

MASS INTENTIONS

May 10-18, 2025

Vigil of the Fourth Sunday of Easter

4:00 PM For All Mothers
+Josephine & Michael Szczomak
†Jerry Giamonco

Sunday, May 11th

Fourth Sunday of Easter

7:30 AM For All Mothers
+Catherine Steele
Living & Deceased Parishioners
9:30 AM For All Mothers
†Angiolina Tollis
†James O'Neill
11:30 AM For All Mothers
†Rick Gigli
†Al Scala
5:30 PM For All Mothers
†Eliel Chuqui Ramirez

Monday, May 12th

11:30 AM †Mary Mulroony

Tuesday, May 13th

11:30 AM †Raffaella Porporino
†Victor DePauw

Wednesday, May 14th

11:30 AM †Fr. Richard P.. Biasiotto, O.F.M.
(10th Anniversary)



Thursday, May 15th

11:30 AM +For the Soul of Pope Francis

Friday, May 16th

11:30 +The Griffin Family

Saturday, May 17th

11:30 +Vincent Bustard

Vigil of the Fifth Sunday of Easter

4:00 PM +Josephine & Michael Szczomak
†Mario, Susan, & Myrtle Nocera

Sunday, May 18th

Fifth Sunday of Easter

7:30 †M. Vittorio & Bruno Stillo
†Robert T. Conklin
9:30 Living & Deceased Parishioners
†Cosmo & Rose Sciancalepore
11:30 †William & Mary Hannigan
†Lois Osman
5:30 PM Misa en español

✙ pray for the deceased ✙

ANNA T. ARLINGTON
1956-2025

Anna was born and raised in Totowa and resided in North Carolina. She graduated from William Paterson University with a teaching degree. She opened several daycare centers and taught in public and private schools. She loved her NJ shore house and her Normandy Beach house. She was predeceased by her husband, David. She is survived by her children Kyle and Evan and their spouses; grandchildren, Kinsley, Sawyer, Charlie and Santino; partner Kathy Cody, siblings Phyllis and Michael and many other relatives and friends.

May She rest peacefully in the Lord



*EUCCHARISTIC GIFTS
of Bread & Wine are offered
this week in Memory of
Alessandro Cercone*



*SANCTUARY LAMP will burn
this week in Memory of
Deborah Hoban Stanfield*



Pray for: Sr. Jean Amore, S.M.I.C., Choi,
Rosemary Cinderella, Pat Connelly, Joanne D'Antonio,
Marc D'Argenzio, James Dean, Luca Favia, Kelly Fleming,
Sasha Gibbons, Marge Hasko, Gregory Hodkinson,
Lisa Guarente-Hogan, Mohammad Muslih, Grace Olivo,
Joseph Pezzano, Ronald & Nana Piazza,
Richard Prospero, Nelly & Luis Rodríguez,
Richard Ruggiero, Alyssa Stepneski, John Szczomak,
Angelo Torres, Jean Trommelen, & Bonnie Windley

***If you would like to add a name of a sick person to
this prayer list, please call the Parish Office.***

Religious Formation Schedule

***Classes Begin with 9:30 am Mass followed by
instruction in Bishop Manning Hall. All students
are required to sign in before Mass.***

May 11 th Mother's Day	Attend Mass with your family
May 18 th First Communion & May Crowning	9:30 am Mass

**Articles for the May 18th bulletin are
due in the parish office by
Monday, May 12th**

COLLECTION

Sunday, May 4th \$2,235.00

Easter Collection to date..... \$11,242.00

Thank you for your continued support



Jesus has Risen!
Spring has Sprung !
St. Bons Community Garden is ready for
planting.

Please do reach out to me to reserve a spot
and enjoy this wonderful Communal
Experience.

Contact: John Agapito
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973.865.2654

St. Anthony Novena Continues...



**Tuesday, May 13th
Week 9
in Preparation for the
Feast of St. Anthony of Padua
on June 13th**

**First Communion has been
rescheduled to Sunday, May 18th at
9:30 AM**

FEEDING THE POOR AND HUNGRY

Once again, our St. Bonaventure's community generously supported the food collection for the Father English Center, on Saturday, April 19th. Contributions included:

24 frozen dinners	35 lbs. frozen chicken parts
22 bags of groceries	6 frozen turkeys
15 cartons of canned goods	18 frozen hams
10 bags of used clothing	2 crocheted baby blankets
	\$485 in donations

These totals include a \$350 contribution to the Community Food Bank of New Jersey for the account of the Father English Food Pantry made by our Francis J. O'Byrne Knights of Columbus Council #240, as well as \$135 in donations to the same account made by several generous parishioners. Articles of clothing were again donated to Martin De Porres Village in Paterson.

As we anticipate this month's collection, please reflect on the words of our late Pope Francis; "In imitation of our Master, we Christians are called to confront the poverty of our brothers and sisters, to touch it, to make it our own and to take practical steps to alleviate it." Your support of the Father English Food Pantry with your frozen dinners and groceries is a "practical step."

Please, as we go about our lives this month, continue to remember the hunger in our midst and prepare for our next collection of groceries and frozen dinners on Saturday, May 17th.

Our Schedule for May is as follows:

FROZEN DINNER PANS

Saturday & Sunday, May 10/11

Available after all Masses in the rear of the church.

FROZEN DINNER PICKUP

Saturday, May 17th – 8:15 to 9:45 AM

In front of Bishop Manning Hall.

NON-PERISHABLE GROCERIES

May be dropped off at the same time or any time before May 17th in the rear of the church or by noon on Friday in the Parish Office.

LISTENING SESSIONS

St. Bons on Tuesday, May 13th, 7–9 PM

Saturday, May 17th, 1:30–3:30 PM,

Our Lady of Pompei on Monday, May 12th 7–9 PM

Sunday, June 1st, 2–4 PM

Fr. Paul Manning will lead these sessions in
Bishop Manning Hall

Peter's Pence Collection

On May 18, 2025, we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including the charitable works of Pope Francis. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html.

Colecta Peter's Pence

Mayo 18, 2025 la Colecta Peter's Pence, para apoyar a la Iglesia universal y la labor de la Santa Sede, incluyendo las obras de caridad del papa Francisco. Estas obras benefician a nuestros hermanos y hermanas en la periferia de la sociedad, incluyendo a las víctimas de guerra, de opresión y de desastres. Por favor, sean generosos. Para más información, visiten www.obolodisanpietro.va/es.html



MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

**The church will be open
for Mass on**

**Monday, May 26
at 11:30 AM.**

The Parish Office will be closed

ASCENSION THURSDAY IS ASCENSION SUNDAY SUNDAY, JUNE 1ST

Since 2023 the observance of the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord Jesus has been celebrated on the Seventh Sunday of Easter. That means that "Ascension Sunday" is here to stay.

The Ascension of the Lord had always been celebrated forty days after Easter according to St. Luke's version of the story. It is celebrated on Sunday as it is more beneficial to secure the date on a Sunday in the hope that more of the faithful will partake in the celebration. As we rejoice at the Lord's presence at the right hand of the Father, we pray that we may be joyful heralds of our risen Lord.

EL JUEVES DE LA ASCENSIÓN ES EL DOMINGO DE LA ASCENSIÓN DOMINGO, 1 DE JUNIO

Desde 2023, la solemnidad de la Ascensión del Señor Jesús se celebra el séptimo domingo de Pascua. Esto significa que el Domingo de la Ascensión ha llegado para quedarse.

La Ascensión del Señor siempre se ha celebrado cuarenta días después de La Pascua, según la versión de San Lucas. Se celebra el domingo, ya que es más conveniente fijar la fecha en domingo con la esperanza de que más fieles participen en la celebración. Al regocijarnos por la presencia del Señor a la diestra del Padre, oramos para que seamos alegres heraldos de nuestro Señor resucitado.



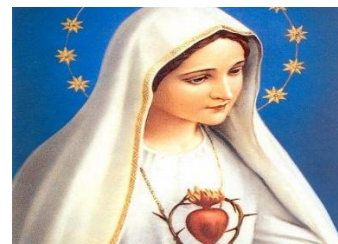
La Virgen Peregrina

La Virgen Maria está visitando vuestra casa. Después de la misa del domingo, habrá un horario en la parte de atrás. Escribe vuestra dirección y teléfono en el día que deseáis llevarla por una semana.

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Marian Priestly Movement – The Cenacle of N.J. Movimiento Sacerdotal Mariano - El Cenáculo de N.J.



Todos los miércoles a las 6:30 PM se celebrará el Cenáculo en la iglesia. Unid a este movimiento sacerdotal Mariano. Habrá Misa el último miércoles de cada mes a las 7:00 PM.



ST. BONAVENTURE PRAYER GROUP

St. Bon's Prayer Group has been meeting since 1992. Many parishioners have joined us through the years, and some have steadfastly stayed since the beginning. We meet each Tuesday morning in the Tailor Shop.

We start at 10:00 AM and end with Mass at 11:30

AM. Each week we will do morning prayer, read the Gospel for the up-coming Sunday, and discuss how it can relate to our everyday lives.

This is an invitation to please consider joining us. There is no obligation to attend every week – you can join us whenever it is convenient.

Please let us know if you are interested or have any questions. We hope to see you there.

Marge and Joe Balough – 973-278-6152 or mjbalough921@gmail.com

From the Desk of Fr. Alex.....

The 37th Annual Order of Malta Lourdes Pilgrimage (29 April – 6 May 2025) showed me what “Hope Through the Virtue of Union With Mary” truly means. As a newly invested Deputy Chaplain and first-time pilgrim, I arrived in Tarbes-Lourdes with hundreds of Knights, Dames, Auxiliary, volunteers and, at the heart of it all, our beloved *malades*—the French word for the sick whom the Order accompanies in search of healing of body, mind and spirit. Last but not least, their caregivers travelled alongside them, quiet heroes whose love often begins the work of healing before the first blessing is spoken.

Serving in this new ministry was a profound gift. My red-ribbon Pilgrimage Service Medal felt less like an honor and more like a responsibility: to preach, to anoint, to listen, and to carry home the petitions of those who could not make the journey. In every liturgy and every silent visit to the Grotto, the universality of the Church came alive.

Returning to my native France deepened the experience. Standing before the rock face still blackened by candles and time, I remembered Bishop John Barres’ words that the Blessed Mother “chooses to appear even in the challenging parts of our lives.” Lourdes, once little more than a town dump, is now a fountain of grace precisely because God delights in drawing beauty from unlikely places.

Nothing captured that beauty more than the sea of white-clad Knights, black-veiled Dames, red-tunic Auxiliary and multilingual volunteers guiding blue *voitures* through spring rain and mountain sun. Candle-lit processions turned the night into a field of stars while the *Ave Maria* soared in dozens of accents, proof that charity knows no borders.

The pilgrimage is always for our Lords, the sick and the poor, yet it also embraces those who serve them day after day. Throughout the week, special blessings and simple acts of kindness lifted up the caregivers whose faithfulness often goes unseen. Their witness reminded me that the Gospel is as much about accompaniment as it is about miracles.

I write these lines in a moment of anticipation: the Chair of Peter is vacant. By the time this bulletin reaches you, we pray that the College of Cardinals will have elected a new Holy Father. If not, may our continued intercession aid them in listening to the Holy Spirit. Whatever unfolds, the graces of Lourdes—faith renewed, friendships forged, petitions

placed beneath Mary's mantle—will nourish the Church and her next shepherd.

Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us.

La 37.^a Peregrinación a Lourdes de la Orden de Malta (29 de abril – 6 de mayo de 2025) me mostró lo que realmente significa «Esperanza a través de la virtud de la unión con María». Como recién nombrado Capellán Adjunto y peregrino primerizo, llegué a Tarbes-Lourdes junto a cientos de Caballeros, Damas, Auxiliares, voluntarios y, en el centro de todo, nuestros queridos *malades* —término francés que designa a los enfermos a quienes la Orden acompaña en busca de sanación del cuerpo, la mente y el espíritu—. Sus cuidadores viajaron con ellos, héroes silenciosos cuyo amor suele iniciar la obra de la curación antes de que se pronuncie la primera bendición.

Servir en este nuevo ministerio fue un don profundo. Mi Medalla de Servicio de la Peregrinación, colgada de una cinta roja, se sentía menos como un honor y más como una responsabilidad: predicar, ungir, escuchar y llevar a casa las súplicas de quienes no pudieron realizar el viaje. En cada liturgia y en cada visita silenciosa a la Gruta, la universalidad de la Iglesia cobraba vida.

Volver a mi Francia natal intensificó la experiencia. De pie ante la roca ennegrecida por velas y por el tiempo, evocaba las palabras del obispo John Barres: la Santísima Madre «elige aparecer incluso en las partes desafiantes de nuestra vida». Lourdes, antaño poco más que el vertedero del pueblo, es ahora una fuente de gracia precisamente porque Dios se complace en sacar belleza de los lugares más insospechados.

Nada expresó esa belleza mejor que el mar de Caballeros de blanco, Damas de velo negro, Auxiliares de túnica roja y voluntarios multilingües que guiaban las azules *voitures* bajo la lluvia primaveral y el sol de montaña. Las procesiones de antorchas convertían la noche en un campo de estrellas mientras el *Ave María* se elevaba en docenas de acentos, prueba de que la caridad no conoce fronteras.

La peregrinación es siempre para nuestros Señores, los enfermos y los pobres, pero también abraza a quienes les sirven día tras día. A lo largo de la semana, bendiciones especiales y actos sencillos de amabilidad levantaron el ánimo de los cuidadores cuya fidelidad a menudo pasa inadvertida. Su testimonio me recordó que el Evangelio trata tanto de acompañar como de obrar milagros.

Escribo estas líneas en un momento de expectativa: la Sede de Pedro está vacante. Para cuando este boletín llegue a sus manos, rogamos que el Colegio de Cardenales haya elegido un nuevo Santo Padre; y, si no es así, que nuestra continua intercesión les ayude a escuchar al Espíritu Santo. Sea lo que sea que ocurra, las gracias de Lourdes —la fe renovada, las amistades forjadas, las súplicas colocadas bajo el manto de María— alimentarán a la Iglesia y a su próximo pastor.

Nuestra Señora de Lourdes, ruega por nosotros.

