

PENTECOST SUNDAY
JUNE 4, 2017



WEEKLY OFFERING
Sunday - \$\$4,709.50

Thank you for your continued support.

SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 2017

5:30 P.M. Margharita Davis
Mary Luciani
Thomas Butler
Rose & Peter DiMiceli
Artie & Mary Donofrio

SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2017

7:30 A.M. Parishioners
Tillie & Arthur Bullett
Marie & William Moran
Ann Booth

10:00 A.M. Ricardo Glorioso
Ramuél Pascua
Pietra Emmolo
John Fusco
Raymond Dietz

12:00 P.M. Robert Domenici
Adam Vieira
Elizabeth Wood
Jesus & Elsie Papel

MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2017

8:00 A.M. Barbara Triolo

TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2017

8:00 A.M. John McPartland

THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 2017

8:00 A.M. Catherine & Salvatore Saltamach

FRIDAY, JUNE 9, 2017

8:00 A.M. John & Margaret Reilly

SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 2017

5:30 P.M. Hank Wieszun
Ted Srodon'
James McLean
Intentions of Rev. David McDonnell
Juliana & Maximino DeCastro

SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 2017

7:30 A.M. Parishioners
Charles Thielitz
Cecelia Sagan

10:00 A.M. Stella Eagen
Neil DeFazio
Marianne Steiner

12:00 P.M. Frank & Bella Oriole
Dominick & Marie Oriolo
Nicholas Peter Vizzini

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK: Mary Carton Jacob Hicks Ron Moebium
Nina Margossian Veny Hongo Frank Sanclementi
Gary Ragusa Reva Zanetti Virginia Taylor
Tom Guzowski Rosemary Pannone

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 Cenelia Soto Ann Langley
Stacey Caropreso Sharon Acquire Noah Lorencovitz
Sister Marie Louise Silverio Conte Barbara Kincaid

DECEASED: Gertrudis Tindoc Gerald Card, Sr. Marilyn Zimac



Dear friends in Christ,

Today is "Pentecost Sunday," the fiftieth day after the Resurrection. On this day, we solemnly commemorate that great event when Jesus fulfills his promise of sending the Holy Spirit upon his timid disciples, who gathered behind the closed doors of the Cenacle in Jerusalem.

The feast of Pentecost is the culmination of the Paschal mystery and it marks the end of the Easter season. The Easter candle, which has been burning since Easter to remind us of the light that has come into the world, will be set aside and used only if there is a baptism. Next week we continue what is called 'Ordinary Time' which simply means that the joyous feasts have ended, and we go back to the Gospel of St. Luke and continue to read the story of Jesus, focusing primarily on his teachings and parables.

Although today we end the Easter Season, it is also a reminder of starting something new, for Pentecost is considered to be the birthday of the Church. Have we ever asked, why do we celebrate Eucharist on Sundays? Sunday is actually deemed to be the first day of the week; Sunday is the day that God began creation we are told in the Genesis story. The Spirit of God moved on the waters on the first day! For the Jews, Spirit is a feminine gender word which also means breath or wind. Like God, Jews rested on the seventh day, Saturday, and early Christians, too, used to go to synagogues on Saturdays. With the advent of Pentecost, however, which is 50 days after Easter, itself a Sunday, the Church has traditionally also celebrated its birthday and the weekly 'Lord's Day' on a Sunday. We celebrate Eucharist on Sunday, then, as a reminder of the first creation and of the second creation. The Holy Spirit that stirred the waters of creation returned to us on Pentecost making a new creation, her Church, and making us new creatures because of the Resurrection. This is really what we are all about today. And every Sunday!

So what is Pentecost all about? One of the major things it about is, of course, the Holy Spirit. We often pray - "COME HOLY SPIRIT COME! FILL THE HEARTS OF THY FAITHFUL..." As Christians, we are called to be prophets. This, by virtue of our baptism when we received the gift of faith and by our confirmation when, like the disciples at Pentecost, we too received the Holy Spirit.

Now is the time of the Holy Spirit. He is at work in the world in and through us. Let us cooperate with Him by opening our minds and hearts to Him. Then we can speak out to others about the wonderful and mighty works God has done in and for us so that they, too, will accept Jesus as Lord of their hearts. Today let us ask God to send His Spirit into our hearts. Filled with that Spirit, may we each individually make our contribution to the community to which we belong. And, as a community, may we give clear and unmistakable witness to the Truth and Love of God, revealed to us in Jesus our Lord. And this the Good News of Today.

St. Justin Feast Day June 1

Justin was born around the year 100 in Palestine. He is usually referred to as St. Justin Martyr. He is called an “apologist”, which is an interesting word. There are many great Catholic apologists, and they are not apologizing for their faith. They are proclaiming and explaining it.

Justin was raised in a Jewish environment, and he studied the great pagan philosophies. He became a Christian in 132. Soon, he began wandering from place to place proclaiming his newfound Christian philosophy in the hope of converting educated pagans to it. He also spent a lot of time in Rome. He was brave, and debated both philosophy and Christianity with a powerful Roman prefect. The Roman prefect said that Justin was as subversive and condemned him to death. Authentic records of his martyrdom still exist today. It was his willingness to die for his faith that earned him the title, “Martyr”.

Justin wrote many letters; some of the most important ones defend his fellow Christians against the charges of atheism and hostility to the Roman state. He also expresses the main idea of his Christian philosophy: that the highest belief of both Christianity and Platonic philosophy is an unchangeable God.

Justin tells us the truth: that Jesus Christ is the incarnation, and also says that only traces of truth were found in the great works of the pagan philosophers. He explains that the purpose of Christ’s coming into the world was to teach men the truth and save them from the power of demons.

Justin lived in very earliest part of Christianity when educated people studied pagan philosophy; they did not yet have the teachings of Christ to study. Justin’s distinctive contribution to Christian theology is his explanation of a divine plan in history, a process of salvation structured by God. He states that the Old Testament and Greek philosophy actually form one single stream of Christianity. Justin’s solid description of the sacramental celebrations of Baptism and the Eucharist remain important resources for the history of the primitive church. He was as a crucial witness to the New Testament in the second century. His works mention the first three Gospels and quote the letters of Paul and 1 Peter. St. Justin was the first known writer to quote from the Acts of the Apostles.

DIAPERS FOR BABIES

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

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.

Fr. Platania to offer a free webinar!

Join Scripture Professor Fr. Platania from the comfort of your home as he explores the biblical theme of renewal in God in the Old Testament.

- Learn about the biblical account of creation as provided in the first chapters of the Bible (Genesis 1:1-2:4a).
- See how the theme of creation is modified by the great narrative of the flood (Genesis 6:5-9:17) and the Crossing of the Red Sea (Exodus 14:1-15:21).
- Understand the righteousness of the biblical hero Noah and how he is presented in the New Testament.
- Explore how Jesus recreates us in the Church.

The webinar will be June 12 at 2:00PM and will be about 30 minutes long. To register please email Diane at diane.carr@shu.edu.

GIFT TO ST. FRANCIS CHURCH FROM TED LUCIANI & FAMILY

The new bench placed by the Blessed Mother statue at the rectory side entrance to the church is dedicated in memory of Mary Luciani by her family. It is there for anyone wishing to sit and spend some time in peace and prayer.

LADIES GUILD

The Ladies Guild will hold a closing meeting, until they resume in the Fall, with a dinner on June 5th at 7PM in the church hall (**this is a time change**).



ST. FRANCIS SPRING CLOTHING DRIVE

On May 20, 2017 St. Francis sponsored its annual Spring Clothing Drive. It was a great success with St. Francis receiving a check for \$1,217 for 5,585 lbs. of donated clothing.

What Happens to the Clothes and other Items?

The clothing we collect is sorted and exported to those in need, most to third world countries, such as in Africa. Our clothing collections are not shredded. We encourage patrons to donate items that are in good, usable condition. Most of the items are sent outside of the United States because these second hand items are much needed in other parts of the world, where its residents cannot afford new items, or the cost of these items even at a thrift store retail prices within the United States.

Most of these countries do not have the means to import or produce new clothing at all, so they are very much reliant on usable second hand items from the United States. Sending items to these areas helps supply them with much needed garments that they would not have access to, or be able to afford to purchase otherwise.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES – DIOCESE OF PATERSON
Annual Corpus Christi Food Collection for the Needy

Due to the unprecedented requests for assistance from Catholic Charities' food pantries and in order to fulfill our obligations to the poor, Bishop Serratelli has authorized a Diocesan-wide food collection in all parishes and agencies on the Feast of Corpus Christi, Saturday/Sunday, June 17 – 18, 2017.

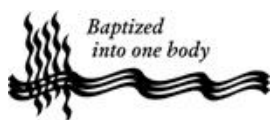
We are all being asked to bring assorted food products on that day. Our parish has been asked to provide **Instant Pudding, Jello, & Dish Detergent.**

This collection, sponsored and managed by Catholic Charities, will directly assist those most in need by supplying Catholic Charities food pantries, as well as parish pantries.

In addition to our parish, the entire Diocese of Paterson will join together in this effort.

Cash donations will also be accepted.

Please mark Saturday and Sunday, June 17-18, 2017 as the food collection day.



Tuesday, June 13th 100th Anniversary

Join in celebrating Our Lady of Fatima's Second Apparition to the three shepherd children in 1917. All are welcome at Our Lady's Blue Army Shrine, 674 Mountain View Road East, Asbury, NJ. 08802. 10:30 am-Confessions; 12:00 N.- Rosary Procession; 12:30-Guest Speaker Rev. Matthew Mauriello; 1:00-Holy Mass w/celebrant Rev. Michael Venditti; Eucharistic Procession; Fatima Farewell; Divine Mercy Chaplet; Enrollment in the Brown Scapular. Visit the Holy House USA, a replica of the Holy House at Loreto, Italy. A Jubilee Year Plenary Indulgence has been granted to this Shrine. Info (908) 689-1700 x210 www.bluearmy.com.

ANNIVERSARY MASS

All couples in our parish who are celebrating their 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 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 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 19th.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY RESERVATION
Names: _____
Telephone No.: _____
Anniversary year: 25 th – 30 th - 35 th – 40 th – 45 th - 50 th – <div style="text-align: right;">beyond 50th</div> <p style="text-align: center;">(Please circle year)</p>
Approximate number of family/friends attending _____ <div style="text-align: center;">(not including anniversary couple)</div>

The Ringwood and Wanaque Health Departments and Chilton Medical Center invite you to join the:

WELLNESS CHALLENGE

The Challenge will begin on June 28th

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 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, JUNE 11, 2017

Jolene Colsant & John Minnett

LECTORS

SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 2017

5:30 P.M. Martha Bisaccio

SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 2017

7:30 A.M. Pat Demarest

10:00 A.M. Sue Kummer

12 NOON Henry Mendoza

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 2017

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 2017

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

10:00 A.M. Tom & Olympia Luciani

12 NOON Matt Kampf & Linda O'Connell

ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 2017

5:30 P.M. Scott & Steven Bracken

SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 2017

7:30 A.M. Elizabeth Reid

10.00 A.M. Kelly Frisina & Jonathan Hogue

12 NOON Tim Kenny & Divine Crilly

ST. FRANCIS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
are offering
“A WING AND A PRAYER”
For Father’s Day

Get Dad some chicken wings for Father’s Day
(or treat yourself)

Wings are pre-cooked and refrigerated, just heat to your liking and serve.

- 6 wings \$6.00
- 12 wings \$12.00
- 24 wings \$22.00

Choice of Sauce: BBQ, Honey Mustard, or Buffalo
Blue Cheese is available \$1.00 extra

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Cash _____ Check _____ Made Payable to: St. Francis K of C #2617

Deadline for orders is Wednesday, June 14. Orders to be picked up on Father’s Day June 18 - 8 am to noon in the Church Hall. Orders by phone: Paul 973-835-4692 or Jim 973-248-0225
Orders may be cancelled by Friday, June 16. Orders placed but not picked up will still be charged.

The St. Francis Knights of Columbus thank you very much.



WANAQUE FIRST AID SQUAD
5 Melrose Ave., Wanaque, NJ 07465
Check us out on Facebook: Wanaque FAS

“The Wanaque First Aid Squad wants to help you enjoy the summer with some extra found money! Tickets will be on sale for our 1st Calendar Raffle that will run throughout the summer and until September 28th. Each ticket has the potential to win over and over again, all for the single donation of \$10.00. Thanks to Saint Francis for running a sale of tickets in the winter months, the Squad is hoping you would join us for the fun and sun of our summer month ticket sale. Anyone wishing to enter 92 chances to win cash prizes can contact Patty Norton, pattyn60@optonline.net or Karen Cisco, CiscoNJ@gmail.com, and we can make arrangements to get one or more tickets to you! Tickets make a fun and exciting gift to give at a summer barbeque or pool party!”