

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
APRIL 29, 2018**



**SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 2018**

5:30 P.M. Silverio Conte  
Tom Norton  
Joseph "Ace" Tachine  
Frank O'Donnell

**SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 2018**

7:30 A.M. Parishioners  
Michael Gorzelany  
John & Rosemarie Englehardt

10:00 A.M. Garbarino Family  
Rose DeStefano  
Frank Sanclementi  
Intentions of Rich Funcheon

12:00 P.M. George Kuredjian  
Tom Karwacki  
Patricia Barberich  
Rita Graham

**MONDAY, APRIL 30, 2018**

8:00 A.M. Albert Assidio  
Anthony Demarest  
Intentions of Karen May

**TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2018**

8:00 A.M. Katherine Longo  
John Bisaccio

**THURSDAY, MAY 3, 2018**

8:00 A.M. Rose Errante

**FRIDAY, MAY 4, 2018**

8:00 A.M. PARISH PURGATORIAL

**SATURDAY, MAY 5, 2018**

5:30 P.M. Eleanor Leppin  
Tom Norton  
Tom Karwacki  
Mary Luciani  
Eleanor VanHassent  
Eileen Graham  
Noreen Heyrich

**SUNDAY, MAY 6, 2018**

7:30 A.M. Parishioners  
Angela & Francis Bacigalupo

10:00 A.M. Eroli Alvino  
Ed Garbarino  
Frank Sanclementi  
Rose Truncillito  
Frank O'Donnell

12:00 P.M. Rose Gerace  
Ted Srodon  
Frank Caropreso  
Patricia Barberich

**Pray daily for the safety of our servicemen and women serving their country.**

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Mary Carton Jacob Hicks Barry Bach Vincent Vagola  
Tom Guzowski Ava Rae Nebbia Joan & Sal Ruffino  
Gary Ragusa Alex Haines Larry Perry George Link  
Baby Michael Soojian Jan Hongo Susan Nichols-Boggio  
Baby Ryder Sasso Mike Tidaback Frank Morici

Frances De Maria Dorothea King Jerome Foray  
Manuel Esguerra Eileen McPartland Karen Cisco  
Cenelia Soto Sandra Pacifico Robert Moreno  
Sharon Acquaire Noah Lorencovitz Mike Durkin  
Sister Marie Louise Florence Grim Estella Soto  
Barbara Kincaid Carmela Caropreso Bitondo  
Christine Morrison Rich Funcheon  
**DECEASED:** Deceased Parishioners

**WEEKLY OFFERING**

Sunday April 22, 2018 - \$5,072.50

Thank you for your continued support.



**Dear Friends in Christ:**

The Gospel Reading of today from St. John, is taken from the Farewell Discourse at the Last Supper, and addresses concerns of the disciples

that would arise because of the departure of Jesus soon to occur. What are the disciples to do without him? What do we do without this reassuring presence?

The disciples are aware that Jesus is about to leave them. There is a heavy air of gloom and anxiety as the enemies of Jesus close in around him. "Do not let your hearts be troubled," are the encouraging words he speaks to them. "Trust in God still, and trust in me" is a call to total faith in the Father and in him. Trusting in God means accepting and facing reality. It means dealing with our problems knowing that even in worst-case scenarios, God will not allow us to be crushed and lost. We do our best with the proper means available to us and God will take care of the rest. The passage also assures them that Jesus will return and take his followers with him. The imminent departure of Jesus is presented not as a loss but as a preparation for the future. The expression '*many dwelling places*' of the Father's house suggests not a diversity of place within heaven but that there will be room enough for everyone in God's eternal presence.

*"I am the way, and the truth and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me."*

So what do we make of this saying of Jesus? What do they mean to us?

*'I am the Way'* – Jesus is a road. A road is a journey. And we go to God the Father through Jesus and we call Jesus the *Way*, because he is the visible manifestation in human form of all that his Father is.

*'I am the Truth'* – the Truth that meets us on the road. We Christians have not got the Truth. The Truth has got us. Jesus is God's gift of his true self to us. As God revealed His true self to Jesus, we look up to Jesus to reveal God to us.

*'I am the Life'* – this journey of Truth gives us life. When we believe in Jesus, we find life. More, He becomes our life.

In short, what living the Christian life is really all about is living with Jesus in faith. It is to make the Truth and the Life - the Father Himself - really ours by following Jesus who is the Way. St. Peter reminds us, we are a holy people, called to proclaim the one who called us out of darkness into light. In words and deeds we bear witness to the Risen Jesus, who says to us – "I am the way, and the truth and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me."

**Saint Anselm**

**Feast Day: April 21**

Anselm was born in the Piedmont region of Italy, around 1033. His mother was known to be a very devout woman. She chose to send Anselm to a school run by the Benedictine order.

As a boy, Anselm had a dream that he had met and spoken with God. He felt a very strong religious calling, but his mother had died young, and his father would not let him go to become a monk. He was 15 years old at the time.

Anselm was tired of the way his father treated him so he left home and wandered for three years. In Normandy, he met the Benedictine prior Lanfranc of Pavia and became his disciple. Lanfranc realized that Anselm was very intelligent and encouraged his vocation to religious life. Anselm was accepted into the order and ordained a priest at age 27. When Lanfranc was called to become abbot of another monastery in 1063, Anselm took over as Abbot.

Anselm became abbot of his own monastery in 1079. The Normans had recently conquered England, and they wanted to bring monks from Normandy to influence the Church in the country. Lanfranc became Archbishop of Canterbury, and died in the late 1080's. This was a difficult time for the English Church. King William Rufus refused to allow the appointment of a new archbishop. Anselm had gone back to his monastery, and did not want to return to England.

In 1092, the king of England changed his mind and allowed Anselm to become Archbishop of Canterbury. Anselm was reluctant to accept the appointment because he didn't want to be involved in more struggles with the English crown. Finally he accepted and insisted on the Church being allowed to govern itself. After three years of arguing about this with the king, which caused him to be exiled from England, he was finally successful, and was permitted to return in 1106. In the later years of his life, Anselm worked to reform the Church and continued his theological investigations. He was also a counsellor to Pope Gregory VII.

In a general audience given on Sept. 23, 2009, Pope Benedict XVI remembered St. Anselm as "a monk with an intense spiritual life, an excellent teacher of the young, a theologian with an extraordinary capacity for speculation, a wise man of governance and an intransigent defender of the Church's freedom."

St. Anselm was canonized by Pope Alexander in 1163 and chosen as a Doctor of the Church by Pope Clement XI in 1720. His motto was, "faith seeks understanding".

**KIDNEY NEEDED**

Fran Ferraro 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.

**Patriotic Rosary**

The Patriotic Rosary will be prayed after the 11:00am Mass on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> in the chapel. We encourage everyone who is able to join us for Mass and the rosary. What can we do for our country in these confusing and perilous times? **PRAY!**

**"I BELIEVE" - "WE BELIEVE"**

We begin our profession of faith by saying: "I believe" or "We believe". Before expounding the Church's faith, as confessed in the Creed, celebrated in the liturgy and lived in observance of God's commandments and in prayer, we must first ask what "to believe" means. Faith is man's response to God, who reveals himself and gives himself to man, at the same time bringing man a superabundant light as he searches for the ultimate meaning of his life. Thus we shall consider first that search, then the divine Revelation by which God comes to meet man, and finally the response of faith.

**MAN'S CAPACITY FOR GOD**

**THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD ACCORDING TO THE CHURCH**

"Our holy mother, the Church, holds and teaches that God, the first principle and last end of all things, can be known with certainty from the created world by the natural light of human reason." Without this capacity, man would not be able to welcome God's revelation. Man has this capacity because he is created "in the image of God".

In the historical conditions in which he finds himself, however, man experiences many difficulties in coming to know God by the light of reason alone:

Though human reason is, strictly speaking, truly capable by its own natural power and light of attaining to a true and certain knowledge of the one personal God, who watches over and controls the world by his providence, and of the natural law written in our hearts by the Creator; yet there are many obstacles which prevent reason from the effective and fruitful use of this inborn faculty. For the truths that concern the relations between God and man wholly transcend the visible order of things, and, if they are translated into human action and influence it, they call for self-surrender and abnegation. The human mind, in its turn, is hampered in the attaining of such truths, not only by the impact of the senses and the imagination, but also by disordered appetites which are the consequences of original sin. So it happens that men in such matters easily persuade themselves that what they would not like to be true is false or at least doubtful.

This is why man stands in need of being enlightened by God's revelation, not only about those things that exceed his understanding, but also "about those religious and moral truths which of themselves are not beyond the grasp of human reason, so that even in the present condition of the human race, they can be known by all men with ease, with firm certainty and with no admixture of error".

**PARISH HAPPENINGS**

**April & May**

- 4/29     KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST  
After all Masses – Church Hall  
(Communicants Free)
- 5/4-5/5     OVERNIGHT ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT followed by 11AM 1st Saturday Mass to Mary concluding with the Patriotic Rosary for our country
- 5/12     CLOTHING DRIVE 9AM – 2PM

### LADIES GUILD MEETING

The Ladies' Guild will meet at 7:30 PM on Monday, May 7th, 2018, in the church hall. We are having a speaker - please feel free to bring a friend !

**SPRING OPEN HOUSE**  
**MORRIS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**  
**May 6<sup>th</sup> from 2 – 4 PM**  
**200 Morris Avenue**  
**Denville, NJ 07834**  
**973-627-6674**

### **First Saturday, May 5th "You at Least Try to Console Me."**

World Apostolate of Fatima, Blue Army Shrine, 674 Mt. View Rd East, Asbury, NJ, 08802 invites all to Honor Our Lady's plea of Dec. 10, 1925 requesting Five Consecutive First Saturdays of Reparation.

*Speaker/Celebrant: Fr. James Walling.*

**10:00 a.m.** Confessions

**11:30pm** Rosary w/15 minute meditation

**12:00 pm** Holy Mass

**1:00 pm** Enrollment in Brown Scapular, Confessions

**2:00 pm** Talk on Last Vision of Fatima; Fatima Video

**3:00 pm** Divine Mercy Chaplet. Bring your family and friends to answer the call of the Child Jesus: *"And have you spread through the world what our heavenly Mother requested of you?"* www.bluearmy.com (908) 689-1700 Ext 210

### **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

As we are entering May, a month devoted to Our Lady, we find that one of the best ways to honor her is by spending time with her Son, Our Lord. Pope St. John Paul II said "from Mary we learn to love Christ, her Son and the Son of God."

We will be continuing our monthly overnight Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 7 pm on Friday, May 4th through 10:30am Saturday, May 5th. It will be followed by the 11am 1st Saturday Mass to Mary and will conclude with the Patriotic Rosary for our nation.

Please consider spending an hour with Our Lord as a means of strengthening your own spiritual life as well as fostering the spiritual growth of the Parish. For check-in details, please contact Jane in the Rectory.

There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex where you will be able to sign up for adoration time. Please choose whatever is convenient for you. We welcome any and all who would like to join us at any given hour. Please include your email & designate your cell phone and home numbers so we can contact you to confirm your adoration time.

Many thanks to all those who have participated in the past. We are looking forward to welcoming others as we all seek to find ways to better know and love God.



**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI  
PARISH  
FIRST COMMUNICANTS  
April 28, 2018**

Andrew Alaya  
Izabella Baldyga  
Angela Becker  
Quinn Burke  
Olivia Capalbo  
Angelica Christ  
Abigail D'Angelo  
Bailey D'Angelo  
Chloe D'Angelo

Shane Drumgoole  
Sophie Gainey  
Beck Harrington  
Cole McCrohan  
Maia Nowosielski  
Mayka Skibinski  
Ryan Sorgi  
Krystian Sudol  
Liam Vidal

**GOD BLESS  
and  
CONGRATULATIONS!!**

**From the desk of Maryann Marren  
Religious Education:**

We would like to send a very special "THANK YOU" to our Knights of Columbus Council #2167 for their generous gift – each First Communicant received a first communion prayer book and rosary. It was a most thoughtful gesture for our little ones, and very much appreciated.

**LAKELAND NURSING HOME SCHEDULE  
SUNDAY, MAY 6, 2018**

Frank & Sandy Polglaze

### **LECTORS**

**SATURDAY, MAY 5, 2018**

5:30 P.M. Pat Demarest

**SUNDAY, MAY 6, 2018**

7:30 A.M. Jay Markot

10:00 A.M. Sue Kummer

12 NOON Armando Haro

### **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**SATURDAY, MAY 5, 2018**

5:30 P.M. Maria Invernon & Martha Bisaccio

**SUNDAY, MAY 6, 2018**

7:30 A.M. Open

10:00 A.M. Melissa & Annie Rivera

12 NOON Linda O'Connell & Barbara Garruto

### **ALTAR SERVERS**

**SATURDAY, MAY 5, 2018**

5:30 P.M. Peter Sutula & Sean Moebius

**SUNDAY, MAY 6, 2018**

7:30 A.M. Danielle Reid

10:00 A.M. Christopher Marren & Sebastian Wojtowicz

12 NOON Jon-Karlo & Joseph Villacis

# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH PILGRIMAGE

## NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE DIVINE MERCY

STOCKBRIDGE, MA

**MAY 19, 2018**

***Departure: 7:00am*** – from the church parking lot

Travel: modern touring motor coach equipped with A/C and BR.

The Shrine: Visit the many statues, the Lourdes Candle Grotto, the graves of St. Therese and St. Francis and more, browse the book store and gift shop.

Prayer: Time for private meditation, recitation of the Rosary, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass concelebrated by Fr. Greg, Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Food and drink: Please bring your own. The Shrine does not sell food or beverages.

Cost: \$35 per person. Please reserve your seat on the bus with your check, dropped off at the rectory. Reservations will close at 4pm on Friday, May 11, 2018.

PLEASE INVITE YOUR FRIENDS...ALL ARE WELCOME

