

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 6, 2018**



SATURDAY, MAY 5, 2018

5:30 P.M. Eleanor Leppin
Tom Karwacki
Tom Norton
Mary Luciani
Eleanor Van Hassent
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
12:00 NOON Rose Gerace
Ted Srodon
Frank Caropreso
Patricia Barberich
Frank O'Donnell

MONDAY, MAY 7, 2018

8:00 A.M. Jim Quinn

TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2018

8:00 A.M. Regina Sullivan

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 2018

7:30 P.M. Eridiano Broglio

THURSDAY, MAY 10, 2018

9:00 A.M. Ed Garbarino
7:30 P.M. Bob Daniels

FRIDAY, MAY 11, 2018

8:00 A.M. Barbara & Bill Kosek

SATURDAY, MAY 12, 2018

5:30 P.M. MOTHERS OF THE PARISH

SUNDAY, MAY 13, 2018

7:30 A.M. MOTHERS OF THE PARISH
10:00 A.M. MOTHERS OF THE PARISH
12:00 NOON MOTHERS OF THE PARISH

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 Frank Morici Mike Tidaback
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: Our Deceased Loved Ones

CHURCH MEMORIALS

Church Altar Candle in memory of Eleanor Van Hassent requested by the Norton Family.

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday – April 29, 2018 - \$5,264.50
Thank you for your continued support.



Dear friends in Christ,

Sun of Easter

“If you love me you will keep my commandments,” says Jesus to us today. We could say that is a very strong statement by Jesus. Does this mean that every time we sin we do not love Jesus? Yes. Although we love Jesus, every time we commit sin we love something or someone else more than Jesus. If we love Jesus more than anything else we will keep ourselves free from sin for Jesus. If we love Jesus we will strive to give ourselves totally to him. When we sin we are giving ourselves to something other than Jesus or to somebody other than Jesus. And when we love Jesus with all our heart, soul, mind and strength we will not want to put anything, no matter how small, before Jesus. Again the words of Jesus in our Gospel are, “If you love me you will keep my commandments.” (John 14:15)

Sometimes we hear people make statements like, “Jesus understands that I am human. He will forgive me.” Jesus is forgiving, we do not doubt Jesus’ mercy. But if we love Jesus more than anything we will put Jesus before whatever it is that is tempting us and we will try to root that sin out of our lives completely.

Loving Jesus therefore is not just something emotional; loving Jesus means changing our lives, reforming our lives, working on our personalities and characters, overcoming sinful habits, stretching ourselves to love as Jesus loved. Loving Jesus means thinking about ourselves and others as Jesus thinks.

If we truly want to love Jesus we will fill our minds with *his* thoughts and *his* way of looking at the world. We can fill our minds with Jesus’ thoughts by reading the Bible, reading spiritual books and praying as much as possible every day. If we fill our minds with the filth of the world how can we love Jesus? It would be impossible and it would be impossible to keep his commandments. Let us fill our minds with the thoughts of Jesus so that we may love him and keep his commandments.

How much does Jesus love us? This much, he stretched out his arms on the cross and died for us. Let us never be afraid to turn to Jesus for mercy after sinning, he is always waiting to forgive us and restore us again. Let us resolve during this Mass to love Jesus by keeping his commandments so that the love of Jesus and the Father and the Spirit may be in our hearts and we may have Jesus in our hearts.

SAINT BRENDAN

Feast Day: May 16

Brendan was born in 484, near Tralee in County Kerry, Ireland. According to custom, at the age of one he was sent to Killeedy to be raised by a mystic named St. Ita. She cared for him and instructed him for five years. When he turned six, he was sent to St. Jarlath's monastery school at Tuam where he received a theological education. He decided to dedicate his life to God, and was ordained a priest in 512 at the age of 28.

Brendan belonged to what is known as the Second Order of Irish saints; the Twelve Apostles of Ireland. These Apostles gave Irish Christianity its distinctive monastic character for the next six centuries; this monasticism played a huge part in preserving the arts and intellectualism of Europe after the collapse of the Roman Empire. Brendan was a great evangelist and missionary. He established a number of monasteries in his lifetime. His reputation as a traveler comes from *Navigatio Sancti Brendani Abbatis* (The Voyage of Saint Brendan the Abbot), a written account put together by an Irish monk in the ninth century from the various oral traditions that were in circulation. According to this account, St. Brendan was granted a vision of the "Promised Land" from the 3,200-foot high summit of Mount Brandon. He and a group of handpicked monks built a 36-foot boat, covered it with leather skins coated in butter, and sailed off.

Brendan's first attempt to sail to the Promised Land was apparently unsuccessful, but he was not discouraged. His account speaks of seeing "mountains in the sea spouting fire," floating crystal palaces, monsters with catlike heads and horns growing from their mouths, and "little furry men." Scholars see in this account the earliest descriptions of Iceland's volcanoes, icebergs, walrus, and even Eskimos. Brendan and his crew drifted from one island to the next, "following God's stepping stones," until they came to a large land mass where they stayed for many months. There are a large number of scholars who believe that he and his monks were the first to reach America. He made many voyages after that.

Brendan died in 577 at the age of 93, and is buried at Clonfert, a very holy place in Ireland. He was a true and brave missionary for Christ. During his long life, St. Brendan brought the Catholic faith to many foreign lands. He is the patron saint of navigators and sailors.

Saint Brendan's Prayer

Shall I then suffer every kind of wound that the sea can inflict? Shall I take my tiny boat across the wide sparkling ocean? O King of the Glorious Heaven, shall I go of my own choice upon the sea? O Christ, will You help me on the wild waves?

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.

JESUS DAY WITH THE KNIGHTS

APRIL 21, 2018



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

APRIL 28, 2018



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS!

PARISH HAPPENINGS

May

5/12 CLOTHING DRIVE 9AM – 2PM

NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS

We are happy to announce the appointment of 3 new members to St. Francis Parish Council. They are John Arendas, Bill Boswell & Tom Luciani.

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 6th from 2 – 4 PM
200 Morris Avenue
Denville, NJ 07834
973-627-6674

FREE EYE SCREENING

The New Jersey Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired and the Passaic County Department of Health with the support of the West Milford Health Department are holding a free eye screening on **Tuesday, May 22, 2018** from 10am until 2pm at West Milford Town Hall 1480 Union Valley Rd., West Milford. This is open to **all New Jersey Residents**. To make an appointment, please contact the Passaic County Department of Health at 973-881-4396.

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 will hold a "Diaper Drop" at St. Francis parish to collect diapers, wipes, baby food and formula. We plan on giving these items to Several Sources, a pregnancy care center, located in Ramsey, NJ.

We will start collecting item on Mother's Day weekend (May 13th) and finish on Father's Day weekend (June 17th).

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.

DIAPERS

WIPES

FORMULA & BABY FOOD

ST. JOSEPH'S INTENTIONS MASS

The Mass for Special Intentions of those who attended the St. Joseph's Table on March 17th will be held at 12 Noon on May 20, 2018.



St. Francis Spring Clothing Drive!

Where: St. Francis School
When: May 12, 2018
What Time: 9 – 2:00

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! Bought new clothes, shoes, curtains, sheets, blankets, stuffed animals, etc...? Give us your old ones!

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.



LAKELAND NURSING HOME SCHEDULE SUNDAY, MAY 13, 2018

Hatima Omolon & Pat Demarest

LECTORS

SATURDAY, MAY 12, 2018

5:30 P.M. Lynn Magnini

SUNDAY, MAY 13, 2018

7:30 A.M. Erika Reid
10:00 A.M. John McMurray
12 NOON Hatima Omolon

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY, MAY 12, 2018

5:30 P.M. Frank & Sandy Polglaze

SUNDAY, MAY 13, 2018

7:30 A.M. Sue Raoul
10:00 A.M. Tom & Olympia Luciani
12 NOON John Arendas & Matt Kampff

ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY, MAY 12, 2018

5:30 P.M. Diana & Eric Szczecinski

SUNDAY, MAY 13, 2018

7:30 A.M. Elizabeth Reid
10:00 A.M. Kelly Frisina & Jonathan Hogue
12 NOON Aaron Manalili & James Nichols

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 groves 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

