

May 19, 2019
Fifth Sunday of Easter



Dear Brothers & Sisters,

Last week, I shared some information on the status of our buildings and grounds, and some of the projects we've been working on. This week, I want to provide an update on our parish finances.

Six months ago, when we published our annual finance report for fiscal year 2018, I made a commitment as your pastor to take some specific steps to ensure good stewardship of the sacrificial contributions you make to our parish. So, I thought this would be a good time to provide an update on those steps:

-Our Parish Finance Council has been restarted, and has met three times so far this year. The Council has already been a tremendous help, especially with regard to strengthening internal controls and establishing budget procedures, and I am grateful for their service.

-We are preparing a projected budget for FY 2020, which will be presented early in the year. Ultimately, our budget should be a reflection of our priorities as we pursue our mission together as Christian disciples, so this is something we will continue to work on.

-We have already found some areas for cost savings which, although small, will add up over time. For example, our new contracts for mowing, refuse removal, and payroll services all include modest reductions in cost. We will continue seeking to identify potential cost savings that will not adversely affect our mission.

-In December, we brought our bookkeeping in house so that our financial records are kept up to date and secure.

As the current fiscal year draws to a close, we are projecting a loss for the year in the range of \$40,000. Our reduction in spending has not kept pace with the decline in income from offertory collections and Bingo. Our ability to pursue our mission as a parish community relies heavily on your sacrificial contributions. I am grateful for all that you do to support the parish, and I will continue to strive for prudence and transparency in our financial affairs.

In Christ & St. Philip,
 Fr. Jeff

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First Reading: Acts 14:21-27

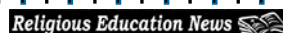
Paul and Barnabas traveled to many towns and found many disciples willing to help them preach. They warned their disciples of the trials they would face. Paul and Barnabas then returned to Antioch, where their journey had begun, and told the congregation there of the progress they had made.

Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-5a

John had a vision of a new earth, and a new Jerusalem coming down from heaven. Then a voice described Jerusalem as a place where God would live among his people and comfort them. The former world had vanished, and pain, death and suffering had left the world as well.

Gospel: John 13:31-33a, 34-35

After Judas left the last supper, Jesus warned the other disciples that he would not be with them much longer. Jesus gave them a new commandment to love one another as he had loved them. He stated that their love for each other would distinguish them as his disciples.



RE CLASSES, Grades 1 through 8, are closed until Sept. 2019 ?'s on Registration - Call the RE Office at 908-725-6339

SATURDAY, May 18th, Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Easter

5:00pm Bill Radice (13th Anniversary) r/o Wife, Jean & Family

SUNDAY, May 19th, Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00am Our Parishioners
 10:00am Vincenzo La Rocca & Family r/o Nicky
 11:30am Susan Barbier (14th Anniversary) r/o Husband, Dennis & Daughter

MONDAY, May 20th, Easter Weekday

St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest

8:00am Fernande Fabula r/o Fr. Paul Importico

TUESDAY, May 21st, Easter Weekday

St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

8:00am Jonathan Schmidt r/o Mom, Dad & Sister

WEDNESDAY, May 22nd, Easter Weekday

St. Rita of Cascia, Religious

7:00pm Richard Cain r/o Wife, Pat & Children

THURSDAY, May 23rd, Easter Weekday

8:00am Theresa Pozarycki r/o Joe Langon

FRIDAY, May 24th, Easter Weekday

7:00pm Millie Ezman r/o Rosary Altar Society

SATURDAY, May 25th, Vigil: Sixth Sunday of Easter

5:00pm Catherine Condon r/o Joan Marotta

SUNDAY, May 26th, Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00am Mary Anne Lucas (4th Anniversary) r/o The Sheeley Family
 10:00am Jeane Allan r/o The Colarusso Family
 11:30am Our Parishioners



SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary Candle burning before the Blessed Sacrament this week is in memory of Bill Radice (13th Anniversary) as lovingly requested by His Wife, Jean & Family.



BLESSED MOTHER FLOWERS

The Flowers placed before the Blessed Mother this week are in memory of Bill Radice (13th Anniversary) as lovingly requested by His Wife, Jean & Family.



JOIN THE COMMUNITY OF HOLY TRINITY in reciting the Rosary for World Peace & Justice every Wednesday after the 7:00pm Mass.



May 11/12, 2019 - \$3,677.00 / 2018 - \$4,760.00
Thank you for your continued support!

To date, the Development Office has received pledges totaling 48,549.89 and payments totaling \$38,934.77 from 205 parishioners. This represents 70.4% of your \$69,000.00 goal. Thank you for your efforts.

Ministry Schedule 

MAY 18/19

- 5:00pm **Reader:** *Mary Psak*
Sat. Extraordinary Ministers: Jean Radice and Ray & Linda Rakowitz
Altar Server:
- 8:00am **Reader:** *Anna Marie Vendemia*
Sun. Extraordinary Ministers: Stan Pozarycki, Catherine Phalen and Jim Sheeley
Altar Server:
- 10:00am **Reader:** *Isabella Halligan*
Sun. Extraordinary Ministers: Maureen Montague, Irene Fialkowsky and Pat Thomason
Altar Servers:
- 11:30am **Reader:** *Dawn Solari*
Sun. Extraordinary Ministers: Jerry & Frieda Helmstetter and Margaret Chiselko
Altar Server:
- House Communion:** *Maureen Montague*

MAY 25/26

- 5:00pm **Readers:** *Stan & Marcia Pozarycki*
Sat. Extraordinary Ministers: Emilio & Carol Suarez
Altar Servers:
- 8:00am **Reader:** *Sandy Kuklo*
Sun. Extraordinary Ministers: Jim Sheeley and Catherine Phalen
Altar Servers:
- 10:00am **Reader:** *Mary Raimondo*
Sun. Extraordinary Ministers: Joseph Raimondo and Jo Place
Altar Server:
- 11:30am **Reader:** *Eileen Clark*
Sun. Extraordinary Ministers: Joseph & Doreen Marino and Eileen Clark
Altar Server:
- House Communion:** *Joseph Raimondo*



Communion Breakfast sponsored by the Holy Name Society, Sunday, June 9th following the 8:00am Mass in the Rev. John Pringle Parish Center. Guest Speaker: Nancy LaCorte who will give an eye-opening presentation on Eucharistic Miracles approved by the Catholic Church.

Tickets are being sold after all Masses weekends of: May 25/26 and June 1/2
NO Tickets will be sold at the door
 Stay tuned for more information...



The Knights of Columbus Seventh Annual Charity Golf Outing in support of the Raritan Pregnancy Aid Center and the Matheny School will be held on Monday, June 17th at the Heron Glen Golf Course in Ringoes. The cost is \$135 per player. Includes lunch, dinner, prizes.

Registration can be done via
www.heronlen.com/knightsofcolumbus or contact
 Roy Thoden at 908-448-7775



MONDAY, MAY 20, 2019
WORKERS – MONDAY – TEAM #3
CAPTAIN: Marie Confortini
 Laura Wetzel, Janet Bergan, Marge Garzillo & Carol Martin
GAMES BEGIN AT 7:30PM

FRIDAY, MAY 24, 2019
WORKERS – FRIDAY – TEAM #4
CAPTAIN: Stan Marszalek
 Alan Fross, Mary Laurencelle, Sal Adamo & Connie Adamo
GAMES BEGIN AT 7:30PM



SECOND COLLECTION – this weekend, May 18/19 for the Development of People. The proceeds benefit the Church in Latin America, the Church in Eastern Europe and the Catholic Home Mission.

The Parish Prayer Chain is a group of parishioners that regularly pray for your needs. Should a need for prayer to arise, please call Joyce Walker at 908-526-5470.

MASS DAYS & TIMES STARTING JULY 2019:

- Tuesday & Friday Evening: 7:00pm
- Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm
- Sunday Morning: 8:30am & 10:30am



The **Bereavement Ministry** strives to bring consolation and peer support to those who grieve the loss of a loved one. Informal small group gatherings are facilitated by caring parishioners. Sharing thoughts, feelings and emotions in the atmosphere of our faith with others who are also going through a personal loss can often bring some peace and acceptance, when understanding that these experiences are normal. Knowing that we are not alone may give some strength and consolation. A nine-week session will begin here at Holy Trinity Church on Monday, June 17th from 6:30pm until 8:00pm. No fee, but registration is required.

Contact Deacon John Phalen at 908-500-2050



The "Year of Awakening", in preparation for the consecration of our Diocese through Our Lady of Guadalupe later this year, continues. Please consider hosting the traveling image of Our Lady in your home for a week. This image, which has been blessed by the Bishop, is accompanied by a candle, holy water, rosaries, and other prayer resources. The sign-up sheet is available at the main entrance of the church.



Thank you to all who went on the Sands Bus Trip on May 8th in support of the Rosary Altar Society. A fun day was had by all. Look for the next trip in the Fall.
-Fran Brzezinski & Pat Cain, Chairpersons



"The Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act does nothing to put a woman's life or health at risk. It has no effect whatsoever on abortion rights. Once a child is full born and separate from the mother, he or she is now a legally recognized person and is no longer subject to abortion. Therefore, it makes no sense to say leaving that child to die is necessary to protect a woman's life, health or reproductive rights."

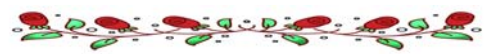
-USCCB

(As of May 9th, the House of Representatives has refused a vote on the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act 38 times. Newborns need our protection.)



MOTHER'S DAY BABY SHOWER

Thank you so much for your generous response to our Mother's Day Baby Shower! It is heartwarming to receive so many baby items! All the donations will be given to mothers in need through Pregnancy Aid and Information Center in Raritan. God Bless You!



SOCIAL MINISTRY

The Food Pantry can always use non-perishable items. Supermarket gift cards can also be used and can be dropped in the collection basket. We are grateful for your support!



The Knitting Club meets every Wednesday evening at 7:00pm in the Rectory. Supplies are available. For information please call Charlotte at 908-526-0477.



The Michael Project, which ships care packages to our servicemen and women, is still in operation. **Should you know of a soldier serving our country and would like to receive a care package from home, call Joyce Walker at 908-526-5470.**

Michael Project Continued...

On behalf of the Michael Sunder Project, Joyce Walker is asking for Miraculous Medals. They will be sent to our military overseas and then distributed to the third world countries. Medals can be dropped off in the baskets at all church exits. Thank you for your help and participation.



Calendar of Events

- May 18/19 *Mother's Day Baby Shower*
- May 19 *Children's Liturgy of the Word (10am Mass)*
- May 19 *Eucharistic Holy Hour (St. Ann's)*
- May 22 *Liturgy Committee Meeting*
- May 25/26, June 1/2 *Communion Breakfast Ticket Sales*
- May 27 *St. Philip Neri Day (7pm Mass St. Ann's)*
- June 9 *Communion Breakfast*
- June 15/16 *Father's Day Bake Sale*

You Can Make a Difference!



U-Serve SUMMER CAMP

Join us for the ultimate camp experience. All incoming 6th-9th graders welcome!

Fun Games!

Service!

Cool People!

The Details! **June 24-28**
9:00am-3:00pm

- ✓ Cost: \$150 (and \$100 per additional child)
- ✓ Grow in faith, service and fellowship, and earn service hours!

Register Now!

Register NOW @ www.u-serve.com/HTSACamp



**VOLUNTEER
MAKE A CHANGE**

High Schoolers! Adults!
We need your help making this happen!

If you are willing to volunteer in any way, please contact:
Rachael Flanagan
(908) 280-2893
rflanagan@fiatventures.com

You're Invited to St. Ann's "Date Nights For A Joyful Marriage"

Saturday June 8, 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM.

St. Ann's Marriage Ministry Team invites Engaged, newlywed, and couples married several years, for a "Date Night", in the Church Meeting Room. Includes; BYOB, appetizers, buffet dinner and dessert. Presentation by special guests Dr. Kyle and Lisa Marie Beiter. Also, a Special feature, in honor of Father's Day: The artwork of Fr. Kevin Kelly will be on display. \$35.00 per couple, (\$40.00 at the door) pay by cash or check sent to Catholic Church of Saint Ann, 45 Anderson St., Raritan, NJ 08869. **RSVP by June 3 - Ken & Madeline 908-872-0282**

MONTHLY EUCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR

THIS Sunday, May 19th at 3:30pm / St. Ann's Church, Raritan

The Oratorian community invites everyone to take part in a Eucharistic Holy Hour offered on the third Sunday of each month. This hour of Adoration includes readings, song, and silent prayer, and concludes with Benediction.



**The Solemnity of Our Holy Father St. Philip Neri
May 27, 2019**

Join us as we celebrate St. Philip's Day! Since May 26 falls on Sunday this year, we will mark the occasion with Mass on the following day:

**Monday, May 27, 2019 at 7:00 PM
The Catholic Church of St. Ann,
Raritan**

Mass will be followed by a time for fellowship with refreshments in St. Ann's Parish Hall.

The Oratory, 45 Anderson Street, Raritan, NJ 08869
908-725-1008 www.nboratory.org oratorians@nboratory.org



**Quo Vadis Days (June 25-27, 2019)
Young men ages 14-17!**

You're invited to spend three days living, praying and interacting with priests, seminarians and faith-filled teens your own age. The days will include dynamic talks, a visit from Bishop Checchio, sports and activities, prayer, small group discussion and so much more. For more info., please e-mail: quovadis@diometuchen.org.