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## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00 PM (*Vigil*)

Sunday: 7:30 AM; 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

Holydays: 7:00 PM (*Vigil*) & 9:00 AM

Weekdays: Monday to Friday: 8:30 AM

*Morning Prayer Wednesday and Thursday: 8:00 AM*

## RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 3:00 to 3:30 PM, or by appointment.

## BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the second Sunday of each month after the 11:00 AM Mass. Parents must attend the Baptismal Preparation class before the celebration. This class is offered on the third Wednesday of each month. Call the Parish Office for required pre-registration.

## RCIA

Adults inquiring about the Catholic Church with a desire to become Catholic are invited to call the Parish Office for more information about the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

## MATRIMONY

Couples contemplating this Sacrament must contact the Parish Office at least one year in advance. All couples planning marriage must attend Pre-Cana classes or Engaged Encounter.

## PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK AND AGED

We are anxious to assist anyone who cannot celebrate Mass with us due to illness, handicap or age. If you wish to receive the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist, Reconciliation, or Anointing of the Sick, please call the Parish Office to make those arrangements.

## HOLY ORDERS

If God is calling you to become a priest, deacon or religious, please call the Diocesan Office of Vocations at 732.562.1900, ext. 1700.

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday *through* Thursday, 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM, and 1:30 PM to 3:00 PM  
The office will be closed on Fridays.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday Apr.29<sup>nd</sup>**

**St. Catherine of Sienna**

**8:30 a.m.** Maurice Zirrieth by Marjorie A. Zirrieth

**Tuesday Apr.30<sup>th</sup>**

**St. Pius V**

**8:30 a.m.** Carmen Alicea by Frank Pipitone

**Wednesday May 1<sup>st</sup>**

**St. Joseph the worker**

**8:30 a.m.** Dr. Ruby de Leon by Carmille Agana

**Thursday May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**St. Athanasius**

**8:30 a.m.** John Wynn & Sean Wynn by Maureen Wynn, Wife & Mother

**Friday May 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Sts. Philip & James**

**8:30 a.m.** Purgatorial

**Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Easter Weekday**

**4:00 p.m.** Corrado & Rosanna Altizio by Joe & Nella Farinola

**Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**7:30 a.m.** Robert Callahan by Marilyn Callahan

**9:00 a.m.** Pearl Brown by Her Children

**11:00 a.m.** Jack Fiore by Jackie Fiore

**The Collection for the Weekend**



**Offering - \$13,714**

**Retirement - \$2,568**

**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

**BVM:** Micheal Rainsford by Mary Frances Rainsford

**St. Joseph:** Anna Bernieri by Joseph & Theresa

Atanasio

**St. Jude:** In Thanksgiving by Volastro Family

**St. Anthony:** Anthony Sofo by Phyllis Sofo

**St. Padre Pio:** Healing for a Friend by Angie

Romanella

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**Sunday:** Acts 9:26-31; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

**Monday:** Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26

**Tuesday:** Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a

**Wednesday:** Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8 or, for the Memorial, Gn 1:26—2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Mt 13:54-58

**Thursday:** Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11

**First Friday:** 1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14

**First Saturday:** Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21



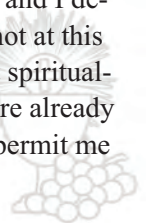
**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS**

*“Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.” -1 JOHN 3:18*

Regarding our Catholic faith, do you “walk the talk?” Do your actions reflect what it means to be a good disciple? Are you an active participant at Sunday Mass? Are you joyful when participating in parish ministry? Do you give gratefully and generously with your financial support to your parish and other Church needs? If not, it’s not too late to start!

**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

*“The church throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria was at peace. It was being built up and walked in the fear of the Lord, and with the consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers... ‘If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you.’”*

Am I able to recognize the description of the early church reflected in our life today? We struggle to be a viable presence of the Lord in our world, yet it is the same Holy Spirit calling and motivating us to make the gospel real.

The mission and mandate of Jesus is the task of all who claim discipleship. As we draw our life from the vine, God’s grace, we ask the power to bring the peace, joy and love of Christ to others. As the warmth of spring allows the buds to sprout, so may we waken ourselves and live our calling.



### QUOTES FROM SAINTS

***“We cannot all do great things, but we can do small things with great love.”***

**St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta** is one of the most popular Catholic saints from recent years. She’s also one of the best examples of what it means to spread love and light in a dark world. Her well-documented actions of love, both big and small, show how she embodied this quote every day.

If you feel like your actions are insignificant, remember this quote and think again. Even the smallest action can make a huge difference in someone’s life if you do it in love.

## Parish Calendar

Apr. 28 (Sun)	RCIA Adapted for Children 11:00 am Cl.1
Apr. 30 (Tue)	Bereavement 6:00 pm RR
	RCIA Inquiry Meeting 5:30 pm Cl#1
May 1 (Wed)	Comm. Pr. 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm Church
May 2 (Thu)	Comm. Pr. 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm Church
	Adult Faith Formation/Bible Study 9:30 am & 7:00 pm Hall
	CP 7:30 pm Church
May 3 (Fri)	Sacrament Set-up 8:00 am to 8:00 pm Room 5 and 6
	First Friday Adoration
	First Purgatorial Mass 8:30 m Church
May 4 (Sat)	First Communion Mass 10:00 am Church
	First Communion Reception 8:00 am to 2:00 pm Hall
May 5 (Sun)	KofC Communion Breakfast Hall
	Hospitality Sunday Hall
	Gr.2 11:00 am Mass May Crowning Church
	RCIA Adapted for Children 11:00 am Cl.1
May 6 (Mon)	KofC 6:30 pm Hall
	C of P 1:00 pm Hall
May 7 (Tue)	Catechist Dinner 6:00 pm Hall
	Bereavement 6:00 pm RR
	RCIA Inquiry Meeting 5:30 pm Cl#1
May 8 (Wed)	St.VdeP Meeting 9:10 am Cl#10
May 9 (Thu)	Adult Faith Formation/Bible Study 9:30 am & 7:00 pm Hall
	CP 7:30 pm Church
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

## 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



To be a follower of Jesus is to embrace the Word of God, to be at peace, filled with the Spirit, and to bear fruit. This calls for reflection on the word of God and nourishment through the Sacraments. It requires that we worship in the company of believers and bring the Gospel into our day to day. We are called to be church not for our own comfort and wholeness, but for the world. Is there someone in your world who wants to know more about the Word of God? For information about Initiation Ministry – **Contact JoLynn Krempecki at jolynnkrempecki@msn.com or 732-690-2610.**

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## Confirmandi 2024



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Emilio *Luigi* Carneiro  
Julianna *Elizabeth* Christensen  
Angela *Catherine* Cignarella  
Reilly *Joan* Coy  
Ethan *Sebastian* Cutinho  
Gianna *Francis* Fama  
Valentina *Joan* Francisco  
Laila *Christina* Johnson  
Juliana *Francis* Kasenchak  
Leanna *Barbara* Lago  
Julianna *Luigi* Lasota  
Connor *Francis* Lewis  
Isabella *Mary* Maltese  
Angelina *Clare* Margolin  
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Alianna *Teresa* Martinez  
Gavin *Andrew* Montagna  
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Olivia *Angelina* Tremarco  
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Kevin *John* Yovan





**2024 Bishop's Annual Appeal**

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

If you missed it, you can still see the Bishop's Annual Appeal video by going online to <https://diometuchen.org/BAA>. Watch it and see all the good work being done in your name, thanks to your support of the Bishop's Annual Appeal. If you haven't already done so, please prayerfully consider a gift today!

**COLLECTION AS OF 4/15/2024**

**Goal: \$88,000.00**

**Total Pledged & Received: \$79,488.37**

**Amount Received: \$64,590.79**

**Percent of Goal Pledged: 90.33%**

**Percent of Goal Received: 73.40%**

**Average Gift Amount: \$263.21**

**Number of Donors: 302**

**Thank you for your generosity!**

**Religious Education**

Parents: look for the 2024-2025 registration link being emailed on May 13th. All forms can be filled out digitally including payment.

Sessions next year will be on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 6:00 – 7:15pm. Please remember the challenge with the Wednesday session. If you can pick Tuesday that would be great!



**Alert: In light of increasing email Scam!**

Please be advised that the Parish Staff and Ministry Leaders are never permitted to request monetary favor via-email. Please ignore those email request and we suggest similar precautions among friends.



**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.

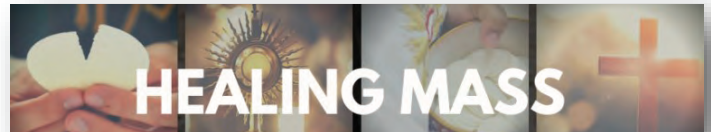
Please join in supporting our Bake Sale and the Sisters of Christian Charity. Thank You.

**Rest in Peace**

Please include in your prayers the souls of:

Rose Romano ~ 4-15-2024

Mauro Guida ~ 4-18-2024



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**

The first announcement of the Eucharist divided the disciples, just as the announcement of the Passion scandalized them: "This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?" The Eucharist and the Cross are stumbling blocks. It is the same mystery, and it never ceases to be an occasion of division. "Will you also go away?" The Lord's question echoes through the ages, as a loving invitation to discover that only he has "the words of eternal life" and that to receive in faith the gift of his Eucharist is to receive the Lord himself.

*Catechism of the Catholic Church #1336*



**In God's Image**

The Catholic Faith Sharing Group for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people at Church of the Sacred Heart, South Plainfield, meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7:00PM. Our next meeting is May 8 and will be both in person and online. Please email for more information. The group is open to LGBTQ adults, 18 and over, and their families. All are welcome for faith sharing, prayer, conversation and support. For more information, contact Fr John at 732 790 3136 or the group may be reached via email at [sacredheartigi@gmail.com](mailto:sacredheartigi@gmail.com).

**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](http://www.wwme.org) for more information.

**District Men's retreat The Power of Prayer**



Facilitated by Fr. Ed Czarcinski and  
Deacon Bob Gerling

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RSVP by May 4, 2024

Cost is \$20.

Please join us as on a journey into the power and importance of prayer.

Includes a continental breakfast and boxed lunch. Communicate any food allergies and dietary restrictions in the entry form. The sacrament of Reconciliation is offered to retreat participants at 11:30 AM. For additional information contact GK Will. Include your name and contact information in the message. [Ololkofc7250@gmail.com](mailto:Ololkofc7250@gmail.com) or (732) 631-4491.

RSVP by May 4, 2024 and submit this portion with payment.

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