

## Cristina Folan

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### May Crowning

*"In heaven the blessed your glory proclaim;  
On earth we, your children, invoke your sweet name."*





Click [HERE](#) to view more special memories from this past Sunday's Family Mass.

## Staff Meetings: A time to pray, learn, share and laugh!

At each of our monthly staff meetings, staff members take turns leading the prayer segment, the content & discussion segment (intended to help us grow personally



and as leaders), and also a final "fun activity" when we can just have a good laugh together.

For this month's meeting, Facilities Manager Leo Ramirez led the content segment. The "new kid in town" did a great job sharing about the Strengthsfinder assessment he recently completed, and how his top 5 strengths have manifested in his life: personally, professionally, and now in his job and ministry at Notre Dame.



Laura led us in prayer as we honored our Blessed Mother, and also in a fun activity celebrating Cinco de Mayo! It must be noted we had "five" Cinco de Mayo Bingo winners and "uno" sore loser!!





Click [HERE](#) for more special and funny memories from our Staff meeting.

## Planning is underway for Vacation Bible School!

Our in-person "Treasured" Vacation Bible School will embark on an epic quest **the week of July 19 from 9:00 am - 12:15 pm**. All children entering PreK-4 – 5<sup>th</sup> grades are invited to journey with us to discover the richness of God's love! To ensure the safety of our campers and crew, NJ summer camp COVID guidelines will be followed.





To safely dig into our adventure, we will need to limit the number of campers to 40 in 1st-5th grade, and 20 in PreK/kindergarten. **Stay tuned! Registration will open Monday, May 24.** Click [HERE](#) for more details.

## For Reflection

The increased numbers of people in our communities getting vaccinated for COVID-19 and the continuing gradual lifting of restrictions are visible signs that there is indeed light at the end of the COVID tunnel. Certainly, we anticipate a return to normalcy in so many aspects of our lives, especially in the joys of gathering with loved ones, whether casually or to celebrate special events and milestones in our lives. Leaving behind the mask and social distance will indeed be a blessing for our faith community as well! But, should we be expecting a return to all that was, or are we being called to a more fruitful "new normal"?

*"We have learned valuable skills and adopted amazing technologies to care for our community. After the pandemic, may these skills and technologies be used for the sake of missionary outreach beyond the existing community. The Church is the only organization in the world that was created NOT for its own members. Post-pandemic Christianity will need a Church that re-prioritizes outreach, evangelizing presence and contagious community."*

*Brett Powell*

*Waiting for a Return to Normal or Getting ready for a New Missionary Impulse?*



## UPCOMING



**Just a  
reminder...**

The **Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord** has been transferred this year from **Thursday, May 13 to Sunday, May 16**. Please note that this change **is only for this year**.

\*Please also note that the **Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, May 13**.

**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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