

April 30, 2017

Third Sunday of Easter

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 29

5:00 p.m. +**Alicja Galka**
By Family

Sunday, April 30

8:00 a.m. **Parishioners of Saint Theodore Church**

10:30 a.m. +**Irena Agaciak**
By Jacek Agaciak

Monday, May 1

8:45 a.m. **Parishioners of Saint Theodore Church**

Tuesday, May 2

8:45 a.m. +**Daniel Jukins**
By Dad

Wednesday, May 3

8:45 a.m. +**Beatrice and Thomas Nappi**
By Angela Gross

Thursday, May 4 **NO MASS**

First Friday, May 5

8:45 a.m. **Altar Rosary Society**
7 p.m. **Blessings for the Confirmandi**

First Saturday, May 6

8:45 a.m. +**Theresa Rebinski**
By Henry Rebinski
5:00 p.m. +**Theresa, John, and John, Jr. Adamiak**
By The Wyker Family

Sunday, May 7

8:00 a.m. +**Kathleen Finnerty**
By Brian and Gerry Moss
10:30 a.m. **60th Wedding Anniversary of
Vincent and Carmela Gallo**
By Their Children and Grandchildren
12:30 p.m. **Blessings for First Communion Children**

anew from the wars in which we are involved. Maybe now is a time for us to reflect on the needs of immigrants and people of other ethnic and national backgrounds. Maybe now is the time for us to learn from the religious experience of others and from their struggle for justice.

The social teaching of the church is concerned with the nourishment of all the people of the world – spiritually and also physically. Whenever we share the Eucharist – whenever we break bread together -- we cannot but be aware of all those who are hungry. We cannot but be aware that all human beings share a common story. We cannot but be aware of our need to share what we have. We cannot but be aware of the need for justice in the world.

One of the important issues confronting the people of the world is the challenge of taking care of our planet and its environment. Pope Francis in *Laudato Si* wrote about this challenge. Maybe today's gospel gives us a model for dealing with this critical issue. The two disciples share their questions and stories with each other and then with the stranger on the road. It is in sharing stories and questions and even disappointments that they learn and their eyes are opened. It is when our human community shares our stories and questions and struggles that we can see things in a new way and maybe learn to work together in a new way for the common good. "Our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us" (*Laudato Si*, 1). Pope Francis writes so that we might "enter into dialogue with all people about our common home."

It is no accident that the Risen Christ is discovered in the breaking of bread which takes place after the sharing of stories and questions on the road. The sharing of bread and the sharing of stories both bring people together. People begin to see things in a new way. In these experiences God is discovered. We discover God in new ways when we listen to the stories of people, especially those who are in any struggling or in need. We discover God when we share our own story. We discover God in the sharing of what we have been given, in the sharing of food. We discover God in the death and resurrection of Jesus and in the dying and rising of people today. The gospel story is a story of discovery, of finding God in the unexpected. It challenges us to look for God in the unexpected – especially in welcoming the stranger and the needy and even in our own vulnerabilities. Maybe now is the time for us to learn



Ten children from our Religious Formation Program have been prepared to celebrate their First Holy Communion on May 7. Please pray for them on their blessed and beautiful day.

**Adian Conaboy
Adam Eresman
Charles Heath
Matthew Kuruc
Felicity North**

**Mia Cosme
Matthew Hardy
Veronica Kucinski
Leah Morgan
Michael Petrick**



Bishop Checchio has directed all parishes to take up a collection for the “mosaic ornamentation” of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. Parishes throughout the United States will be donating to this project via the Sunday collection on

May 13/14. A copy of the bishop’s letter has been posted on our bulletin board in the Narthex for your review.

PLEASE NOTE: However, due to a special collection that will be held on the weekend of May 13/14 for the missions of the *Little Sisters of the Poor*, Father Damian has directed that the collection for the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception be taken up in our parish on May 27/28.



LITTLE SISTERS of the POOR

The Little Sisters of the Poor from St. Joseph’s Home for the Elderly in Totowa, New Jersey will be visiting our parish on May 13 and 14, at which time our second collection will be for their mission. The Little Sisters of the Poor operate 188 homes throughout the world providing loving care to the elderly poor. They have been serving the aged in New Jersey since 1879. We welcome the sisters to Port Murray and thank them for their service to this most worthy ministry. Please be as generous as your means allow. We thank you in advance for your generous support of their endeavors.

Our heartfelt thanks for the generosity shown us goes to *Sweet Empire* who had gifted us 100 selections of their pastry delegacies, (which we had ordered for the Mansfield Township School in appreciation of their wonderful, neighborly hospitality granting us use of the school for our Religious Education Formation Program). *Sweet Empire* specializes in delicious pastries, desserts and coffee. Try their delicacies—having done so, you absolutely will say, “Oh my goodness!” *Sweet Empire* is located in the Port Colden Mall, 396 East Washington Ave. 908-689-0980 . You can visit them on the web: www.sweet-empire.com

PRAYER SERVICE for the UNBORN

On Sunday, April 30th, at 3:30 p.m. in St. Philip & St. James Church, there will be an *Prayer Service for the Unborn*, a special service for those who have lost a child through miscarriage, stillbirth, or abortion. The opportunity to name your child is expressed compassionately and confidentially through prayer. Meditative Prayer and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. There will be a Mass following the service at 5:30 p.m. For more information, call (908) 454-9880.

OUR OFFERING

Palm Sunday: \$2,039.66	2016: \$2,700
Easter: \$5,312.08	2016: \$4,050.

Church & Religious Education Calendar

Bible Study: Every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
 April 29, 6:30 p.m.: Confirmation Retreat
 May 2, 6:15 p.m. 2nd Grade at church First Communion Practice; all other grades at school.
 May 5, 7 p.m.: Confirmation
 May 6, 6 p.m.: 2nd Grade at church for First Communion Practice
 May 6, 6 p.m.: Youth Group Game Night
 May 7, 12:30 p.m.: First Communion and Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 May 13/14: 2nd Collection: Little Sisters of the Poor
 May 15, 6:15: All students in church for 2017 closing of Religious Education Program
 May 21, 11:30: Trustee and Pastoral Council Meeting
 May 27/28: Special Collection: National Shrine of Immaculate Conception Dome



Stephen, Bridget M., Savannah Paine, Bobby Gross, Keira Hedges, Peter, Zachary, Logan Peter Saksa, Anna Paine, Anna Saksa, Lauren Lane, Jay

Mildrum, Philip Kinney, Kerry Kraft, Peter S., Mary Supple, Mary Rupell, Patty Mahoney, Susan Reynolds, Millie B.

(Please inform Mary Rupell every six months if you wish a name to remain on the prayer list. Please update immediately if circumstances dictate a removal.)



The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

is the process by which adult converts are received into full communion with the Catholic Church. Normally, it starts in September and takes place in four stages. It gathers information, answers questions and corrects misunderstandings about Catholicism. It is a process of spiritual formation and introduction to the Catholic parish life. The RCIA program was initiated by Pope Paul VI on January 6, 1972. If you interested in learning more about the Catholic Church, are considering becoming a Catholic, or have any questions about the process, please contact Father Damian at 689-8318, ext. 4. Please give name and phone number if leaving a phone message.