



Lifelong Faith Formation

Jesus is the good shepherd who protects us and leads us to living life more abundantly. The sheep recognize the voice of their shepherd and follow him.

"I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly." John 10:10

Spending time with Jesus, our shepherd, gives us the strength and renewal to recognize his voice to where he is leading us. We are all adapting to the new changes; working and learning from home, and spending more time as a family. As a church, we are adapting too. We are finding new ways to share the Good News, gather as community through technology, continuing to grow in our faith, and live out our faith in order to thrive in the new "normal." We are not alone with this challenge. The book of Acts can offer us insights as we reflect on how the early church emerged. We can now, more than before, relate to the early Christian experience. After all, this past Easter we came very close to the experience of the first Easter. We, too, were locked in our homes because it was not safe for us to go out and we could put others at risk. We, too, experience the unknowns. But, like the early Christians, we dare to hope and believe in our risen Lord. We, too, dare to face the challenge of the resurrection of new life.

The early Christians' passion for the spread of the Gospel compelled them to be creative in their mission. This month's Family Faith Formation session, Moving Forward with Change; Building the Kingdom of God, will be online via zoom! We will gather digitally to pray, learn, and play kahoot. We will listen to the voice of the Good Shepherd and follow to where he is leading us.

In our Faith Formation sessions throughout the year, we have journeyed together learning, growing spiritually, and sharing the love of our Shepherd. Let us spend time with Jesus, our shepherd, who gives us the strength, hope, and renewal to recognize his voice in these challenging times. We listen so we can hear where the Spirit is guiding us. We will continue to post spiritual resources on our faith formation website. AnnunciationFaithFormation.org

We look forward to the time that we can safely gather as a community in person and receive our Lord in the sacraments and celebrate first communions and the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Where do you see the resurrection of new life emerging today?



Prayer Requests

for those in need of healing...

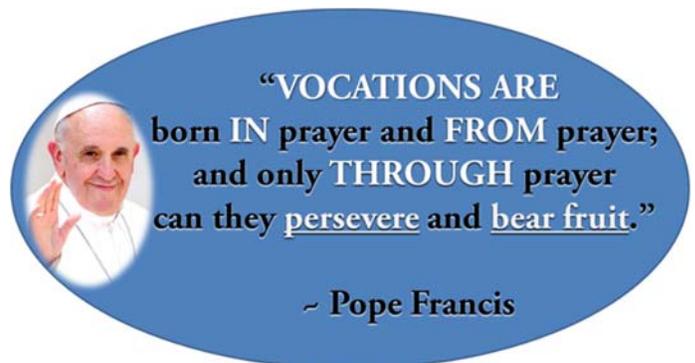
for Luigi Vene, Margaret and Quinn McVeigh,
Walter Wyssenski

for the deceased...

Thomas King

for an increase in vocations...

that more young men and women hear and respond
generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, and
religious life



MASST INTENTIONS

During the time of the suspension of services the daily Mass intentions are fulfilled by the priests of the parish at private celebrations in the rectory oratory, ordinarily at 7:30 a.m. Parishioners are encouraged to unite in prayer with the Eucharistic Sacrifice being offered and make a spiritual communion when and where possible.



My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Saturday, May 2

Elizabeth Fanelli req. the Social Concerns Committee

Sunday, May 3: Fourth Sunday of Easter

Anna Molnar & Elizabeth Siekmann req. the Siekmann family

Santa Crisall req. the Crisall family

Oscar Dobarro req. his family

Monday, May 4: Easter Weekday

Carmella Conte

Tuesday, May 5: Easter Weekday

Dolores Locasio req. the Trigani family

Wednesday, May 6: Easter Weekday

Anna Scrivanich req. George & Fiorella Matesic

Thursday, May 7: Easter Weekday

Mary Conway req. Linda & Dan Conway

Friday, May 8: Easter Weekday

Maria Busanic req. Nick & Mary Morin

Saturday, May 9: Easter Weekday

Frances, Frankie & Pat Carlin req. Nany Bolsom

Joseph Dizeo req. the Miele family

Sunday, May 10: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Joseph Mahoney req. his wife, Nan

Mary Reger req. her daughter, Carol

Jose & Petra Reyes req. Maria Pereira & family

Readings for the Week



Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:11-18

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24 - 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 14:7-14

Sunday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

In Loving Memory

The sanctuary lamps were donated in memory of **Elizabeth and Daniel Fanelli** by Judy and Bill Fanelli.

The altar candles were donated in memory of **Vincent Caroprese** by the Siekmann family.

The altar bread was donated in memory of **Mary and Ed Reger** by their daughter, Carol.

The altar wine was donated in memory of **Santa Crisall** by the Crisall family.

Diocese Event Updates

Due to the ongoing health crisis, the Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass scheduled to be held on May 3 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart will not be celebrated at this time. The Diocese hopes to look at options for these gatherings once the situation we are facing is behind us.

The May 9 God's Plan for a Joy Filled Marriage class that was scheduled to take place at Annunciation will be converted into a webinar. Couples participating will be notified.

Mary, Mother of Our Church - Consecration

Renewing the Consecration of the United States to the Care of Our Blessed Mother

As the world continues to face the ongoing effects of the global pandemic of the coronavirus, Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles and president of the *United States Conference of Catholic Bishops* announced that the U.S. bishops would join the *Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops* in renewing the consecrations of the two nations to the care of our Blessed Mother on May 1.

Through a collective dedication or entrustment of a nation to Mary, an act of consecration is meant to be a reminder to the faithful of the Blessed Mother's witness to the Gospel and to ask for her effective intercession before her Son on behalf of those in need.

The consecration follows a similar action of the bishops' conference of Latin America and the Caribbean (CELAM) who consecrated their nations to Our Lady of Guadalupe on Easter Sunday. This prayer reaffirms and renews previous Marian entrustments, and it unites us in solidarity with our Holy Father, who recently established the *Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church*, as a source of protection and strength.

Archbishop Gomez led a brief liturgy with the prayer of re-consecration on Friday, May 1 and has invited the bishops to join in from their respective dioceses and asked them to extend the invitation to the faithful in their dioceses for their participation.

RENEWAL OF CONSECRATION TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Entrusting our country and ourselves once again to the Virgin Mary's care, we pray:

Most Holy Virgin Mary, *Mother of the Church*, you are the fairest fruit of God's redeeming love; you sing of the Father's mercy and accompany us with a mother's love. In this time of pandemic we come to you, our sign of sure hope and comfort. We renew the act of consecration and entrustment carried out by those who have gone before us.

With the love of a Mother and Handmaid, embrace us as we renew our consecration to you, together with our brothers and sisters in Christ. In a special way we commend to you those particularly in need of your maternal care.

Mary, *Health of the Sick*, sign of health, of healing, and of divine hope for the sick, we entrust to you all who are infected with the coronavirus.

Mary, *Mother of Consolation*, who console with a mother's love all who turn to you, we entrust to you all those who have lost loved ones in the pandemic.

Mary, *Help of Christians*, who come to our rescue in every trial, we entrust to your loving protection all caregivers.

Mary, *Queen and Mother of Mercy*, who embrace all those who call upon your help in their distress, we entrust to you all who are suffering in any way from the pandemic.

Mary, *Seat of Wisdom*, who were so wonderfully led with the light of truth, we entrust to you all who are working to find a cure to this pandemic.

Mary, *Mother of Good Counsel*, who gave yourself wholeheartedly to God's plan for the renewing of all things in Christ, we entrust to you all leaders and policymakers.

Accept with the benevolence of a Mother the act of consecration that we make today with confidence, and help us to be your Son's instruments for the healing and salvation of our country and the world.

Mary, *Mother of the Church*, you are enthroned as queen at your Son's right hand: we ask your intercession for the needs of our country, that every desire for good may be blessed and strengthened, that faith may be revived and nourished, hope sustained and enlightened, charity awakened and animated; guide us, we pray, along the path of holiness.

Mary our Mother, bring everyone under your protection and entrust everyone to your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Annunciation's Parish Center is open Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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BAPTISM

The sacrament of Baptism is celebrated for infants on the second and fourth weekends of each month, except during the Lenten season. The celebration may take place during the 10:30 a.m. or 12:00 p.m. Mass on Sunday, or at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday. Parents are invited to contact Judy Fanelli, even before your baby is born, so that participation in our preparation program can be arranged and the baptism planned.

RECONCILIATION

The sacrament of Reconciliation is offered in the church on Saturdays between 4:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Personal appointments for other times are available and can be made by contacting Father Jim.

During the Lenten Season, a communal Celebration of Reconciliation is offered in conjunction with Our Lady of the Visitation parish.

VOCATIONS

Are you being called to priesthood or religious life? As you discern God's calling, explore www.rcan.org/vocation.

MINISTRY TO THE ILL AND HOMEBOUND

At times, physical injury, old age, or debilitating disease prevents our parishioners from participating regularly in the celebration of the Eucharist. During such times, contact with the community of faith is needed more than ever before. We can arrange for you to receive the Eucharist, the sacrament of Reconciliation, and/or the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick in your home or hospital room. Please call the Parish Center if you wish to be visited.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

If you are new to the parish, please submit a completed parish census form. Blank forms are available in the Gathering Space and on our website. Families already registered with the parish are encouraged to keep current their membership information.

INITIATION INTO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

The *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* (RCIA) is a process of formation and initiation for those (age seven and older) who have never been baptized and wish to become members of the Roman Catholic Church.

Formation and initiation opportunities also exist for adults baptized into the Roman Catholic Church as infants, but who have not received the sacraments of Confirmation and/or Eucharist.

Christians baptized in Eastern Orthodox Churches or in communions other than Roman Catholic who wish to enter into the fullness of Catholic communion may also participate in the RCIA formation process.

For more information, please contact Father Jim.

VISITATION ACADEMY

Parents wishing to provide their children with a quality Catholic education are encouraged to consider Visitation Academy, a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence. Located in Paramus and supported by the Catholic parishes of Paramus and Rochelle Park, Visitation Academy offers classes for Grades pre-K3 through eight. For more information, please visit www.visitationacademyparamus.org or call 201-262-6067.

INTENTION REQUESTS

We can spiritually remember an anniversary of marriage, ordination or death, birthday, or other significant milestone for the living or deceased by dedicating the items we use for worship: the sanctuary lamps which burn constantly before the Blessed Sacrament in the church and Holy Family Chapel, the altar candles which remain lit during each liturgical celebration, the bread and wine consecrated at Mass, the Advent wreath candles, and the Paschal candle. Masses may also be offered for a special intention.

A set donation is requested for each intention, a card is provided, and the intention is printed in the bulletin. To request an intention, please visit the Parish Center.