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***Our First Holy Communion celebrations continue!***  
*Congratulations to all the children and their families!*





*Thanks to Lizzie Guerra (@lizzyguerraphotography) for capturing these beautiful memories! Click [HERE](#) to view more...*

## Golden Anniversary Celebration

On Sunday, April 25th, Bishop Sweeney celebrated a Mass for 46 couples in the diocese who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this year. Our very own **Frank and Ann Labianca** were among those honored at this special liturgy. Below Frank shares a bit about how God brought them together.

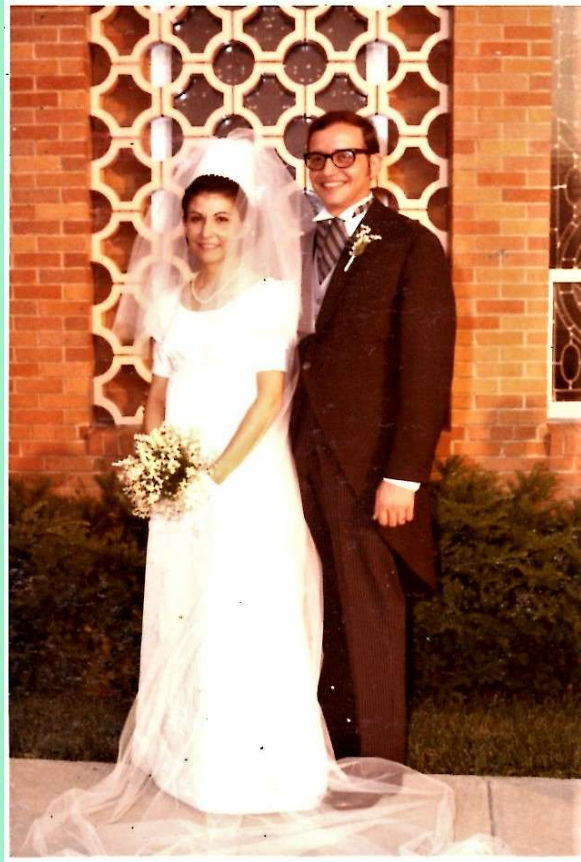


*"Ann and I were fortunate to have a mutual friend who knew our families. With Ann's permission, of course, he gave me her telephone number and I followed through. I was working for Bell Labs in Whippany at the time and Ann was finishing her nursing studies in New York. As luck (God) would have it our personalities clicked, and we continued to see each other. We were married a year and a half later, June 6, 1970.*

*"We have two daughters and five beautiful grandchildren. The special thing about being married fifty years is that you grow closer as time goes on, and of course with your family. But it's important to remember that God plays an important role, and He should always be kept in the loop. That is the key."*

*Frank Labianca*

Congratulations Frank & Ann! Your witness to the sacrament of marriage is an inspiration. May God continue to bless you with great joys and cherished memories on all your days ahead!



## **Welcoming back our Quilting Angels!**

Last Friday morning a few of our Quilting Ministers officially resumed their ministry. They are excited to be back making their beautiful quilts which offer peace, prayers, and comfort to those in need of God's love and healing.





Through the Healing Prayer Ministry, parish nurse Maryann Johnston had been bringing together the fruits of their labor to those in need. However, due to the pandemic, the ministry had to pause. Quilts that were in stock were sent to the Fr. English Center in Paterson for people in need.

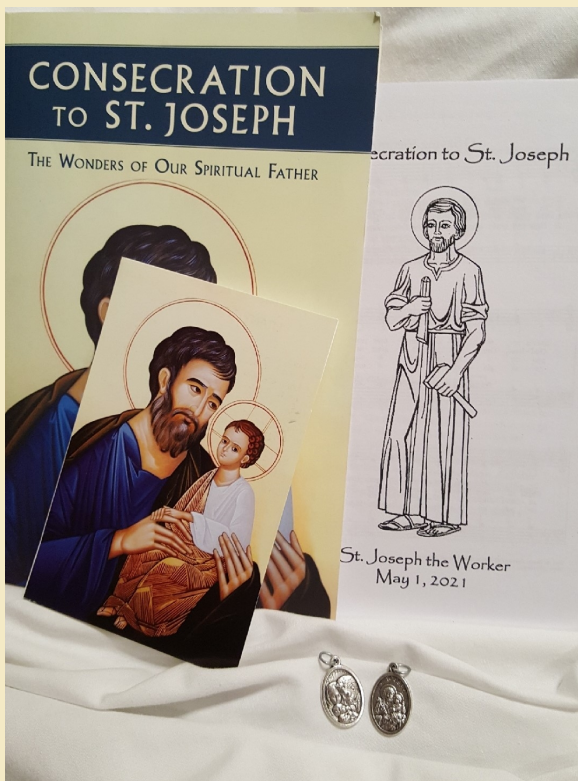


Now in action once again, the ministers hope to continue bringing Christ's comfort. If there is someone you know who is in need of God's comfort through this ministry, please email Alice Muir at [Alice.Muir@optimum.net](mailto:Alice.Muir@optimum.net)

## Consecration to St. Joseph

On Tuesday, March 30th, a small group of souls led by parishioner MaryAnn Barry embarked on a journey of preparation for Consecration to St. Joseph, guided by the book ***Consecration to St Joseph: Wonders of Our Spiritual Father*** by Fr. Don Calloway. The 33-day virtual series concluded with a special service celebrated by Fr. Alex in the church this past Saturday, May 1st, the Feast of St. Joseph The Worker.

According to Fr. Calloway, MIC, this journey of consecration means participants acknowledge that St. Joseph is their spiritual father, and they want to be like him. To show it, they entrust themselves entirely into his paternal care so that he can help them acquire his virtues and become holy.



*"The Consecration to St Joseph was an incredible opportunity for me to learn more about this great saint and strengthen my faith. Fr. Alex's support in putting this together at the very last minute was a clear sign that St Joseph was in charge, had hand-picked each of us, and wanted to draw us close to him, so he could lead us to his foster son, Jesus. In addition, being with other faith-filled Catholics who had a similar hunger to learn about our humble, yet strong Spiritual Father, St Joseph, helped me grow further as a Christian. Finally, I made several new friends!"*

*MaryAnn Barry*





*"The Consecration was an enriching experience and my 3rd time doing it, this time in a group setting. MaryAnn bringing it into a forum added meaning as participants were able to benefit from the mutual sharing of thoughts on the content and experience. We certainly learned and inspired each other to learn more about St. Joseph and our faith. Consecration Day was a great and welcome finish to our journey. Many thanks to Fr. Alex for all his support!" Jim Dale*

## **Food Rescue Ministry:**

***When one door closes, another one opens...***



*"We have received word that there is no longer a need for us to prepare lunches for The Mental Health Association clients as these folks are now receiving meals from the organization that previously supplied them before the pandemic. While we are disappointed to have to pause this leg of the ministry, we are thrilled that we will*

*begin making senior lunches for The Interfaith Food Pantry (IFP). On May 12, Mary McGovern, Patty Gant, Anne Roda-Farrell and I will meet with the nutritionist at IFP and a chef and we will work in our own ND kitchen to get ready for mass production. We hope to have our ministers making the new lunches by Monday, May 17. God is so good, His timing perfect!"*

Beth Vecchio

## UPCOMING

**This week's Mass  
& Lamp Intentions**

**Welcoming Help  
Needed for  
Weekend Masses**

**Marriage Ministry  
"Year-End Couple's Witness  
Event"**

**Friday, May 21, 7:30-9:00 PM**

Join us in-person in our sanctuary or  
participate virtually.

[Click HERE for more details and to  
register!](#)



# **DRIVE-THRU DROP-OFF**

## *Food & Clothing Collection*

**SATURDAY, MAY 22, 2021, 9-11 AM**

Gently used clothing (in plastic bags) and non-perishable food items



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### **LOCAL AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **For Reflection...**

*"Jesus is a seeking Saviour and He wants a seeking Church! He wants a missionary Church. Full of seeking disciples animated with the same unconditional love for people; regardless of how far they have fallen; regardless of how addicted or 'messed up' they have become. In Jesus' eyes, every saint of the Church has a past and every sinner has a future... The prodigals will not return to the Father's house until the Father's house is filled with the*





*Father's love. It starts here and it starts now. It starts with you and me! We are His hands and feet and voice."*

*Brett Powell*

*Jesus is a seeking Saviour, are we a seeking Church?*



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