

PENTECOST SUNDAY

All were filled with the Holy Spirit



Nativity of Our Lord
Monroe Township, New Jersey

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday May 20th
The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

8:30 a.m. Linda Langseder by Gaby Margolin

Tuesday May 21st
St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

8:30 a.m. Rosie Simpson by Bridgit Matthews

Wednesday May 22nd
St. St Rita of Cascia, Religious
8:30 a.m. Michael & Carmela Chiarini by Joan Chiarini & Family

Thursday May 23rd
Weekday
8:30 a.m. Caroll Ray Barger by Yureta Family

Friday May 24th
Weekday
8:30 a.m. Antonio Colombo by Anthony Conoscenti

Saturday May 25th
St. Bede the Venerable, Priest & Doctor of the Church
4:00 p.m. Rita C. Davis by Frank & Jeannie Macchiaroli

Sunday May 26th
Most Holy Trinity
7:30 a.m. Marilyn Jean Finneran by Patricia Russoniello

9:00 a.m. Jeff Vega by Terri Galaro

11:00 a.m. Donald T. Forman by Agnes Forman & Family

CANDLE OFFERING

Sanctuary: James Nicoletti by Lynn Nicoletti

BVM: Chirico Family by Rose Ferrari

St. Therese: Janis Gavin by Dranchak Family

Padre Pio: Antonio Mendoza by Connie Mendoza

Pentecost Sunday

Sunday: Pentecost Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39 or, for the Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9; Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b; Ez 37:1-14; Jl 3:1-5; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39

Day: Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27, 16:12-15

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10; Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Jas 4:13-17; Mk 9:38-40

Thursday: Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:41-50

Friday: Jas 5:9-12; Mk 10:1-12

Saturday: Jas 5:13-20; Mk 10:13-16



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

“There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone.” - 1 Corinthians 12:4-6

All of us are blessed, regardless of our own individual circumstances. God has given each of us many gifts. How we use those gifts is our gift back to God. For God’s plan to work, each must do what we are called to do. Guess what? We are not all called to do the same thing! For God’s plan to work you have to do what God is calling you to do and I have to do what God is calling me to do.

The Collection for the Weekend of May 12

Offering - \$ 12,580

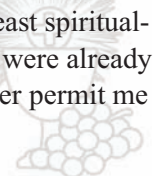
Development of the People - \$1,708

Ascension - \$1,426



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 spiritual-ly 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

“In contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified their flesh and its passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also follow the Spirit.”

The Pentecost event with wind, fire and noise are familiar signs of the coming of the Holy Spirit. There are other signs for us today to discover the presence of the Spirit in our lives in the church. They are the fruits of which Saint Paul spoke to the Galatians. In chapter 5 he enumerates nine signs, the fruits of the Spirit.

Take a moment to reread them and look into your hearts to see if they are present. Consider a spiritual friend and see if they reflect these gifts. This week, take one each day, and discover ways to see, seek, and manifest God’s gift and fruit in your life. ‘Let us follow the Spirit.’



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 19 (Sun)	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)	Bereavement 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
May 24 (Fri)	Eucharistic Revival Meeting 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Hall
May 26 (Sun)	RCIA Adapted for Children 11:00 am - 1:30 pm Cl.1
May 27 (Mon)	Inquiry or Adult Confirmation 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm RR
May 28 (Tue)	Bereavement 6:00 pm RR
	Prayer Shawl 1:30 pm Hall
	RCIA Inquiry Meeting 5:30 pm Cl#1
May 30 (Thu)	Choir Practice 7:30 pm Church
	Adult Faith Formation/Bible Study 9:30 am & 7:00 pm Hall
Jun 2 (Sun)	Hospitality Sunday Hall
	RCIA Adapted for Children 11:00 am - 1:30 pm Cl.1
Jun 3 (Mon)	KofC 6:30 pm Hall
	Inquiry or Adult Confirmation 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm RR
Jun 4 (Tue)	Bereavement 6:00 pm RR
	RCIA Inquiry Meeting 5:30 pm Cl#1



Please pray for the soul of:

Brett Tolino who passed on 4-24-2024

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**.

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DAY OF REFLECTION ON THE EUCHARIST

"SAVE THE DATE"

July 20, 2024

Do you believe in miracles? Come find out what miracle happens regularly in Monroe!



RCIA



In today's second reading, we hear:

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone.

Those who have been baptized and confirmed have received this Spirit. It is our mission to serve, to share the message of the Gospel, to invite others to a relationship with the Lord and Savior of the world – the one who lives within us and whose Spirit enlivens us. Think about your family, your workplace, your neighborhood...With whom do you feel called to share the Good News about Christ's love, compassion, forgiveness, and peace and about the consolation and guidance the Spirit brings us? Through the RCIA they could learn more about the Good News as taught through the Catholic Church. Those who are unbaptized, baptized into another Christian denomination, or baptized Catholic but have never received BOTH sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist are all welcome to attend. For information contact **JoLynn Krempecki** at **732-690-2610** (**jolynnkrempecki@msn.com**).

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Knights of Columbus

Charity Golf Outing

July 15th, 2024

Rossmoor Golf Course

Contact **Tony Cardello** for further information at **917-282-6818**.

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Knights of Columbus

Calendar Raffle

It's Back!

It will be sold after each mass in the resurrection room starting this weekend - **May 18 & 19** then at **June 8 & 9**, and **June 22 and 23**. Get your Calendar Raffle Tickets early at \$20 each for more chances of winning!



2024 Bishop's Annual Appeal

**STAY WITH US, LORD:
Renew our Hearts and Send Us on Mission**

COLLECTION AS OF 5/13/2024

Goal: \$88,000.00

Total Pledged & Received: **\$89,009.37**

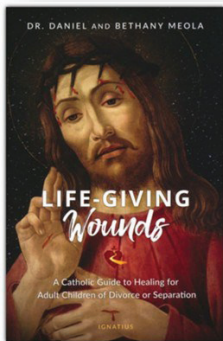
Amount Received: **\$76,943.71**

Over/(Under) Goal: **(\$11,056.29)**

Percent of Goal Pledged: **101.15%**

Percent of Goal Received: **87.44%**

Thank you for your generosity!



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 aarshall@diometuchen.org.

Knights 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).



Dear Jesus, You said to your Apostles, "Receive the Holy Spirit". Please Jesus, help me be worthy, give me the grace to receive the Spirit, so I can be blessed with the 7 gifts of the Holy Spirit.

1 - WISDOM

2 - UNDERSTANDING

3 - COUNSEL

4 - FORTITUDE

5 - KNOWLEDGE

6 - PIETY

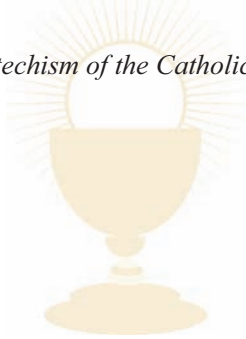
7 - FEAR OF THE LORD

Draw a line from each numbered "gift of the spirit" to its matching numbered "gift wrapped" meaning.

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

The sacrifice of Christ and the sacrifice of the Eucharist are one single sacrifice: "The victim is one and the same; the same now offers through the ministry of priests, who then offered himself on the cross; only the manner of offering is different." "In this divine sacrifice, which is celebrated in the Mass, the same Christ who offered himself once in a bloody manner on the altar of the cross is contained and is offered in an unbloody manner."

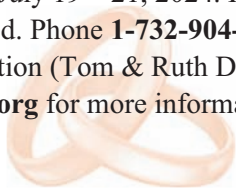
Catechism of the Catholic Church # 1367



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.



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PRAYER FOR THE SEVEN GIFTS
OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

O Lord Jesus Christ, Who, before ascending into heaven, did promise to send the Holy Spirit to finish Your work in the souls of Your Apostles and Disciples, deign to grant the same Holy Spirit to me that He may perfect in my soul, the work of Your grace and Your love. Grant me the **Spirit of Wisdom** that I may despise the perishable things of this world and aspire only after the things that are eternal, the **Spirit of Understanding** to enlighten my mind with the light of Your divine truth, the **Spirit of Counsel** that I may ever choose the surest way of pleasing God and gaining heaven, the **Spirit of Fortitude** that I may bear my cross with You and that I may overcome with courage all the obstacles that oppose my salvation, the **Spirit of Knowledge** that I may know God and know myself and grow perfect in the science of the Saints, the **Spirit of Piety** that I may find the service of God sweet and amiable, and the **Spirit of Fear** that I may be filled with a loving reverence towards God and may dread in any way to displease Him. Mark me, dear Lord, with the sign of Your true disciples and animate me in all things with Your Spirit. **Amen.**

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