We extend a warm welcome to all our parishioners, all new members and guests celebrating with us today.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE / 973-835-1946
Mrs. Maryann Marren, Coordinator
Mrs. Betty Norton, Secretary

YOUTH MINISTRY / 973-835-0480
Our youth ministry is open to all Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Grade students. Come join us.

BAPTISM: Parishioners are welcome to have their children baptized at St. Francis of Assisi. Please call the rectory for an appointment to discuss the arrangements.

SACRAMENT OF Penance: Saturday: 4:30-5:00 pm or at other times upon request.

MARRIAGE: Arrangements to be made at least 1 year in advance by calling the Parish Office.

R.C.I.A.: Anyone interested in an update of their faith or wanting to become Catholic, call the Parish Office.

MINISTRY OF THE SICK AND ELDERLY: For the confined, elderly and/or shut-in, be they at home or in the hospital, please call the Rectory. Holy Communion is offered to any person permanently or temporarily homebound. For the seriously sick and dying contact the Rectory immediately.
SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 2020
5:30 P.M. John Renick
Doris McGillick

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2020
7:30 A.M. Parishioners
Walter Donnelly
10:00 A.M. Joseph Negrini, Sr.
Marcelino Glorioso, Jr.
Enriquito Go
12 NOON Mr. & Mrs. William Montgoris
Maria Vacca

MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2020
8:00 A.M. Fr. Otto Hearle

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2020
8:00 A.M. Joseph & Gea Giavannone

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 2020
8:00 A.M. Diane Rannou

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7, 2020
8:00 A.M. PARISH PURGATORIAL

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 2020
5:30 P.M. Albert Assidio
Michael Gurliaccio
Intentions of Jessica Skorubski

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2020
7:30 A.M. Parishioners
Margaret & Carl Hivish
Intentions of Grace Montanye
10:00 A.M. John Nazzareto
Sister Annette Lucchese, OSF
Ray Nyhuis
12 NOON John Dipiro

Pray daily for our servicemen and women serving their country.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:
Mary Carton Jacob Hicks Estella Soto
Avra Rae Nebbia Matthew Polifonte Lois Maskley
Gary Ragusa Herman Koenig Evelyn Means
George Link Michael Soojian Valentina Manuele
Susan Nichols-Boggio Kevin Kerrigan Ryder Sasso
Mike Tidaback Robert Moreno Lydia Rivera
Jerome Foray Loretta LaSala Infant Ronan Suatoni
Richard Barnett Manuel Esguerra Kenny Sequeira
Robert Nebbia Christopher Berry Frank Polglaze
Sharon Acquaire Noah Lorencoyitz Florence Grim
Josephine Venezia Richard DeFalco Alex Coronel
Geraldine Kearns Alice Roslund Alejandro Salcedo
Bernie Shushan Jean‘na Wojik Post Patrick Keegan
Jessica Skorubski Marianne Dorn Grace Garbarino
Michael Gotti Bob Delventhal Isabel Yu Cubilan

DECEASED: Joan Provenzano Thomas Sullivan

WEEKLY COLLECTION
Sunday, July 26, 2020 - $3,323.00
Thank you for your continued support.

WEEKLY REFLECTION
Dear Friends in Christ,

The most prominent characteristic of Jesus which stands out clearly in the Gospels is his compassion. He is always compassionate to the poor & the weak, to the sick & the suffering, to the sinners & the outcasts, to the hungry & the thirsty. Today's Gospel Reading, which speaks about the miraculous feeding of the five thousand, is a good example of this - Jesus is moved with pity for the crowd who followed him on foot from their towns to listen to him and who are tired & exhausted, hungry & thirsty.

The miraculous feeding of the five thousand is a marvelous account of one of the greatest and most attested to miracles, as it is recorded in all the four Gospels, and astonishingly twice in the Gospels of Mark and Matthew.

While reflecting on the Feeding of the Five Thousand we look back to the time of Elisha and we look forward to the Last Supper and find definite resonance. But it goes still beyond this, for as with everything Christ does, it refers also to the Kingdom of Heaven, which will come into its fulness at the end of time. Jesus also compared the Kingdom of Heaven to a wedding banquet for which all are invited. This is God's invitation to each one of us to His heavenly banquet.

Just as Elisha's miracle foreshadows Jesus' miracle in Galilee, which in turn foreshadows the Last Supper, the Eucharist we now celebrate, which again in turn foreshadows the Banquet of Heaven; actually not foreshadows it, but already enables us to begin participate in it. Now, partaking in the Lord’s Supper nourishes the spiritual life of the believer. Much as ordinary or material food strengthens and helps our bodies to grow, Eucharist promotes the spiritual growth begun in us at
baptism. Just as we cannot hope to survive without material food, the Eucharist is necessary for our growth in the life of faith.

That simple meal on the side of the lake did not simply fill the bellies of those five thousand people; it was a sign of the Kingdom of Heaven. It was a token of God's great concern and magnanimous love for us. It was a pledge of his promise to open for us the way to eternal life. “The hand of the Lord feeds us; He answers all our needs.”

OUR AMERICAN SAINTS

St. John Neumann, C.Ss.R.
Feast Day January 5

(March 28, 1811 – January 5, 1860) Missionary and 4th bishop of Philadelphia. Founded the first diocesan Catholic school system in U.S.

John Neumann was born in what is now the Czech Republic. After studying in Prague, he came to New York at 25 and was ordained a priest. He did missionary work in New York until he was 29, when he joined the Redemptorists and became its first member to profess vows in the United States. He continued missionary work in Maryland, Virginia and Ohio, where he became popular with the Germans.

At 41, as bishop of Philadelphia, he organized the parochial school system into a diocesan one, increasing the number of pupils almost twentyfold within a short time. Gifted with outstanding organizing ability, he drew into the city many teaching communities of sisters and the Christian Brothers. During his brief assignment as vice provincial for the Redemptorists, he placed them in the forefront of the parochial movement.

Well-known for his holiness and learning, spiritual writing and preaching, on October 13, 1963, John Neumann became the first American bishop to be beatified. Canonized in 1977, he is buried in St. Peter the Apostle Church in Philadelphia. Last year, our parish pilgrimage was to this shrine. It was a spiritually rewarding experience.

Neumann took seriously our Lord’s words, “Go and teach all nations.” The Lord’s gift to John Neumann was his exceptional organizing ability, which he used to spread the Good News. You can do the same.

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THE SECOND READING

At a typical Sunday Mass, there are three Scripture readings. The first reading will come from the Old Testament and the second reading from the New Testament letters. In the Old Testament, we hear the story of God’s chosen people, including the prophesies that pointed to Jesus, the Christ.

In the New Testament, we hear about the Church from its foundation, and how the teachings of Christ were to be applied to both Jew and Gentile. Many of the New Testament letters were meant in part to answer questions or clear up problems that were popping up in those early days. These letters were read at Mass from the earliest times.

While the words of the second reading were written nearly two thousand years ago, they contain God’s timeless wisdom that can still help us in our lives today.

At the end of the first and second reading, the lector will apse and then proclaim, “The Word of the Lord.” As we ask God to enliven our hearts and our faith through hearing the Word proclaimed, the people reply, “Thanks be to God!” And after the second reading, we prepare our hearts to listen to the Gospel reading.

PUTTING ON OUR “SUNDAY BEST”

Many times it is during the hot summer weather that parishes remind people to dress appropriately for Mass. However, it is just as true all year long! Sunday Mass is the most important thing we do, and out of respect for God and our brothers and sisters with whom we worship, we should bring the best we have to offer not only inwardly and spiritually, but also outwardly in the way we are dressed.

The way we are dressed expresses the importance of what we are doing and is a statement about the attitude we bring; externals do matter! In fact,
dressing properly for Mass is part of the spiritual preparation that helps us to more deeply enter into the act of worship during the liturgy itself! Therefore, we ask all parishioners to help us “raise the bar” for attire at Mass all year long, even during the winter months, and to set a high standard for the importance of what we are doing. Sloppy slacks and shirts, tee-shirts, jeans with holes and rips in them and baggy short pants, sweat shirts, gym clothes, pajama pants, and all clothing of that nature are really inappropriate for Mass.

We should be dressing “up” for such an important occasion as Mass, rather than dressing “down.” This applies to kids, too – they are very capable of expressing their love for God and for their brothers and sisters by taking the extra time to dress appropriately.

Parents can help instill these values in their children by having them dress appropriately and by dressing appropriately themselves as good role models. Together let’s give each other the gift of dressing “up” for Mass to show each other how important our liturgy is!

With respect – Fr. Greg

**EUCARISTICAL ADORATION**

On Aug 15th, we celebrate the Assumption of Our Blessed Mother into Heaven, body and soul. What better way to thank Our Lord who, on the Cross, gave us His Mother to be our mother too than by coming before Him in Adoration, thanking Him for sharing His Mother with us. Since her Assumption into Heaven, Our Lady has appeared to us countless times showing her concern for us, her spiritual children, and guiding us back to her Son. How better to thank Him for the gift of His Mother than by spending time with Him.

On Friday, August 7th, the 1st Friday of the month, we will have **Overnight Adoration** beginning at 7:00 PM and concluding at 9:00 AM on Saturday, Aug 8th. A sign-up sheet is available in the Narthex. Only those who sign up will be permitted in the Church during those hours. Please leave your name and phone number so that we can contact you to confirm your scheduled time and give you any necessary updates. Because of social distancing, only 3 people/families will be permitted to sign up for a given hour.

Come spend some time with Our Lord!

**PARISH HAPPENINGS**

August 1, 11:30 AM - Novena Mass to Our Lady of Fatima & Rosary
August 7th / 8th - Overnight Adoration 7 pm - 9 am

**CONGRATULATIONS TO FR. JAYKE**

We take great pride in congratulating Fr. Jake on his ordination to the priesthood.

He came to us as a seminarian, then ordained a Deacon, and was ordained into the priesthood on Saturday, July 1, 2020.

CONGRATULATIONS FR. JAYKE.

He will celebrate his Mass of Thanksgiving at our parish on the weekend of August 9 at 10 AM.

**NEW PARISH ORGAN**

We thank the following for their donations for our new organ:

Msgr. Re Rocco - Bill Boswell - Jayne Cori

God Bless you all for your generosity!

**THANK YOU TO KAREN CISCO**

Thank you Karen for the great job in making the gospel book holder in front of the ambo. Your workmanship is outstanding and your attention to details impeccable.

**LECTORS**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 2020**

5:30 P.M.  Dom Cortellessa

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2020**

7:30 A.M.  Margaret O’Neill
10:00 A.M.  Debbie Griffin
12 NOON  Linda O’Connell
Feeding over five thousand people with five loaves of bread and two fish was a great miracle Jesus performed. He did it out of love for the many people.

We too can help others by sharing, and giving to the poor. We never need to look far to find someone in need.

Jesus showed us how important it is to give thanks. We thank God every day for all we have. Color and cut this Grace before meals picture, and hang it near your table.

BLESS US, O LORD, AND THESE THY GIFTS WHICH WE ARE ABOUT TO RECEIVE FROM THY BOUNTY THROUGH CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN