

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 13, 2018**



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 P.M. MOTHERS OF THE PARISH

MONDAY, MAY 14, 2018

8:00 A.M. Bob Alheidt
Cristino C. Cui, Sr.
Dr. Ramon Blancia, Sr.

TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2018

8:00 A.M. Clementine & Gregorio Destito
Intentions of Michael Montayne

THURSDAY, MAY 17, 2018

8:00 A.M. Intentions for Janet Shovan-Blessings & Health
Venancio Tindoc

FRIDAY, MAY 18, 2018

8:00 A.M. Fr. Otto Hearle

SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2018

5:30 P.M. Mary Luciani
Tom Norton
Frank O'Donnell
Laura Ravese

SUNDAY, MAY 20, 2018

7:30 A.M. Parishioners
Edward & Doris Bacigalupo
Patricia Galgano

10:00 A.M. Dorothy & Frank Parian
Roy & Shirley Parian
Rocco Tarulli
Carmela Fusco
Julier Ion Labares

12:00 P.M. William Montgoris
Frank Caropreso
St. Joseph Intentions

**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 Christine Morrison
Cenelia Soto Sandra Pacifico Robert Moreno
Sharon Acquaire Noah Lorencovitz Mike Durkin
Sister Marie Louise Florence Grim Estella Soto
Barbara Kincaid Carmela Caropreso Bitondo
Norberto Marin Glenn Osborn

DECEASED: Marilyn Lee

CHURCH MEMORIALS

Church Altar Candle in memory of Mary & Joseph Purcella
requested by Reed Purcella.

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday May 6, 2018 - \$5,637.50

Thank you for your continued support.



Dear Friends in Christ:

In our first reading today, from the Acts of the Apostles, we heard of the choosing of Matthias to take the place of Judas. This early group of twelve, apostles, was an important structure for the early Churches. Later it disappears as a group of twelve and simple becomes the group of those who lead the various Churches. The early believers had no doubt that God would guide them. Some doubted, for sure, the assembly of believers in general trusted that God would show the way. God had always shown the way. For us God has always shown the way. God shows the way now. The way is always seen in the believers assembled together with their leaders. Sometimes it is seen in the gathering of the leaders together as an assembly.

We who come later can see this slow formation of the Church Jesus founded. It is like any new life: it does not step fully formed from its beginnings.

The touchstone for this faith is found in the second reading today, from the First Letter of John: Whoever acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God remains in him and he in God. If someone has no faith, that person cannot be part of the assembly seeking God's will. It is only a fraud. Through the centuries there have been plenty of frauds. Even today in our parishes, in our dioceses, in the Church at large, there are frauds. Yet we must be cautious about identifying others as frauds. None of us is perfect. None of us is without sin. If we separate ourselves apart and claim to have the whole truth, this is normally a sign of being in error.

Let us commit ourselves to the truth, to seeking the truth, to seeking the truth together. There are times when we may be convinced that only we have the truth, but may we not embrace that path. Only God has the truth, only Jesus and only the Holy Spirit—and this is always found in the Church in union with the whole Church.

Saint Philip Neri

Feast Day: May 26

Philip Neri was born in Florence in 1515. As a young adult, he made his home in Rome. At age 35, he was ordained a priest. He soon became known for his ministry of giving young men spiritual direction in an unusual way. He liked to challenge them with their own vanity. For example, once a man asked Philip if he thought wearing a hair shirt under his clothes, which were very elegant, was a good penance. Philip said it would be a good penance if he wore the hair shirt over his nice clothes. Philip's best-known achievement is that he founded the Roman Congregation of the Oratory. He used humor as his medicine. He went around Rome with half his beard shaved off, did silly dances and gave young men penance that involved them making fools of themselves in public. Maybe he used his sense of humor to balance his extremely serious side. It is said that Philip would need to hear jokes or read funny stories which distracted him just a little from total absorption in the glory of God, so that he could concentrate better when offering the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

Philip had a tremendous capacity for love. This may be the reason for a vision he had: On the eve of Pentecost, 1544, Philip saw a vision of a ball of fire enter through his mouth and go to his heart. He was immediately filled with an intense divine love and fell to the floor, crying out, "Enough, enough, Lord, I can bear no more!"

St Philip Neri is the patron saint of joy. He is a powerful intercessor for people who experience times of feeling very down. When we are tempted to agonize over how we look, or worry over what others think of us, we can ask this saint to help us think about the joy of being alive and pleasing God instead of pleasing other people.

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.

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

"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

HOW CAN WE SPEAK ABOUT GOD?

In defending the ability of human reason to know God, the Church is expressing her confidence in the possibility of speaking about him to all men and with all men, and therefore of dialogue with other religions, with philosophy and science, as well as with unbelievers and atheists.

Since our knowledge of God is limited, our language about him is equally so. We can name God only by taking creatures as our starting point, and in accordance with our limited human ways of knowing and thinking.

All creatures bear a certain resemblance to God, most especially man, created in the image and likeness of God. The manifold perfections of creatures - their truth, their goodness, their beauty all reflect the infinite perfection of God. Consequently we can name God by taking his "creatures perfections as our starting point, for from the greatness and beauty of created things comes a corresponding perception of their Creator."

God transcends all creatures. We must therefore continually purify our language of everything in it that is limited, image

bound or imperfect, if we are not to confuse our image of God - "the inexpressible, the incomprehensible, the invisible, the ungraspable" - with our human representations. Our human words always fall short of the mystery of God.

Admittedly, in speaking about God like this, our language is using human modes of expression; never the less it really does attain to God himself, though unable to express him in his infinite simplicity. Likewise, we must recall that "between Creator and creature no similitude can be expressed without implying an even greater dissimilitude"; and that "concerning God, we cannot grasp

*May God be gracious to us
and bless us: may God's
face shine upon us.
Psalm 67:2*

DAN FERRARI CONCERT

Smith Road Coffee House announces the second show of its new concert series at St. Ann Church with Dan Ferrari in Concert on June 16th!

When: Saturday, June 16, 2018 at 8:00 p.m.

Where: Smith Road Coffee House at St. Ann Church
781 Smith Road, Parsippany, NJ.

Tickets: \$10 at the door; cash or check only. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., refreshments available.

More information: www.saint-ann.net, 973-884-1986. Dan Ferrari is a singer-songwriter and worship leader from Northern NJ who experienced a profound "re-conversion" to his faith in Christ around 2010 which took Dan's music career on a totally different path. It was his involvement at St. Paul Inside the Walls, the Paterson Diocesan Center for Evangelization in Madison, NJ, that ignited Dan's faith journey and brought out his experience of God's love and mercy in his songwriting. Instead of aiming for mainstream-pop stardom, Dan began to use his musical gifts for God's glory, discovering a divine calling to use his music as a bridge to bring others deeper into relationship with the Lord. Today, Dan travels to various parishes and schools signing, speaking, and leading worship to spread the joy of the Christian faith and the excitement of knowing Jesus personally. Dan recently released "Unrepeatable," a 10-song album expressing the beauty and power of Jesus' transforming love in our lives. Dan has ministered around the U.S. as well as in Rome, where he was blessed with the opportunity to play for and meet the Holy Father, Pope Francis. Dan's prayer is that his evangelization efforts will bring souls closer to healing and deeper into communion with God, whose presence is undeniable, and love is unstoppable. "Dan can move from catchy and upbeat to prayerful and profound as he offers his heart in his lyrics, music and song... He's a man on a mission to bless the world with his heart — full of love for music and for God!" - Cindy Costello, CatholicMom.com. "Dan Ferrari's experience in songwriting is evident and he knows how to churn out songs that will be well-received; most of the entirety of "Unrepeatable" could easily be a hit on your local Christian radio station. Fans of modern contemporary Christian music should definitely give "Unrepeatable a listen." - Michael Weaver, Jesusfreakhideout.com. For more information on Dan and his music, to request review CDs, or to set up an interview contact Dan at danferrarimusic@gmail.com or go to www.danferrarimusic.com.

PARISH HAPPENINGS

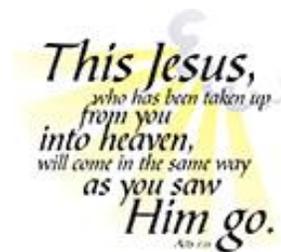
May & June

5/13 – 6/17 Knights of Columbus Diaper Drive
6/10 Anniversary Mass – 10 AM



Do you have trash to sell or
are you looking for a treasure?

The Ladies Guild is holding a “Junk-in-the-Trunk” sale on September 8th, 2018, (Rain Date, 9/15) 9AM to 3PM. Food and a 50-50 raffle are planned. Exhibitor space is 16 x 17 (size of 2 parking spaces) and will accommodate one car and one table. Cost is \$25.00. To reserve a space contact Diane at 973-839-1416 / ladydi240@yahoo.com or Claire at 973-835-9344 for further details.



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 10, 2018.

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 family and friends to the Mass and reception that follows in the church hall.

Reservation deadline is June 4th.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY RESERVATION

Names: _____

Telephone No: _____

Anniversary year: 25th – 30th – 35th – 40th – 50th –
Beyond 50th _____

(Please circle year)

Approximate number of family/friends attending _____
(not including anniversary couple)

THE STORY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL

The story of the Miraculous medal is a true and inspiring one about a French girl named Catherine Laboure, now Saint Catherine. Upon losing her mother to illness, nine-year old Catherine took a statue of the Blessed Virgin down from her bedroom wall and said, “**Now, dear Lady, you are to be my mother.**”

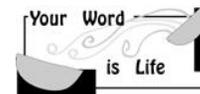
After helping to raise her siblings and care for her widowed father, Catherine became a postulant in the Daughters of Charity hospice in Paris, France. Sister Catherine prayed that she would see the Blessed Mother face to face.

On the night of July 18, 1830, Mary appeared to Catherine and said, “**God wishes to charge you with a mission. You will be contradicted, but do not fear; you will have the grace to do what is necessary.**” Our Lady forewarned of great persecution in the world, and then she disappeared.

Four months later, on November 27, Catherine had another vision of our Lady. This time, Mary, standing on a globe above the chapel altar, gave Catherine a direct order, “**Have a medal struck after this model. All who wear it will receive great graces.**”

Catherine did as instructed, and almost immediately blessings began to shower down on those who wore Mary’s medal. The devotion spread like wildfire, and before long people were calling it the “Miraculous” Medal. Within ten years, 100 million medals had been distributed through the world.

The Association of the Miraculous Medal in Perryville, Missouri, carries on Saint Catherine’s mission today, bring Jesus to the world through devotion to our Lady and her Miraculous Medal.



LAKELAND NURSING HOME SCHEDULE SUNDAY, MAY 20, 2018

Maria Invernon & John Minnett

LECTORS

SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2018

5:30 P.M. Martha Bisaccio

SUNDAY, MAY 20, 2018

7:30 A.M. Barbara Garruto

10:00 A.M. Judy Moran

12 NOON Linda O’Connell

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2018

5:30 P.M. Pat Demarest & Lois Bonaceto

SUNDAY, MAY 20, 2018

7:30 A.M. Open

10:00 A.M. Melissa Rivera & Diane Drew

12 NOON Tony Mazza & John Arendas

ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2018

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

SUNDAY, MAY 20, 2018

7:30 A.M. Danielle Reid

10:00 A.M. Scott & Steven Bracken

12 NOON Tim Kenny & Divine Crilly



Happy Mother's Day

Today we celebrate Mother's Day. God gave the world stars and there was beauty. God gave the world sun and there was warmth. God gave the world rain and there was life. God gave the world mothers and there was love.

Today we thank you our mothers and those who have the role mothers for their dedication and the many, many sacrifices they make in their vocation.

Today, as we celebrate Mother's Day, we pause to honor our spiritual Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary. She is the model for all mothers in Her humility, in Her kindness to others. We ask God's blessing today on our mothers as they strive to imitate our Blessed Mother especially as they promote life from conception to its natural end.



Today we give thanks for all those who have mothered us. We celebrate them in the many ways in which they have touched and changed our lives. Happy Mother's Day to everyone.

