

ASCENSION *of the Lord*

While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven.

—LUKE 24:51



Nativity of Our Lord
Monroe Township, New Jersey

Ascension Sunday – May 12, 2024

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday May 13th

**Our Lady of Fatima
Easter Weekday**

8:30 a.m. Anthony S. Falletta by Jean Falletta,
Wife

Tuesday May 14th

St. Matthias, Apostle

8:30 a.m. Marie David by Jake & Pat Davis

Wednesday May 15th

Easter Weekday, St. Isidore

8:30 a.m. In Loving Memory of Carmen & Angie
Galasso by Daughters

Thursday May 16th

Easter Weekday

8:30 a.m. Michael, Lucy, & Peter DeCarlo by
John & Angela Pezzullo

Friday May 17th

Easter Weekday

8:30 a.m. Sean Daugherty by Anne Cheryl
Daugherty

Saturday May 18th

**Easter Weekday, St. John I, Pope &
Martyr**

4:00 p.m. Frank Svoboda by JoAnn (wife)

Sunday May 19th

Pentecost

7:30 a.m. Isabella & Angelo by Angela
DelRe- LaRocca

9:00 a.m. Marian Kubic by Robert Kubic

11:00 a.m. Susan Maggia by Carmine & Audrey
Russo

CANDLE OFFERING

Sanctuary: Tom & Rodalia Tassiello by
Jo & Margherita Caccavo

BVM: Michele & Lorraine Bond by Patti Pentangelo

Sacred Heart: Nicholas Brigandi by Wife, Janet
Birgandi and Children

St. Joseph: John Cagnoni by Joseph & Theresa
Atanasio

St. Jude: Marilyn Finneran by Peggy Steinbeck

St. Anthony: Richard Steinbeck by Wife and Children

Padre Pio: James Nicoletti by Lynn Nicoletti

Ascension Sunday

Sunday: Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or
4:1-7, 11-13; Mk 16:15-20

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

*“Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God
abides in him, and he in God.” – 1 John 4:15*

How strong is your faith? When you have an opportunity to either defend or clarify a question about our Catholic faith, do you do it? Or, do you remain silent so that others don't think you are weird? Pray for the courage to be strong in all circumstances and to joyfully share your witness with others.

The Collection for the Weekend

Offering - \$ 13,049

Mother's Day - \$3,049

Catholic Relief - @2,108



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.

HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

Most Holy Name Catholic Church, Garfield, NJ

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, ‘Men of Galilee why are you standing looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven.’”

The earthly ministry of Jesus draws to a close, but the mission of the apostles, and the church of today begins. We are not just to ‘stand there’ looking at the sky, but are to look for the many ways the Lord is asking and then sending us to continue His saving work in a weary and disordered world.

If the chosen apostles had just stayed there, we would not be reading this today. He expects great things of all the baptized, and as Saint John Newman said ‘the Lord has given ME a mission, and as long as I fail to do my part, it will always remain undone.’ Don’t just stand there!



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.

Parish Calendar

May 11 (Sat)	C of P Bake Sale
May 12 (Sun)	C of P Bake Sale
	RCIA Adapted for Children 11:00 am Cl.1
May 14 (Tue)	Breavement 6:00 pm RR
	Prayer Shawl 1:30 pm Hall
	RCIA Inquiry Meeting 5:30 pm Cl#1
May 15 (Wed)	WON Mtg. Hall
May 16 (Thu)	Adult Faith Formation/Bible Study 9:30 am & 7:00 pm Hall
	CP 7:30 pm Church
May 18 (Sat)	Initiation Dinner 8:00 am - 10:00 pm Hall
May 19 (Sun)	Gr. 8 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Hall
	RCIA Adapted for Children 11:00 am Cl.1
May 20 (Mon)	KofC 6:30 pm Hall
	Inquiry or Adult Confirmation 6:00 pm - RR
May 21 (Tue)	Breavement 6:00 pm RR
	Healing Mass & Luncheon 11:00 am Church and Hall
	RCIA Inquiry Meeting 5:30 pm Cl#1
May 22 (Wed)	Calendar Meeting 11:30 - 1:30 pm Hall
May 23 (Thu)	Adult Faith Formation/Bible Study 9:30 am & 7:00 pm Hall
	Choir Practice 7:30 pm Church



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 aid with 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.

Homebound Ministries - Eucharist Ministers bring communion to the homes of those who are unable to attend Mass due to illness or other circumstances. Please call **Marge Nadolny** at **609-409-6164** or email **margen21@comcast.net**.

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**.

RCIA



REJOICE! RITE OF ACCEPTANCE

This Sunday, May 12, at the 9:00 Mass we celebrate the Rite of Acceptance for Sharon Benson. Sharon has been preparing for several months to take this first step toward full initiation in the Catholic Church. Following the Rite, she will be a catechumen in the Order of Catechumens, having rights and privileges in the Church. You, the Parish family, are very important in this rite, for it is the Church – those in this community as well as the entire Body of Christ – who accepts inquirers as persons who hope to become members. Please keep Sharon in your prayers as she continues his journey toward Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

Religious Education



Religious Education would like to thank the Knights of Columbus for a fantastic breakfast they made our first communicants and their families.

On May 4th, forty 2nd graders made their First Holy Communion and on May 5th, they all came back for their service Mass, presentations of flowers to Mary their annual pancake breakfast. Over 100 people attend. What a great way to end a beautiful weekend.





**Companions of Pauline
Mother's Day Bake Sale**

Once again the Companions of Pauline will hold their annual Mother's Day Bake Sale to benefit the Sisters of Christian Charity. The delicious home baked goods will be sold after every Mass, **Saturday May 11th and Sunday May 12th.**

Our home bakers are dedicated to creating wonderful baked goods you won't want to miss.

Please join in supporting our Bake Sale and the Sisters of Christian Charity. Thank You.

**Knight of Columbus Council # 14658 High
School Seniors' Award Application**

The Knights of Columbus is offering scholarship money to the 2024 High School graduating class. To apply, you must be a parishioner of the Nativity of Our Lord Church. Answer the following questions using Times New Roman 14pt font.

- Student's Name
- Address
- Name of High School
- GPA (on 100% Scale)
- Describe in 300 words or less, your post-HS graduation plans. Include which college you hope to attend. What field of study are you interested in? What extra curriculum activity have you participated in the past 4 years?
- In 150 words or less, kindly include any additional information you would like to share with the Knights.
- Student's Signature
- Parent/Guardians' Signature

Email the completed application to tonycasciano58@gmail.com. All applications must be received by Sunday June 2nd 2024. Any questions regarding the Seniors Award Application may be directed to **Tony Casciano (tonycasciano58@gmail.com)** or **Ini Udom (iniudoms@gmail.com)**.



2024 Bishop's Annual Appeal

**STAY WITH US, LORD:
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COLLECTION AS OF 4/26/2024

Goal: \$88,000.00
Total Pledged & Received: \$84,509.37
Amount Received: \$71,732.46
Over/(Under) Goal: (\$16,267.54)
Percent of Goal Pledged: 96.03%
Percent of Goal Received: 81.51%
Average Gift Amount: \$257.65

Thank you for your generosity!



Once again, the Companions of Pauline are planning to host a **Healing Mass** on Tuesday, **May 21, 2024** at 11:00 am. Everyone is invited to attend, and everyone will be anointed. The Companions will serve a light lunch immediately following the Mass. If you plan to attend, please fill out the form below. Also please indicate on the form if you will be attending the light lunch. Please leave the form in the Narthex no later than **Thursday May 16th**. Questions: **Please call Carol at (609) 642-6381.**

-----Healing Mass -----

Name: _____

Phone: _____

I will attend Mass only: _____

I will attend Mass and lunch: _____

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

We must therefore consider the Eucharist as:-
thanksgiving and praise to the Father;
- the sacrificial memorial of Christ and his
Body;
- the presence of Christ by the power of his
word and of his Spirit.

Catechism of the Catholic Church #1358



Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend July 19-21, 2024

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 19 – 21, 2024. Please apply ASAP as space is limited. Phone **1-732-904-9636** for application and information (Tom & Ruth DeFalco). Visit us at: www.wwme.org for more information.



Annual Tea Party

St. James Columbiettes will be holding their Annual Tea Party on **Sunday, May 19**. The tea will be held at St. James Knights of Columbus Clemons Hall from **2:00 to 4:00 p.m.** Join us for a relaxing fun-filled afternoon. Tickets are \$20.00 and can be purchased by calling **Sandra Bohinski, 732-521-3012** or you can mail it to her at POB 546, Helmetta, NJ 08828. Please include email address, phone number and who will be sitting at your table.



A BLESSING FOR MOTHERS

*Almighty God has brought you
the joy of motherhood:
May he now bless you.
Through the mercy of God
and the intercession of the
Blessed Virgin Mary,
may you and your children one day
come to share in the unending joys of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Taken from the Basilica of the National Shrine of
the Immaculate Conception

Hope and Healing for Adult Children of Divorce:

A Conversation and Book- Signing



Come join us at **St. Bartholomew Parish** in East Brunswick on **June 29, 2024 at 1:00 PM** for "Hope and Healing for Adult Children of Divorce: A Conversation and Book-Signing". The speaker will be Dr. Daniel Meola, Founder of Life-Giving Wounds Ministry and author of "Life-Giving Wounds: A Catholic Guide to Healing for Adult Children of Divorce or Separation". There is no charge for this event, but registration is required. To register please visit: www.diometuchen.org/adult-children-of-divorce. For more information, please call **732-562-1543** or email amarshall@diometuchen.org.

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