

# 6th Sunday of Easter—May 26, 2019

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Saturday - May 25

**5:00 PM + Adelaide Desiato**  
r/o James and Barbara Magura

### Sunday - May 26

**7:30 AM + Dr. Pedro Mendoza**  
r/o The Reyes Family

**9:00 AM - The People of Blessed Sacrament**  
**10:30 AM + Patrino & Pedro Passalacqua**  
r/o Giuseppa Armetta

**12:00 PM + John Lucido**  
r/o Giuseppa Armetta

### Monday - May 27

**9:00 AM + Dominick Rizzitano**  
r/o The Council of Catholic Women

**12:30 PM + Frances Raynor**  
r/o Maureen Parese

### Tuesday - May 28

**9:00 AM + Mary Grab**  
r/o Teresa Rusmisl

**12:30 PM + Sandra Honor**  
r/o Maureen Parese

### Wednesday - May 29

**9:00 AM + Frank Mrozek**  
r/o His Daughter

**12:30 PM + Michael Schambach**  
r/o Patty Marshall

### Thursday - May 30 Ascension Thursday

**9:00 AM - Tony Mondack, Peace, Patience**  
**and Comfort**  
r/o Teresa Rusmisl

**12:30 PM + Cristo and Smith Families**  
r/o Family

**7:30 PM - The People of Blessed Sacrament**  
**Friday - May 31**

**9:00 AM + Ann Nolfe, Peace, Patience and**  
**Comfort**  
r/o Teresa Rusmisl

**12:30 PM + Mildred Basilie**  
r/o Glora Basile

### Saturday - June 1

**9:00 AM + Manuel Teixeira**  
r/o Bernadette & Brian Meola

**12:00 PM - For All the Sick**

**5:00 PM + Merle Blatch**  
r/o Jeannie Molito

### Sunday - June 2

**7:30 AM - The People of Blessed Sacrament**

**9:00 AM + Patirica D. DuBois**  
r/o Tim, Laura and Cameron Mertz

**10:30 AM + Antonino & Mariana Lucido**  
r/o Giuseppa Armetta

**12:00 PM + John, Nancy and Michael King**  
r/o The Family

## From the Pastor's Desk

Two special days fall during this week. Monday is Memorial Day and, although it traditionally starts the Summer season, it is really a day to remember all the men and women who made the supreme sacrifice of their lives during the many wars our Nation has had to fight. This weekend many of us will make our first trip to the shore, enjoy a baseball game, or have family and friends over for a picnic. But, while we enjoy all these summer activities, please take a few moments to say a prayer for our fellow citizens who have served in our military forces to protect the freedom we all enjoy. Have a great Memorial Day Weekend!

And on Thursday we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord. Forty days have passed since we celebrated Easter together and now we celebrate the day when Jesus left us physically and took His place at the right hand of the Father. As Jesus left us, He also promised to send His Holy Spirit to us at Pentecost. Jesus remains with us in the Holy Eucharist and through His Holy Spirit.

The Feast of the Ascension is a Holy Day of Obligation. All Catholics are obliged to attend Mass on Thursday. Masses will be celebrated at 9:00 AM, at 12:30 PM and at 7:30 PM in the evening.

God Bless,

Msgr. Prus



Please Pray for the Repose of the Soul of

*Rocco Freda*

Father of Peter Freda, Parishioner



The Altar Bread and Wine is Offered for

*Joe Grias*



The Sanctuary Candle burns before the Blessed Sacrament for

*Jack Wilkins*

# Religious Education Updates



## 2019 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Blessed Sacrament Goal: \$150,000  
 Amount Pledged as of 5/17/19: \$123,781 from 367 Families  
 Current Percent of Goal: 82.5%  
 Balanced Needed to Reach Goal: \$26,219

Next week our second collection is for the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign connects people with Christ in the United States and in developing countries around the world through the Internet, television, radio, and print media. Fully 50% of funds collected remain here in the Diocese of Metuchen to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the Gospel message. Please be generous.

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, May 27, 2019, in observance of Memorial Day.



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Planning Meeting

Monday, June 3 at 6:30 PM

All Adult and Minor Volunteers Must Attend

## Children's Worship Bulletin

A children's worship bulletin is now available in the Narthex. The bulletin is an engaging way for children to be involved with the Sunday Gospel. There is one for ages 3-6 and one for ages 7-12. Each bulletin also contains a secret code for children to go online and play fun games.

## Missionary Childhood Association

Thank you to our Religious Education Students for their Lenten Donations to the Missionary Childhood Association. We have donated \$405.94. Your generosity is appreciated.



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
 SAVE THE DATE: June 24th—28th

A Wilderness Adventure Through the Sacraments "Jesus in My Heart"

The goals of this week-long program are to help the children better understand the Seven Sacraments and deepen their love for Jesus.

Contact Parish Office to Register: 732-356-4405

## With Appreciation:

Thank you to our Hospitality Committee for all their help and dedication to the Parish Office this year. A special thank you to Ro Bersch for heading up this wonderful group of ladies. It is a pleasure working with you.



## BAPTISM CLASSES For All New Parents

On One Wednesday of Each Month  
 June 5th—6:00 pm  
 July 24th—6:00 pm  
 Classes will be held in the Conference

## Summer Service Hours:

All Religious Education students going into eighth grade in September are welcome to come do their Parish Service Hours for Confirmation over the summer. We will begin on Monday, July 8th. Call the Parish Office to schedule date and times. Hours offered: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM or 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM.



## BLESSED SACRAMENT YOUTH GROUP

Following is the Youth Group Schedule through June:

Sunday, June 2nd—Family Fun Day and Senior Send Off

# Parish Organizations Info

## ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY

The mission of the Society is to honor the Blessed Mother by proclaiming the Good News of Christ, her Son, in our members' lives and in relationships with others; to promote the praying of the Rosary; to encourage a spirit of friendship and cooperation among its members and to participate in parish activities.

**Our meetings will resume in September. Have a safe and enjoyable summer!**

**NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!**



The Blessed Sacrament Council of Catholic Women's mission is to respond with Christian values to the needs of women and their families. We are here to unite women of our Parish, to develop their spiritual growth and leadership potential and to encourage women to share their gifts from God with others in our Church and community. If you want to grow spiritually, while meeting and making new friends in a cordial, fun and very fulfilling way, join us at our monthly meetings.

### ACTIVITIES/MEETINGS:

*No Soup Kitchen in May, Next Soup Kitchen June 24.*

We are on summer vacation. Our meetings will resume in September. Have a great summer!



## PRAYER LINE

Council of Catholic Women sponsors a "Prayer Line". If you would like to request prayers or join the "Prayer Line" to offer prayers for the particular intentions of other Parishioners, call Gloria at 908-722-4791 or Barbara at 908-647-5749.



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #5959

Upcoming Meetings and Activities

**Wed June 12th council meeting 7:30 pm**

**Monday May 27<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day - The K of C remembers and honors all persons who have made the ultimate sacrifice in preserving our freedom as part of the Armed Forces.**

**Sunday June 16<sup>th</sup>, The Knights of Columbus Wish all Fathers a happy and healthy Father's Day.**



## OUR LADY ROSARY MAKERS

Please join us as we make rosaries sent to missions around the world. It is fun, easy, inexpensive and very rewarding! We meet in the Conference Room on the second Tuesday of each month following the 9am Mass and Rosary. For more information, please call Theresa Carson at 732-424-8064. Meetings will resume on the second Tuesday in September.

## CIRCLE OF FRIENDS



A social group of widowed persons of the Catholic Faith dedicated to providing emotional support and opportunities for Social Activities.

The **Circle of Friends** holds monthly meetings on the **third Sunday of the month**, September thru June at 1:30 p.m. in Classroom 15.

**Next Meeting: Sunday, June 16 —1:30 p.m.—Classroom 15**

## BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC SPIRITUAL BOOK CLUB

Our June Book of the month is St. Maria Goretti In Garments all Red, by Father Godfrey Poage.

We will be discussing this book on Monday June 10th at 9:45 am and Saturday June 15th at 9:45 am.

Available at <https://www.amazon.com/St-Maria-Goretti-Garments-All/dp/0895556154> or as an Ebook at [https://books.google.com/books?id=p1ZODQAAQBAJ&printsec=frontcover&source=gbs\\_ge\\_summary\\_r&cad=0#v=onepage&q&f=false](https://books.google.com/books?id=p1ZODQAAQBAJ&printsec=frontcover&source=gbs_ge_summary_r&cad=0#v=onepage&q&f=false)

No fee to join. All are welcome.

Contact : Ketrin Maxwell; [ksaud@optonline.net](mailto:ksaud@optonline.net) or Mary Brady; [mtb.tmb60@gmail.com](mailto:mtb.tmb60@gmail.com)



## VOCATIONS TRAVELING CHALICE PROGRAM

*The Vocation Seekers give special thanks to those who take the vocations traveling chalice home and pray for Vocations, particularly for seminarians in the Diocese of Metuchen. Please consider taking the chalice home to pray for vocations. **Your prayers are truly being answered!** We especially need volunteers for **June**. Please sign up in the foyer and pick up and return the Vocation Traveling Chalice to the foyer by noon on Saturday. Thanks!*

## VOCATIONS PRAY-A-DAY CLUB

May and June

- 25 - Leisa Begley, Sue Delaney, Tatiana Ho, Ella Loffelman, Diana Malone, Pete Sheridan
- 26 - Karen Hess, Joan & Lawrence Livornese
- 27 - Sue Delaney, Mary Lou Elzer, the Freijomil Family
- 28 - Ro Bersch, Sue Delaney, Diana Malone, Mary Plicinik
- 29 - Anne & Stephen Frank
- 30 - Mary Ann Fritz, Andrew Piech
- 31 - Gay Eisenhardt
- 01 - Michele Cirne, Diana Hayes, Cheryl Machusky, Kathy & Steve Sisolak

# Our Parish Prayers, Info and Needs

## Parish Prayer Book of Intentions:

In our Parish Prayer Book, we pray for the sick, needy, struggling, suffering, etc. Every intention in our hearts! No intention is too big or too small for prayer! St. Paul reminds us:

***“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”***

*Philippians 4:6-7*

## Pray for our Military ☆☆☆

*O Lord, be present with all those who serve our country. Comfort their spirits with your divine presence. Keep them close to You and grant them strength, wisdom and grace.*

Capt. James A. Giacchi  
Pfc Jim Donovan, Army  
EM3 Nicholas D. Hogan, Navy  
Lt Michael Marano, Army  
Pfc Ryan Sternberg, Army  
CPT John Nastus, Army  
CPT Robert Emmons  
SPC Alexander Meditz, Army  
Pfc AJ Anderle, Army  
MAJ Christopher Lund, Army

Pfc Sean Pieper  
Major Antonio Martinez  
Sr. Chief Rich Symington, Navy  
Lt Douglas Stahl, Navy  
CPT Matthew McCarthy, Army  
Reservist Adam Starzyk, Air Force  
CPT Michael Lyness, Army  
Col. Patrick Hsieh, Air Force  
Specialist Nicholas James Bradley, Army

If you have a family member, relative, or friend in the military, especially overseas, or in a dangerous assignment, please let us know so we can request the prayers of our parish family. Simply furnish their name, rank and Branch of Service.

*Our Knights of Columbus, Council #5959, regularly sends “SHOEBOX” packages to troops serving overseas when a current military address is provided. For more information, please call Al Beronio at 732-356-8687.*

## Stewardship

Thank you and may God bless you for your continued support of our parish!

4/28/19 Weekend Collection \$10,750  
5/5/19 Weekend Collection \$10,812  
5/12/19 Weekend Collection \$12,500  
5/5/19 Native and Black American Collection \$2,206

May 26, 2019 Sixth Sunday of Easter

“...do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.” Our limited human understanding cannot begin to understand the immense power of God. Instead of trusting in God, we think we can control every outcome. Do you want to make God laugh? Tell Him your plans. The next time worry anxiety or fear creeps in, thank God for all He has given you and trust that He has a better plan for you.



## **MAKE YOUR CHILD'S FIRST SCHOOL EXPERIENCE A POSITIVE ONE!**

The Vocationist Sisters cordially invite parents of prospective students to visit the Nursery School and meet the staff.

**ENROLLING ALL CHILDREN FROM 2 ½ - 5 YEARS OF AGE**

For more information or questions, please call Sister Perpetua at 732-667-5272 Fax: 732 667 5277

Email: littlefriendsnursery@gmail.com



## **HONORING OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE!** **Month of May**

**Personal Consecration to Mary**  
**Books available in the Parish Office**

## **TRAVELING OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**

*As part of the Diocesan dedication to Our Lady of Guadalupe, a traveling devotion kit is available in the entrance to the church.*

*Consider bringing this kit into your home for a week. Many blessings have been reported around the diocese when the kit was used. Our Lady of Guadalupe is waiting to be with you. A second kit is now available to take home starting this week.*



## **RESPECT LIFE—BABY BOTTLES FOR LIFE**

Pick up a baby bottle. Take the bottle home and fill it with change, cash or check made payable to Pregnancy Aid and Information Center.

Return the filled bottle to church.

Pick up your bottle beginning Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, and return to Church by Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>.

## **About the Pregnancy Aid and Information Center**

**The center opened 30 years ago, and is an all-volunteer organization dedicated to helping pregnant women. For three decades, the center has tirelessly served Bridgewater, Raritan and surrounding communities, supporting women who have made the choice to bring a new life into this world, but who lack the necessary**

## Parish Info



### Stress in Your Marriage!

Do you feel lost, alone, or bored in your marriage? Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse? Are you constantly fighting? Or, do you simply shut down? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Does talking about it only make it worse? ...Retrouvaille is a Lifeline to Help Couples Heal and Renew their Marriages.

The program consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with six follow up sessions.

UPCOMING WEEKEND: August 23-25, 2019

For more information call the Family Life Office at 732-243-4573

TO REGISTER: Call Rich & Annette Colasuonno 732-236-0671 or email 3024@retrouvaille.org

### THANK YOU TO OUR CHOIR



A special Thank You to the devoted members of our parish choir, They add so much to our sung prayer. Thank you to:

Andrea Carroll, Angela Cantatore, Bernadette McGovern, Beverly Fortmueller, Chris Willcox, Debbie Murray, Ed Heinz, Grace Timpone, Liz Schambach, Martena Wong, Pauline Ho, Peter Beran, Steve Sisolak, Steve Rusmisl, Suzanne Cardali, Teresa Rusmisl, Theresa Beran, Tracy Leahey, and Zita Heinz.

**Going on Summer Vacation?  
Don't Forget to Visit the Lord!**



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### CATHOLIC UPDATE-CREMATION

Did you know?

Although cremation is now permitted by the Church, it does not enjoy the same value as burial of the body. The Church clearly prefers and urges that the body of the deceased be present for the funeral rites, since the presence of the human body expresses the values which the Church affirms in those rites.

(Order of Christian Funerals, 413)

When the choice has been made to cremate a body, it is recommended that the cremation take place after the Funeral Liturgy. In this case, the Vigil for the deceased and related rites and prayers, as well as the Funeral Liturgy are celebrated. (Order of Christian Funerals, 418)

The cremated remains of a body should be treated with the same respect given to the human body from which they come. This includes the use of a worthy vessel to contain the ashes, the manner in which they are carried, the care and attention to appropriate placement and transport, and the final disposition. The cremated remains should be buried in a grave or entombed in a mausoleum or columbarium. The practice of scattering remains on the sea, from the air, or on the ground, or keeping cremated remains in the home of a family member or friend of the deceased are not the reverent disposition that the Church requires.

(Order of Christian Funerals, 417)