

Fourth Sunday of Easter– April 30, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	May 1st
	St. Joseph the Worker
8:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
Tuesday	May 2nd
	St. Anthanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
8:30 a.m.	Edward Mihaled by The Kozzi Family
Wednesday	May 3rd
	Sts. Philip & James, Apostles
8:30 a. m.	Lacrezoa & Leonardo Pappagallo by Isabelle & Lazzaro Pappagallo
Thursday	May 4th
8:30 a.m.	Jack Porzio by Domenica Porzio
Friday	May 5th
8:30 a.m.	Purgatorial Society
Saturday	May 6th
4:00 p.m.	Mary & Anthony Albro by Francis & Angela Farrell
Sunday	May 7th
	Fifth Sunday of Easter
7:30 a.m.	Carmelita Agana by Daughter, Carmille Agana
9:00 a.m.	Marian Kubic by Robert Kubic
11:00 a.m.	Paul Serra by Kathy Gorman

The collection for the weekend of
April 23rd was:

Offertory \$13,828

Thank you for your continued support of our
parish!



Remembering in Prayer

Kindly contact the office if you know of a parishioner who is sick, having surgery or in need of pastoral care. We would like to remember them in our prayers and care for their spiritual needs.



CANDLE OFFERING

Sanctuary: Ronald LaGrego by Josephine LaGrego
Blessed Virgin Mary: The Chirico Family by Daughter, Rose
St. Joseph: Anna Bernieri by Joseph & Theresa Atanasio
St. Jude: Jack Fiore by Jackie Fiore
St. Anthony: Jack Fiore by Maria Acquavella
St. Teresa: Thanksgiving Bunny & Bob
Padre Pio: James Nicoletti by Lynn Nicoletti



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Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10
Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:11-18
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20
First Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6
First Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

4th Sunday of Easter

“And Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ...’”
(Acts 2:38)

The word “repent” means to turn from sin, to change our actions. Change that is permanent comes from within. It requires prayer, discipline, and perseverance. Change is also hard. We have to recognize that we are broken and need help. The good news - we are not alone in our journey. Ask Jesus daily for guidance and patiently listen for his response.

Spiritual Communion Prayer



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 time 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



HIS WORD TODAY
by Rev. William J. Reilly

Fourth Sunday of Easter

“Beloved: If you are patient when you suffer doing what is good, this is a grace before God. For to this you have been called because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example that you should follow in his footsteps. He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth... For you had gone astray like sheep, but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.”

How beautiful the message of St. Peter to the newly baptized, and to us. As we experience the joy of Easter time on this Good Shepherd weekend, we acknowledge the fact that we belong to His flock, walk in company with Him, and know of His care and protection. As I reflect upon Jesus’ ‘figure of speech’ we resolve to listen to His voice in a society and culture that still seems far distant.

As the beautiful prayer poem of St. Teresa of Calcutta states:

‘this is between you and God anyway.’

Bereavement Support Group



“Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted.”

When a loved one dies, our world is forever changed. For the heart-broken, daily life is overwhelmed with sadness. The simplest task becomes a monumental challenge as our minds and hearts are clouded with confusion, tears, loneliness, fear and possibly anger.

If you are suffering over the death of someone you love, perhaps the Bereavement Group at Nativity of Our Lord Parish can help you during this painful time. Our goal is to provide a safe and spiritual place to grieve and share your stories.

Due to Confirmation on Tuesday April 25th, the group will meet on Wednesday, April 26th, evening instead of Tuesday from 6:00 – 7:30pm in the Resurrection Room. We will resume on Tuesday evenings for the remaining five weeks. Our last session will be on Tuesday, May 30th. Pre-registration is required. Please contact Sister Marie Colette at 609-371-0499 ext.16 or pa@nativitymonroe.org.

PARISH CALENDAR

April 29	K of C Calendar Sale
	Life Choices - Baby Bottles
	RCIA Classroom 1 – 4:30pm – 6:00pm
April 30	K of C Calendar Sale
	Life Choices - Baby Bottles
	RCIA – 12noon – 1:00pm - Hall
May 1	K of C – 6:30pm Hall
	RCIA – 6:30 – 8:00pm RR
May 2	Bereavement – 6:00 -7:30pm
May 3	Communion Practice – 6:00pm Church
May 4	Bible Study 9:30am & 7:00 pm Hall
	Communion Practice – 6:00pm Church
	Choir Practice – 7:30pm Church
May 5	First Friday & Adoration
May 6	First Communion – 10:00am Church
	Children’s Liturgy
	Food Pantry/Fair Trade
	RCIA Classroom 1 – 4:30pm – 6:00pm
May 7	May Crowning – 11:00am Mass
	First Comm. Pancake Breakfast 12 Noon – Hall
	RCIA – 12noon – 1:00pm RR
May 8	RCIA – 6:30 – 8:00pm RR
May 9	Prayer Shawl – 1:30pm - Hall
	Bereavement – 6:00 -7:30pm
May 10	Catechist Dinner – 6:00pm Hall
	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 9:15am RR
May 11	Bible Study – 9:30am & 7:00pm Hall
	Choir Practice – 7:30pm Church
May 13	Companions of Pauline Bake Sale
	RCIA Classroom 1 – 4:30pm – 6:00pm
May 14	Mother’s Day
	Companions of Pauline Bake Sale
	RCIA – 12noon – 1:00pm - Hall

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

May’s Calendar

- May 1st** – Registration Link live
- May 3rd** – Communion Practice - 6:00pm Church
- May 4th** – Communion Practice - 6:00pm Church
- May 6th** – First Holy Communion - 10:00pm Church
- May 21st** – 8th Grade Social – 6-8pm Hall



Congratulations Confirmandi 2023

Liam Anthony Alvarez	*Mathew John Lawson-Levy
Karlyie Pauline Bajkowski	Isabelle Mary Manfre
Sophia Dymphna Banbor	*Mikayla Elizabeth Manfre
Jacob Philip Barcik	Alyssa Isabel Miguel
Tyler Sebastian Benarick	*Adrianna Teresa Naworacaj
Jake Philip Brown	Marvin Sebastian Noel
Ava Gemma D'Ambrose	*Alan Isidor Pelo
Michael Anthony DelPrete	*Anita Teresa Perez
*Madison Faith DeMarco	Emma Therese Profaci
*Ryan Joseph DeMarco	Mariana Rose Ramirez
*Caitlyn Rose Devlin	Nicholas James Romeo
*Emily Claire Devlin	Matthew Anthony Rosta
Nicholas Sebastian Diaz	*Angelina Hope Seixeiro
Romina Michelina DiPasquale	Alyson Joan Simon
Krista Veronica Dranchak	Connor Joseph Suk
Andrew Sebastian Gounis	Elijah Leo Ureta
Sophia Angela Guzikowski	Nico Sebastian Vega
James Sebastian Halligan	Sophia Irene Vriesendorp
Kyle Francis Januszkiewicz	Dakota Francis Wisniewski

*Holy Trinity Church



2023 K of C Raffle Calendars!

The Knights of Columbus Calendar Raffle tickets are now on sale, and you can buy your tickets at all masses the weekend of April 22nd and April 29th. A total of \$10,000 will be given away in prizes and you have 92 chances to win prizes ranging from \$75 to \$300. You win every time your calendar number is picked. The calendars run for a 3-month period: May – June – July.

These Calendars make great gifts for Family, friends, colleagues & clients. They are \$20 each – and you must be 18 years or older to buy tickets. We accept cash, check, venmo, zelle etc.

Calendars can also be purchased by contacting Paul Boccardi (boccardipaul@gmail.com) or Ini Udom (iniudoms@gmail.com) or call 781-883-0185.

Good Luck!!! Drawings begin May 1, 2023! Calendars must be purchased by April 30th.



WHAT'S NEXT?

Our newest members (Neophytes) have entered into the final stage of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)– this stage is called post-baptismal catechesis or mystagogy. Most of you are probably thinking “Huh? What’s that?” During the next few months, we’ll be encouraging the newly initiated to reflect on the changes that are called for through their decision to live as Catholics, to continue their learning about the faith, and to begin to live a life of service as Jesus taught them/us.

We will be gathering with them in one of the downstairs classrooms after the 4PM Mass on Saturdays. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin their lives as fully initiated Catholic Christians. For information about the RCIA process, text/call JoLynn Krempecki - 732-690-2610 or email jolynnkrempecki@msn.com . More to come on “What’s Next?” for our Neophytes...



“Aloha Wahine” (Hello Ladies)

Please join the Women of Nativity for a Hawaiian Luau, Wednesday, May 17th 1:00-3:00 pm in Father Congdon Hall. Enjoy good food, music, games, fun entertainment and more! The cost is \$20pp, payable by check to Nativity of Our Lord Church. Please fill out the form below, along with your check and drop it off in the WON box in the Narthex.

Deadline to register is May 12th. For more details about this event, see the flyer next to the WON box in the narthex. Questions: Please contact: Mary Ann Munson - 732-270-4028.

**WOMEN OF NATIVITY HAWAIIAN LUAU
MAY 17, 2013**

NAME: _____

PHONE#: _____

MINISTRIES

St. Vincent DePaul – If you are experiencing financial hardship due to a temporary loss of employment, illness, or disability, the St. Vincent de Paul Society is available to provide assistance for your everyday needs such as food, utility assistance, or agency referrals. Please dial the parish number 609-371-0499, then press 4, and leave a message with your name and phone number. Someone will return your call. All calls are handled in strict confidence.

Helping Hands - Do You Need A Helping Hand With Minor Tasks Around The House? It has come to our attention that some senior communities charge a rather large fee to replace light bulbs and perform other small household tasks. Do you need help replacing batteries in a smoke or carbon monoxide detector, opening, and closing ceiling vents, or changing a light bulb? There are parishioners who are willing to help in these situations. Please contact **Esther Wolff** at **732-521-6019**

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Our next trip to Atlantic City will be Tuesday, May 16th to Resorts Casino. The cost is \$25 p.p., and you will receive \$15 slot play money. If you must cancel, there will be **no refund** unless a replacement is found. For reservations call Vita Alessi 609-409-4249. A photo I.D. is required to obtain play money. Make checks payable to Nativity Church Activities. Please arrive at the church parking lot by 9:15am. Bus leaves promptly by 9:30 a.m.

POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS - MAY

For Church Movements and Groups

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

O Loving and gracious God, Father of all, You bless Your people in every time and season and provide for their needs through Your providential care. Your Church is continually in need of priests, sisters, and brothers to offer themselves in the service of the Gospel by lives of dedicated love.

Open the hearts of Your sons and daughters to listen to Your call in their lives. Give them the gift of understanding to discern Your invitation to serve You and Your Church. Give them the gift of courage to follow Your call. May they have the spirit of young Samuel who found fulfillment in his life when he said to You, "Speak Lord, for Your servant is listening."

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord and Redeemer.

Amen.

< KID'S > Gospel Today
KORNER Fourth Sunday of Easter | John 10:1-10
Jesus says, "I am the gate for the sheep." Jesus is the faith we follow, and the gate we enter, to meet Him in heaven.

FIND THE LETTERS

Find and write the missing letters not listed (from A to Z).
Hint: This word has doubles of two letters

Unscramble the letters and fill in the blanks to complete the sentence below.

"I am the good _____; I know my sheep and my sheep know me."

JOHN 10:14



**Holy
Trinity
Church
Annual**



Indoor Yard Sale & Craft Fair

100 Main Street – Parish Hall
Helmetta NJ 08828
732-521-0172/htcccd100@gmail.com

Saturday, May 20, 2023
9am to 3pm
Come Shop & Stop by for lunch.
(Lunch will be 11:30am to 1pm)
or
Rent a Table
8ft Table \$10 or 12ft Table \$15

Call or email for information.

NO REFUNDS!



Silver & Gold Wedding Anniversary Celebration

You are cordially invited to celebrate your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary with the Church of Metuchen and renew your marriage vows with Bishop James F. Checchio at a special Evening Prayer Service at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen on Sunday, October 22, 2023 at 3:30 PM.

Registration is required. Please register online at: <https://www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration>. If you are unable to access, please contact the Family Life Office at 732-562-1543

or amarshall@diometuchen.org. Registration will close on October 6, 2023. Although no fee is required, in the past many Jubilarian couples have given a donation of gratitude to the Church in memory of this special occasion.

Donations of Gratitude may be made online at <https://www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration> or calling 732-562-1543.



The Esophageal Cancer Education Foundation (ECEP) is having its 4th Annual Golf Outing on May 20th and the information

is below. All of the money raised by this event will go to the ECEP research project account. If you would like to join us or send a donation go to <https://fightec.org/donate-today/>.

WHEN: Saturday, May 20th

LOCATION: Greenbriar Country Club

101 Whittingham Drive
Monroe Township NJ 08831
609-860-6621

Greenbriar is a full nine-hole golf course with 2 par 5s, and 2 par 3s, and 5 par 4s.

AGENDA: 9:00 a.m. Registration
9:30 a.m. Nine Hole Tournament begins
12:00 p.m. Community BBQ Lunch 2:00 p.m. additional nine holes (optional)
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COSTS: Nine Hole Tournament including BBQ lunch \$85.00
Reservation for lunch only \$30.00
Additional nine hole after lunch (optional) \$25.00

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Hole Sponsors \$50.00
Putting Contest Sponsors \$100.00
Food Tent Sponsors \$200.00



Marriage Enrichment

Why not celebrate the Easter Season by treating you and your spouse to a

Marriage Encounter Weekend?

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage.

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held July 14 - 16. Please apply ASAP as space is limited. Phone 1-732-904-9636 for application and information (Tom & Ruth DeFalco).

Visit us at: www.wvme.org for more information.