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May has been Mary's month since the medieval period when May was considered the end of winter and the start of a new season of growth. It's a time for new beginnings and the chance, to begin with gratitude and devotion. There are many reasons she is considered the "Queen of Heaven." She was a perfect follower of Christ and so is considered the crown of creation. She is also the Mother of the Son of God, Jesus, who is the King of Israel and the universe. And, of course, she is the most important woman of our faith and our spiritual mother.

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Celebrating May Crowning

Our May Crowning Celebration took place at the 9:30 Family Mass this past Sunday. Below is a quick video of the procession and crowning of our Blessed Mother.



What a gift to have so many of our children participate in the procession as they proudly and joyfully offered our Blessed Mother their beautiful homemade flowers!

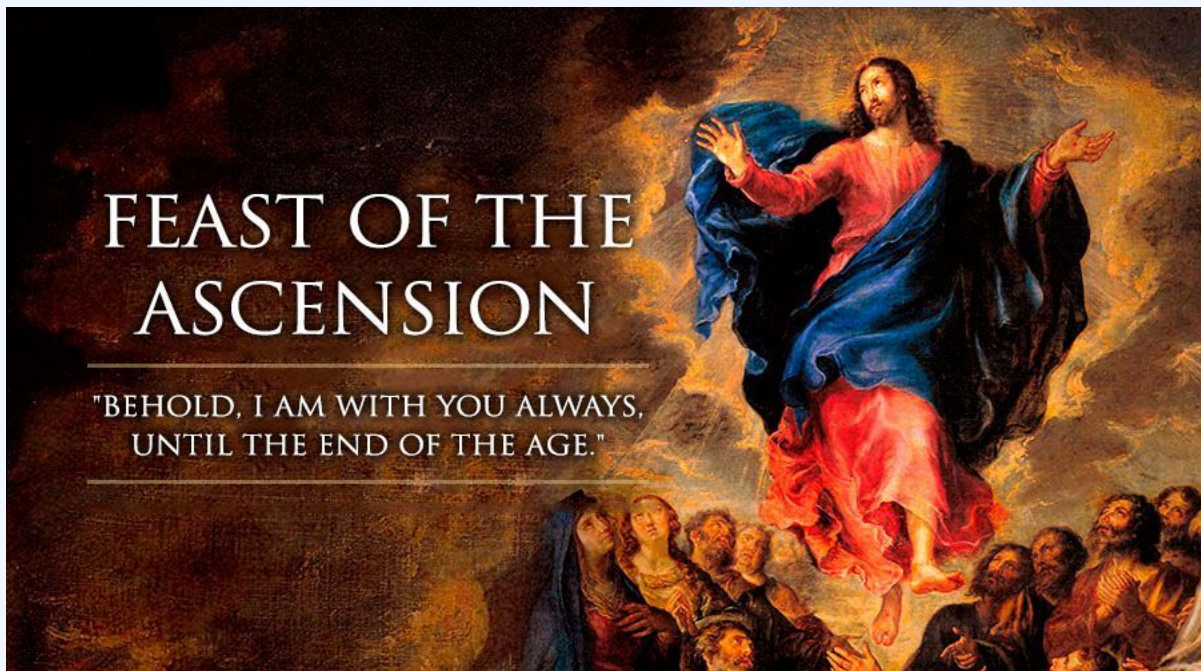




“For the body is not one member, but many.” 1 Corinthians 12:14

Shoutout to our Elementary Faith Formation Team! So grateful for all you do to further the faith of our parish community, especially our young families and children!

Reminder About the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord



This a gentle reminder that effective 2022, the Latin-rite Diocesan Bishops of the Ecclesiastical Province of Newark (which includes Paterson Diocese) permanently

transferred the observance of the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord to the Seventh Sunday of Easter. Thus, the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord will be celebrated this Sunday, May 21st. (On Thursday, we will celebrate the daily Noon Mass per our regular Mass schedule). Click [HERE](#) to learn more about last year's announcement from Bishop Kevin Sweeney.

Extraordinary Ministry Outreach to our Homebound Parishioners

Christ asks us to be his hands, feet, and voice here on earth. Our Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist do just that by bringing Jesus in the Eucharist to those unable to physically participate in the celebration of Mass. Yet, these ministers do so much more as they share their caring smiles, prayers, and conversation, reminding these special parishioners they are indeed an essential part of our faith community.



The support of our parish -- in service, prayers, and otherwise -- is a blessing to the ministry and especially to those they serve. For a few years now, parishioner Grace Ann LaVelle has prepared treats for the ministers to bring to the homebound on special days, most recently yesterday for Mother's Day.

"EMs for Homebound ministers are blessed with such a special gift. Recipients and their caregivers are delighted with the customized and breathtaking chocolate creations of parishioner Grace Ann LaVelle." Liz Pinnes

"These special treats are always appreciated and are a nice touch of extra care to our homebound. I know it gives Peg an extra lift each time she feels remembered by the parish community." Jim Baratte



If you are interested in learning more about this important and rewarding ministry, please reach out to Jack Vales at vales.john@yahoo.com

Reusable Bags Collection: Thank you!

In just two weekends, the response to the Food Rescue's call for reusable bags was overwhelming! The pictures below do include the batch of bags already delivered before the weekend to Catholic Charities' Fr. English Center!





"Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

2 Corinthians 9:6-8

A Retreat Experience for our Confirmandi

By Laura Balogh, Family Faith Formation Director

Our Confirmation Retreat was held this past Saturday afternoon, May 13, with 33 teens preparing to receive the Sacrament on Tuesday, May 30th.



Q Furnald, Director of Youth Ministry & Contemporary Worship, energetically facilitated the experience. Q was joined by his wife, Alli, Youth Minister at St. Lawrence Parish in Chester, and Sean Jenkins, a good friend who has previously witnessed at past Praise & Worship events here at ND.





The afternoon was filled with music, prayer, fun activities, witness talks, and time for spiritual reflection in the church.



"Our eighth-grade Confirmation Retreat was a powerful encounter with the Lord through prayer, fun, and faith. We are confident that the impact



Evan Robinson, one of our teens in the Special Needs program, participated in the retreat. He has joined several other Confirmation events this year, along with his faith leader, Erica Jackson. We feel especially blessed by Evan's presence and participation, a gift not only to his spiritual journey but to the journey of our faith community!

of relatable witness and the excitement of a day spent reinforcing and revitalizing faith will bear fruit by way of the Holy Spirit as these amazing young disciples journey with Christ. With an emphasis on service to their communities and love for themselves and those around them, we pray for these teens as they approach the Sacrament of Confirmation!" Q Furnald

Thank you, Q, Alli, and Sean, for sharing your faith, talents, and witness with us! Thank you, parents, for your great dedication to your family's faith this year. Please continue to pray for our teens!

First Communion Celebrations Continue

Congratulations to the eleven children (and their families!) who received their First Holy Communion at the 11:30 am Mass last Sunday, May 7, and at the 5 pm Vigil Mass this past Saturday. As these celebrations take place in smaller groups of First Communicant families, the setting offers the opportunity for more intimate and meaningful experiences.

Shoutout to parishioner photographers Lizzy Guerrra and Dan Bozza for capturing such precious memories from these special celebrations!



"Every time we receive Him, He reminds us that we are precious, that we are guests he has invited to his banquet, friends with whom he wants to dine. And not only because He is generous but because He is truly in love with us. He sees and loves the beauty and goodness that we are." Pope Francis



**This week's Mass
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Memories that share our story...

"I didn't get the memo: No Moms & Tots for this week, so the big people in the office let me shop and then put me to work!" 🤖



5 pm Mass & First Communion Celebration

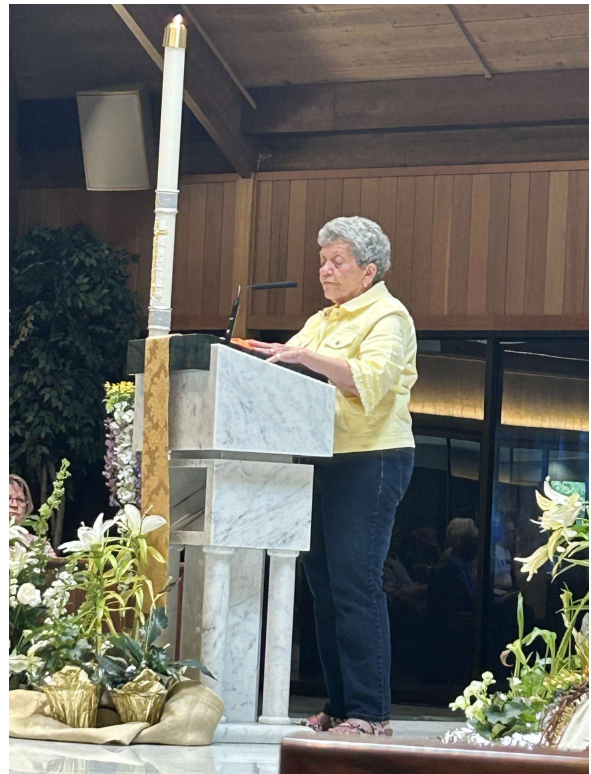




Family Mass



11:30 am Mass

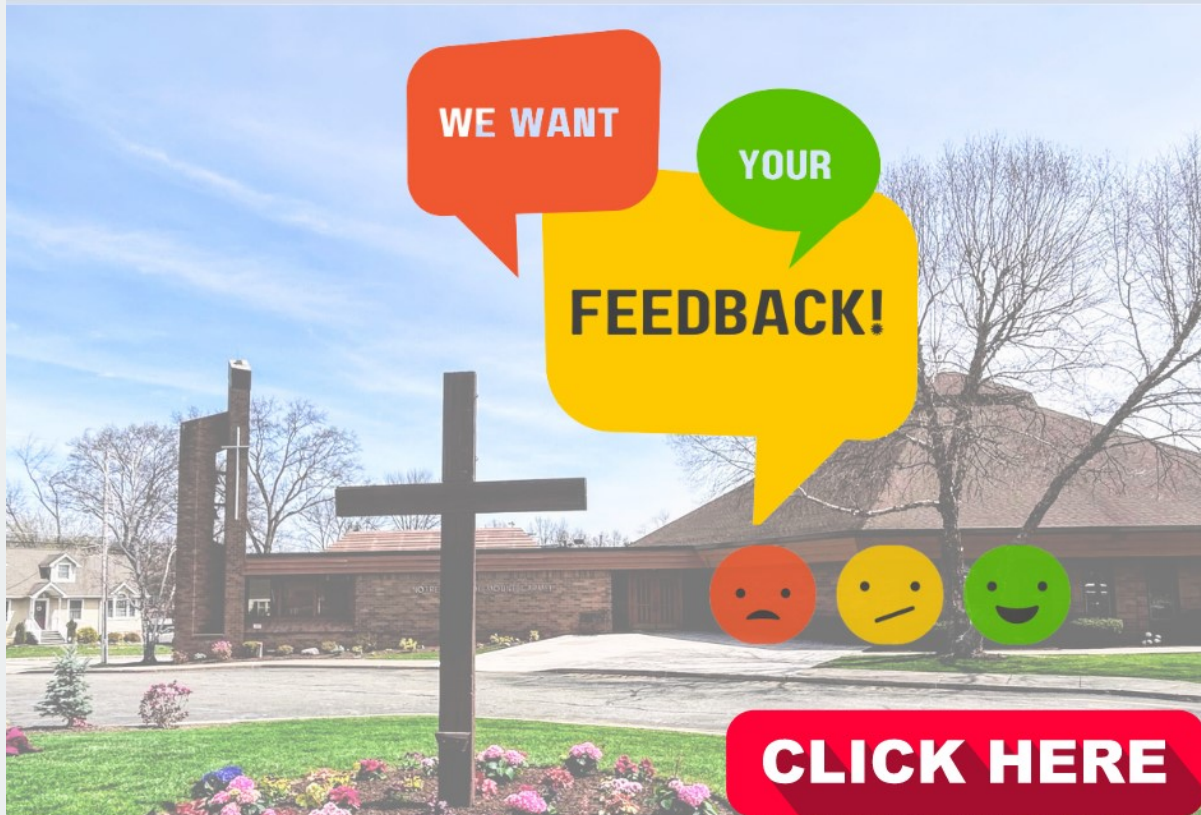




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