

May 13, 2018

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 12

5:00 p.m. **Mother's Day Mass Remembrance**

Sunday, May 13

8:00 a.m. **Mother's Day Mass Remembrance**

10:30 a.m. **Mother's Day Mass Remembrance**

Monday, May 14 *Saint Mathias*

8:45 a.m.

Tuesday, May 15 *Saint Isidore*

8:45 a.m.

Wednesday, May 16

8:45 a.m. **In Honor of the Madonna of Health**

By Angela Gross

Thursday, 17 **NO MASS**

Friday, May 18 *Saint John I*

8:45 a.m.

Saturday, May 19

5:00 p.m. **+Rocco E. Julian**

By Rocco and Christine DeLellis

Sunday, May 20 **Pentecost Sunday**

8:00 a.m. **+Gregor Karkoszka**

By Anna Kuruc

10:30 a.m. **+Joseph C. Tran**

By Mrs. Guerriere and the 6th Grade Rel. Ed. Class

We think about the moms who have so generously brought into this world many lives. They look at those children and realize with every single conception that their hearts (and their ability to love) expands every single time. When that first baby is born, a mother is so in love with that little baby she cannot imagine that there can be a greater love because of the love she has for her husband and the love she has for this child. Two, three or, four babies later, she realizes the love that was there for the first one was only a foreshadowing of the love that has now grown. It has grown through all of the aches and the pains and the hardships of all of these other little ones she has brought into the world. Her heart that was exploding with love on the day that first one was conceived, and the day that first one was born, is now expanded far beyond whatever that mother could have imagined on the day of the first birth.

Today as we meditate upon this mystery of life we consider our first mother, Eve. We consider our spiritual mother, the Blessed Mother. We consider the Church, Mater and Magister (Mother and Teacher). And we consider the most beautiful woman in our lives, our own mother, the one who gave us life, the one who taught us to love. She is the one who gave us to love Him, so that even in the newness of life all things would be new once again. Our mothers, out of love for us, wanted to give us not only natural life but they wanted to share with us eternal life. They have taught us to love so that we would be saints. They have brought us to the baptismal font so that we can get to Heaven. They teach us by word and by example what it means to follow the commandment of love. As they have done in this world, and as Our Lord has already done for us (as He promises in John's Gospel), I think that we can say the same for our mothers and our grandmothers who have gone before us: They go before us to prepare a place for us so that where they are, we also may be. Thanks be to God for moms. They are the ones who teach us the love of God in human form. Happy Mother's Day!



Today our nation takes an opportunity to celebrate our mothers by put aside a day for Mothers. It began by people coming back to the church where they were baptized. They recognized

that the Church was their mother at the baptismal font. So the idea was that they would celebrate a day when they would all go back to their mother church. All the converts would be there together, the ones from over the years, and they would all be together in the place where they were baptized. They would celebrate their faith and life that they had learned and received in that church.

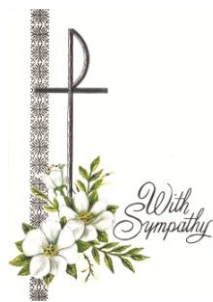
It did not take a whole lot of time for people to say, "If we are going to be able to celebrate the supernatural life that we have through Holy Mother Church, then it is also fitting that on this day we should visit our mothers (our natural mothers) from whom we have natural life." That is the way Mother's Day began.



Sincere apologies to the Ientile Family. Rita Ientile made her First Communion last Sunday with her Second Grade Religious Education Class. However, her name was omitted inadvertently from the bulletin.

Our Sunday Offering

May 6, \$2,367; Last Year \$2,120.79



Please pray for the repose of the soul of our parishioner

Rosemarie Freeman

May she rest in peace.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of our parishioner

Philip Kinney

May he rest in peace.



We have openings for Mass Intentions in May and June:

May 14,15,18, 21,22,23,25,28,29

June 11,12,25,26. There are openings for

the rest of the year also but space here is too limited to post. If interested in

booking an intention, please call or stop in

the Parish office Monday thru Thursday

9a to 1p. 908-689-8318, ext. 1

Hospitality Sunday

You are invited to join other parishioners on

May 13 after the 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses

for fellowship, along with coffee, tea and sweets.

Hope to see you there!



Religious Education Formation Program will be holding its last session of the year on Monday, May 14. All students are to report to the church at 6:15 p.m.



Church Fundraiser

By now you have received a book of raffle tickets for our annual 50/50 Raffle.

THE PRIZES: 40% first place
6% second place
4% goes third place

A book cost \$100 and individual ticket costs \$10.

We are praying that this event will be very successful. Please consider buying tickets and/or selling them to friends and family. Proceeds will be used for parish operating expenses.

Drawing will be held on

Sunday, May 27 @ 11:30 a.m.

Thank you and God bless you.—Fr. Damian



REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

Stephen, Bridget M., Savannah Paine, Bobby Gross, Keira Hedges, Peter, Zachary, Logan Peter Saksa, Anna Saksa, Lauren Lane, Jay Mildrum, Philip Kinney, Peter S., Mary Supple, Mary Rupell, Susan Reynolds, Robert Dicheck, Christian, Tara,

Zoe, Teagan, Eric Harding, Kathy & Bob Y., Irma Marquart, Dolores Staiano, Gerard Schnaars, Glenda L., The Rasimowicz Family, Michael Dante, Joseph Boyle, Tony Santos, Tina Delrosso