti was born in 1381 in a small village in Umbria, Italy; the place was called Cascia. From an early age, Rita was attracted to the way of life of the Augustinian nuns of St. Mary Magdalene. Her parents were more interested in her security, so they arranged a marriage to Paolo Mancini. Rita and Paolo

had two sons. There was much family conflict, and eventually her husband Paolo was murdered. People expected her sons to avenge the murder of their father to defend family honor, but Rita pledged to forgive her husband's killers. Her sons did not want to forgive. Tradition says she reminded them often of the crucified Christ and the fact that He forgave those who killed Him. Sadly, both sons died of illness within a year, so now Rita not only a widow, but also childless. She did not focus on personal tragedy. She placed her trust in God. After eighteen years of marriage, Rita again felt called to religious life in the Augustinian convent.

At the age of 36, Rita was finally accepted into the Augustinian convent. The Sisters had resisted at first because she was a widow and also because of her family connections. Rita was a woman of prayer and perseverance. Like many of us, she knew the pain and destruction of family conflict, but she did not respond by joining the fight; she chose the way of Christ and encouraged peace. Over the years, her prayerfulness and charity were greatly admired and respected. She developed wounds on her forehead. The people knew that Rita often reflected on the way Christ suffered for us, and it is said that the wounds were caused by a thorn from His own crown of thorns. Rita died peacefully on May 22, 1457. She was beatified in 1626 and canonized in 1900. St. Rita is the patron saint of difficult marriages, and, together with Saint Jude, is a patron saint of impossible cases.

#### **KIDNEY NEEDED**

There is a parishioner in our parish who needs, most of all, your prayers, but who is in need of a kidney. Sometimes just knowing of a need or talking about it, brings amazing results. So, in your conversations, you may want to bring this topic up because you never know whose ears that this story falls upon, might be the lifesaving ones. But, above all, prayers are priceless.  
Thank you and God bless you.

#### **ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

Thursday, May 25, 2017 is a holy day of obligation. The Mass schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> – Vigil Mass – 7:30 PM

Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 AM – 7:30 PM

#### **CHAPEL RENOVATION**

*The renovation to the chapel is now complete. For those parishioners who would like to help toward the cost of the renovation, there is still time. These can be either Memorials or Gifts-whatever the giver chooses. Please call the rectory at 973-835-0480 for more details if needed.*

#### **DIAPERS FOR BABIES**

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** has decided to hold a "Diaper Drop" at St. Francis parish to collect diapers, wipes, and formula. We plan on giving these items to Birth Haven, a pregnancy care center, located in Newton, NJ.

We will start collecting items on Mother's Day weekend (May 14<sup>th</sup>) and finish on Father's Day weekend (June 18<sup>th</sup>).

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.

#### **PETER'S PENCE**

Our second collection today is for Peter's Pence, 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](http://www.usccb.org/peters-pence).

#### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

Religious Education News for September, 2017

Registration for Religious Education classes for September, 2017 is now in progress.

**Attention:**...Religious Education Parents....

Registration forms for the 2017-2018 school year have been distributed to all families presently registered in the program. Please return forms as soon as possible.

**New Registrations:**...Children who are new to the parish or who are entering First (1<sup>st</sup>) Grade in the public schools in September, should also register at this time. Registration forms are at the rectory or by calling the CCD office 973-835-1946.

**First Holy Communion Program** requires two (2) years of religious education classes starting with 1<sup>st</sup> grade.

**THE PRAYER PROCESS**  
**From Mathew Kelly's**  
**"The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic"**

Whether you start with one minute a day or go straight to the full ten minutes, use the Prayer Process every day for thirty days. If you do, I think you will very quickly be convinced of its power.

Here is the process in its simplest form:

1. *Gratitude*: Begin by thanking God in a personal dialogue for whatever you are most grateful for today.
2. *Awareness*: Revisit the times in the past twenty-four hours when you were and were not the-best-version-of-yourself. Talk to God about these situations and what you learned from them.
3. *Significant Moments*: Identify something you experienced today and explore what God might be trying to say to you through that event (or person).
4. *Peace*: Ask God to forgive you for any wrong you have committed (against yourself, another person, or him) and to fill you with a deep and abiding peace.
5. *Freedom*: Speak with God about how he is inviting you to change your life, so that you can experience the freedom to be the-best-version-of-yourself.
6. *Others*: Lift up to God anyone you feel called to pray for today, asking God to bless and guide them.
7. *Finish by praying the Our Father*.

**ANNIVERSARY MASS**

All couples in our parish who are celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 35<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> or any year beyond their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, are invited to renew their Marriage Vows at the 10 AM Mass on Sunday, June 25, 2017.

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 your family and friends to the Mass and reception afterwards.

**Reservation deadline is June 19<sup>th</sup>.**

<p><b>WEDDING ANNIVERSARY RESERVATION</b></p> <p>Names: _____</p> <p>Telephone No.: _____</p> <p>Anniversary year: 25<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> - 35<sup>th</sup> – 40<sup>th</sup> – 45<sup>th</sup> - 50<sup>th</sup> –  <span style="padding-left: 150px;">beyond 50<sup>th</sup></span></p> <p align="center"><b>(Please circle year)</b></p> <p>Approximate number of family/friends attending _____  <span style="padding-left: 100px;">(not including anniversary couple)</span></p>
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**The Ringwood and Wanaque Health Departments  
and Chilton Medical Center invite you to join the:**

**WELLNESS CHALLENGE**

**The Challenge will begin on June 28<sup>th</sup>**

Join the **Fun** and **Free** Summer Wellness Challenge. There will be walks, yoga classes, and a meditation class at the Ringwood Botanical Garden. Also included will be nutrition programs and demonstrations, health education and more. Participants will earn points for each activity they attend for a chance to win prizes. Participants will earn points for shopping at our local farmer's markets too!

For more information or to register, please contact Jessica Kelly, Health Educator at [Jessica.kelly@atlantichhealth.org](mailto:Jessica.kelly@atlantichhealth.org) or 973-831-5455.

Are you up for a family friendly challenge?

Activities will be in the evenings, mornings and during the day!

**DIOCESE OF PATERSON – MARIAN PILGRIMAGE  
OCTOBER 21, 2017**

The Diocese of Paterson will be hosting the 2017 Pilgrimage this October. The trip that takes place on October 21, 2017 will provide the faithful the opportunity to join parishioners through the diocese in a prayer filled day that includes Mass, Confession, Rosary, Divine Mercy, and Catechetical presentations.



**LAKELAND NURSING HOME SCHEDULE**

**SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2017**

Jolene Colsant & Maria Invernion

**LECTORS**

**SATURDAY, MAY 27, 2017**

5:30 P.M.      Giovanna Vollaro

**SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2017**

7:30 A.M.      Bill Boswell

10:00 A.M.     Judy Moran

12 NOON        Mike Durkin

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**SATURDAY, MAY 27, 2017**

5:30 P.M.      Pat Demarest & Peg Carolan

**SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2017**

7:30 A.M.      Sue Raoul & Hatima Omolon

10:00 A.M.     Jackie & Annie Rivera

12 NOON        Jolene Colsant & John Arendas

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**SATURDAY, MAY 27, 2017**

5:30 P.M.      Scott & Steven Bracken

**SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2017**

7:30 A.M.      Elizabeth Reid

10.00 A.M.     Kelly Frisina & Jonathan Hogue

12 NOON        Tim Kenny

Joseph & Jon Karlo Villacis

# START II

Barbara Caruso is a member of Start II – an animal rescue organization offering low cost neuter/spay, distemper and rabies shots.

For an appointment, please call Marge Kane, president, at 1-732-330-6692 or Barbara Caruso at 1-201-213-5337.

Their newest campaign is protesting and petitioning against very cruel, ineffective experiments conducted on dogs and cats at Texas A&M, and the National Health Institute.

They ask you to sign their petition and or go on line (see handout).

As Saint Francis is the patron saint of animals, they ask you to join them in protect the animals he loved so much.

Barbara will be in the Narthex with petitions.

Thank you for your compassion.