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*God bless the children (and their families) who received
First Holy Communion this past weekend!*

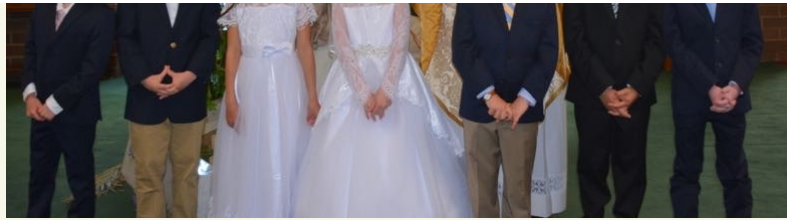


***Why do we celebrate First Communions at various Masses instead of
having one Mass for all the families whose children are receiving the
sacrament?***

*"The Holy Eucharist is the
source and summit of our
faith. It is also the
culmination of our initiation
with Christ that first began
at our baptism. We often see*



in our baptism. We often see our young people in white, a reminder of the white garment received in baptism."



"The Eucharist, while also sharing an individual communion with Jesus, is intrinsically ecclesial and most seen on that day on which we remember Christ's conquering of death, Sunday."



"So it is only right that our children receive in communion with all of us on the day known as the Eucharist's day, Sunday. They are initiated into our community, a community journeying with them -- we do not leave anyone behind; rather, we follow the example of the Good Shepherd, who always seeks out the lost sheep."



Fr. Alex



Click [HERE](#) to view more photos from the 5 pm Vigil Mass and [HERE](#) to view those from the 9:30 Mass.

Special thanks to Dan Bozza (5 pm Mass), Jen Cohen (9:30 Mass), and Patty Strunk (11:30 Mass) for capturing beautiful memories from these sacramental celebrations!

Pentecost Worship: Join us!



Holy Spirit Come ~ Praise & Worship Adoration
Featuring Full Worship Band led by Q Furland
Sunday, June 5th, 6:00 PM Mass
7:00-8:00 PM Witness and Eucharistic Adoration

New Parishioner Welcome

Regardless of where people are spiritually speaking, our first encounters call us to offer a path of belonging.

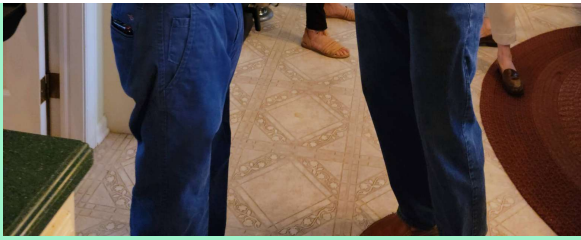


This past Saturday morning, a casual gathering was held at the Rectory to extend a further welcome to those who have joined us in recent months. It was heartwarming to witness the joy, kindness, and hospitality offered by our priests, staff members, and ministry leaders present at the gathering. Equally touching was the sense of gratitude shared by those newly welcomed who could join us.



As the event progressed and in the fruitfulness of casual conversations, “divine” connections were both discovered and formed!





We are blessed by having this opportunity to invest in our faith and the future of our parish and our Church!

Congratulations to Eagle Scout, Kyle Blanchfield

by Maria Cascio



This past Sunday, Kyle Blanchfield, the son of our own Michele Blanchfield, was honored at the Eagle Court of Honor held at Our Lady of Mercy Parish Center. Local political leaders, distinguished guests, beloved family members, along with Fr. Alex, and several staff members attended the award ceremony.



For Kyle's Eagle Scout project, he chose to build a much-needed outdoor nativity stable. The original stable was lovingly built by our beloved Jimmy Steiger and had weathered many harsh winter days. Kyle was able to dismantle the original stable and repurpose some of the wood for the project. He also designed the stable for easier portability and better storage capability.



As part of the honor ceremony, the Notre Dame staff presented Kyle with a special plaque that will be mounted on his beautiful gift to the Notre Dame parish family.



During the ceremony, Kyle presented our Bob Hinck with a Mentor Pin for all the support, guidance, and accompaniment Bob provided to accomplish this project.

We are all so proud of Kyle's monumental achievement and grateful for his gift of love and service.



Special thanks to Melissa Fasano for capturing these special memories! Click [HERE](#) to view more...

We are blessed by the many programs and events guiding those the Lord sends our way in their spiritual seeking and intentional discipleship. However, no program can deliver an intentional disciple -- only Jesus can -- through the power of the Holy Spirit and the sharing of the gifts of faith, love, service, and accompaniment that we offer one another on the journey.

Discipleship Groups... and beyond!

By Melissa Fasano

This past Lent, I led one of our Discipleship Groups and had a fantastic experience! The Belonging Project theme is a journey intended to help women find their Tribe and bring the “One Anothers” of the Bible to our daily lives. Love one another, serve one another, build up and strengthen one another, and forgive one another.



The bond that we formed is something that lasted well beyond the five weeks we initially met. So, we decided to continue our fellowship and have a reunion here in our Parish Hall last week. A potluck dinner was arranged, where we shared prayer, wonderful conversation, and delicious food. We have decided to keep this regularly going, taking turns hosting our Tribe in our homes or other locations. Our Tribe treasures the bond that we have formed, and we are looking forward to continuing to grow our friendships in the future!

Behind leading the 24-session Bible Timeline

by Tanya D'Souza

In March 2019, my beloved Uncle Bosco passed away suddenly. He was a wonderful, kind man, a father figure to me. He had just turned 58. Uncle Bosco was the youngest of four siblings, with my mom being the oldest. Our whole family was devastated. The youngest had gone home first. His death was our family's first death after almost 25 years, and it hurt so much.



Shortly after my uncle's passing, I saw a blurb in our parish bulletin for the ***Matthew: The King and His Kingdom*** study led by +Dick White. I hesitated to join. In my grief, I did not know if I wanted to get back to life and engage with people. I asked if I could attend the first session before committing to the 6-month study. I loved that first session and decided to make the entire journey. I looked forward to attending every Thursday!



Then in March of 2020 came the pandemic and the extended shutdown. Yet, looking back, I felt so blessed because I had said yes to the invitation of the Holy Spirit to dive deeper into scripture. The blessings - gifts, and graces I have received from being faithful and learning more about the Good News have helped me understand and experience how the love of the Father, Son, and the Spirit has carried me through so many difficult moments of my life.



The Bible helps us encounter God's voice and live life through the lens of Scripture. Do you find something missing in your life? Do you want more joy, courage, and peace to accept the different seasons in your life gracefully? His disciples are blessed with His peace, many gifts, and graces when we make the time for Jesus: the Sacraments, to learn and to listen to His word, to pray, attend Adoration, etc. At each session, we will watch Jeff Cavins explain The Bible story and the parallels between the Old and New Testament, and we will discuss the message as it pertains to our lives today.

Please consider joining us as we grow together in the love of our Lord. **This 24-session journey revealing the remarkable story of our faith begins Thursday, June 2nd, 6:30 - 8:00 pm in our Youth Ministry Room.** Click [HERE](#) to find out more and to register.

HAPPENING...

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

**Parishioner
Announcements**

WEDNESDAY, May 18th, 7:30 pm
Downstairs in the Resource Library

Women's Guided Meditation

*Listen, find peace,
and get in touch with God within...*

Men's Group



Join us in faith and friendship!
We explore a different topic each
month and offer an opportunity for
sharing and discussion.

**SATURDAY,
MAY 28TH,
8:00-10:00 AM**

Downstairs in the Resource Library

A background image for the parade announcement featuring a close-up of the American flag's stars and stripes, with red tulips in the bottom right corner.

**MARCH WITH US AT HANOVER TOWNSHIP'S
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE**

MONDAY, MAY 30

Meet us at Whippany Park High School
165 Whippany Road at 9:00 am



REMEMBER AND HONOR

Registration is open for this year's Vacation Bible School!
Click below to find out more.



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