

MASS INTENTIONS
May 24-June 1, 2025

Vigil of the Sixth Sunday of Easter

4:00 PM +Josephine & Michael Szczomak
†Joseph & Joanne Emmolo

Sunday, May 25th

Sixth Sunday of Easter

7:30 †Michael Kanzer
†Gretchen Grigassy
9:30 †Jack & Gloria Nash
†Dorothy "Dot" Salomone
11:30 Living & Deceased Parishioners
†Christine Susan Bonham
5:30 PM Misa en español

Monday, May 26th

11:30 AM †Marie Durigan

Tuesday, May 27th

11:30 AM †Raffaella Porporino
†Joseph & Joanne Emmolo
(69th Anniversary)

Wednesday, May 28th

11:30 AM †Emily Naumann

✙ pray for the deceased ✙

May they rest peacefully in the Lord



*EUCCHARISTIC GIFTS
of Bread & Wine are offered
this week in Memory of
Deborah Hoban Stansfield*

**Articles for the June 8th bulletin are
due in the parish office by
Friday, June 2nd**



Thursday, May 29th

11:30 AM +Maria Luisa Escobar

Friday, May 30th

11:30 +Catherine McNerney

Saturday, May 31st

11:30 +Ronald Saia

Vigil of the Seventh Sunday of Easter

4:00 PM +Josephine & Michael Szczomak
†Susan F. Brino

Sunday, June 1st

Seventh Sunday of Easter

7:30 †Joseph Ferrante
†Robert T. Conklin
9:30 †Jack Pricken
†Dorothy "Dot" Salomone
11:30 †Pasqualina Occhiuzzi
†Lois Osman
5:30 PM Bartolo Donzella Intención Especial
Nuestros feligreses vivos y difuntos



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

COLLECTION

**Sunday, May 18th \$3,015.00
Peter's Pence \$861.00**

Easter Collection to date.....\$12,257.00

Thank you for your continued support



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, Barbara Smith, Alyssa Stepneski,
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.



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



Hats Off to our Graduates!

If you have a student who has graduated from Grammar School, Middle School, High School, or College (plus!), please fill out the coupon below and drop it in the collection basket or call the Parish Office so, we can acknowledge his or her great accomplishment.

Name: _____

Grade: _____

School of Graduation: _____

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
Agapitoj33@gmail.com
973.865.2654



*Through the waters of
Baptism, we welcome into our
Parish Family
Leah Polonía & Liam Polonía*

St. Anthony Novena Continues...



**Tuesday, May 27th
Week 11**

**in Preparation for the
Feast of St. Anthony of Padua
on June 13th**

COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMÉRICA AND CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Next weekend, May 31st & June 2nd
Please be as generous as you can.

COLECTA PARA LA IGLESIA EN AMERICA LATINA Y CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

El próximo fin de semana mayo 31 y junio 2
Por favor seáis tan generosos como podáis

MASS WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Saturday, June 7 at 11:30 AM
for those preparing for surgery, healing after surgery,
for the seriously ill, and the elderly.



**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE
FIRST COMMUNION CLASS
MAY 18, 2025**

*Tyler Arizmendi
Isabella Bedoya-Salazar
James Moloche
Ava Rivera*

***We welcome you into this Eucharistic
Community of Faith.***

***We look forward to seeing you with your
parents, grandparents, guardians, and
families in the coming weeks, months, and
years
as we celebrate the Resurrection of Christ
each and every Sunday.***

The Religious Formation Team would like to acknowledge and thank the Knights of Columbus Council 240 for their generous gifts to our First Communicants on their First Communion Day. Your thoughtfulness and generosity are greatly appreciated. Thank you for all you do to support our students during the course of the year.

**PLEASE JOIN US
Hospitality Weekend
May 31st and June 1st**

**Please join us for one or both
for fellowship in community**

**After the 4PM Mass on Saturday, May 31st and
after all Masses on Sunday, June 1st**

**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.



**CELEBRATION OF THE
SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION
Sunday June 8th**

9:30 AM Mass

Bishop Kevin Sweeney presiding.



Bible Stories and Crafts

For Children

Ages 4-12

Please Join us

Saturday Mornings for fun activities.

June 28th through August 16th

No classes July 4th weekend

10:00 am until 11:00 am

St. Bonaventure Church Hall

174 Ramsey Street - Paterson NJ

Come make new friends and learn about
Jesus and His friends!

Light Refreshments will be served

If interested, please contact Teresa Gallo at

tgallo1130@yahoo.com or

908-209-1437 by June 21, 2025

OUR LADY OF POMPEI CHURCH

PASTA NIGHT

Rocco Silano, a World-Class Master Magician, will be the featured performer at our **Annual Pasta night on Saturday, June 21, 2025, from 6:00 to 9:00.**

The fundraiser takes place outdoors under the stars in the church parking lot. The ambiance will be beautifully lit and engaging. In case of rain, the event will take place in the church hall. Tickets will be sold after all masses or by contacting the parish office at [973-742-1969](tel:973-742-1969).

Ticket price is \$50.00. Dinner will be catered by **Francesco's Restaurant.**

IGLESIA DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DE POMPEYA

NOCHE DE PASTA

Rocco Silano, un mago de talla mundial, será el artista estrella de nuestra **Noche Anual de Pasta el sábado 21 de junio de 2025, de 18:00 a 21:00.**

El evento para recaudar fondos se llevará a cabo al aire libre, bajo las estrellas, en el estacionamiento de la iglesia.

El ambiente estará bellamente iluminado y será muy atractivo.

En caso de lluvia, el evento se llevará a cabo en el salón parroquial.

Las entradas se venderán después de todas las misas o contactando a la oficina parroquial al 973-742-1969.

El precio de la entrada es de \$50.00. La cena estará a cargo del **Restaurante Francesco.**



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be on

Saturday, June 7

after the 11:30 AM Mass

2:00 PM Eucharistic Prayer Service

& Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

If you did not go to one of the listening sessions, please use the link below to fill out the parish survey. There are still two sessions left: A Spanish Session on May 28th at 7pm at St. Bons and a June 1st at 2pm in English at Pompei.

Si no ha podido asistir a una de las sesiones de escucha, utilice el enlace a continuación para completar la encuesta parroquial. Quedan dos sesiones: una en español el 28 de mayo a las 7:00 pm en San Buenaventura y otra en inglés el 1 de junio a las 2:00 pm en Nuestra Señora de Pompeya.



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

As we honor this Memorial Day weekend and remember those who gave their lives for our nation, we continue the conversation begun in my May 17 letter. That letter named the pain, urgency, and hope voiced in our first listening sessions. At last week's gathering, Sr. Theresa Lee, FMA—our diocesan Chancellor and Delegate for Religious—joined us, spoke candidly about the Franciscans' departure, and reminded us that the task ahead is to “transform our concerns and contribute in a positive way.” She is happy to speak personally with anyone who still carries questions about the friars' leaving. To give every voice its proper space, we have revised the session format: we will still open and close in prayer, but the small-group time now follows the FAQ sheet with more open-ended time so every participant can be heard.

Only two meetings remain in this initial round: the final Spanish-language session on **Wednesday, May 28 at 7 PM** in the St. Bonaventure basement and the final English session on **Sunday, June 1 from 2–4 PM** in the Our Lady of Pompei basement. If you cannot attend, please scan the QR code in this bulletin to complete the parish survey; your written feedback is just as valuable. Once the Transition Team has prayed over all the input and drafted practical proposals, we will hold a second round of sessions—and, if necessary, additional rounds—so that we can keep our finger on the pulse of both parish communities before anything is presented to the bishop.

A sign of our parish's forward movement is the new livestream system now active at both St. Bonaventure Church and the St. Anthony Shrine. A pair of high-definition cameras and a professional control board, all discreetly wired and operated from an iPad, allow parishioners near and far to pray the Mass with us in real time. The simplest way to join is through our parish website, where a single click opens the stream. You will notice that we do not archive recordings. As a recent Vatican instruction explains, “Participation in the communal liturgy, even digitally, fosters a sense of belonging to the Church and invites the faithful to

align their lives to the rhythm of the liturgical year. Watching a recording later... cannot replace this communal encounter with Christ.”

Livestreaming is therefore less about convenience and more about communion—remaining present to worship even when distance or illness keeps us away. Home-bound members can hear the prayers, unite in spiritual Communion, and see our Extraordinary Ministers receive their blessing before bringing the Eucharist to them. At the same time, a widening circle of virtual parishioners gathers with us online; as Pope Francis observes, “The digital world... dissolves borders, eliminates distances, and reduces differences.” This entire installation was donated by our first virtual parishioner, a dear friend (and fellow dog lover) who offered the gift in memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank T. Kennedy. We give thanks for her generosity.

We also give thanks for Jeanne Beagin, who completed her term as parish trustee some time ago yet graciously remained until we found a successor. That successor is Cathy Hewitt. Born in Peru, Cathy trained as an English- and French-language teacher before moving to the United States twenty-three years ago. For the past twenty-one years she has worked as a bookkeeper with Eastern Glass Resources. She, her husband John, and their daughter Lindsay have called St. Bonaventure home for twelve years; Lindsay now serves as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. Cathy leads Friday Bible sharing in Spanish, assists with summer faith programs, and brings Communion weekly to three home-bound parishioners. Fully bilingual and active across our communities, she embodies the unity we seek—many cultures, one family.

God is still at work among us. He invites every one of us—long-time member, newcomer, or virtual friend—to place our questions, concerns, and gifts in His hands so that, together, He can fashion something beautiful. Christ is risen, and He continues to lead us into new life!

Mientras honramos este fin de semana del Memorial Day y recordamos a quienes

entregaron sus vidas por nuestra nación, continuamos la conversación iniciada en mi carta del 17 de mayo. Aquella carta nombró el dolor, la urgencia y la esperanza expresados en nuestras primeras sesiones de escucha. En la reunión de la semana pasada, la Hna. Theresa Lee, FMA—nuestra Canciller diocesana y Delegada para la Vida Consagrada—nos acompañó, habló con franqueza sobre la partida de los franciscanos y nos recordó que la tarea por delante es “transformar nuestras preocupaciones y contribuir de manera positiva”. Ella está disponible para conversar personalmente con quien aún tenga preguntas sobre la salida de los frailes. Para que cada voz tenga su espacio, hemos ajustado el formato de las sesiones: seguiremos abriendo y cerrando con oración, pero el tiempo en grupos pequeños ahora sigue la hoja de Preguntas Frecuentes con un estilo más abierto, de modo que cada participante sea escuchado.

Solo quedan dos encuentros en esta ronda inicial: la última sesión **en español** será el **miércoles 28 de mayo a las 7 p.m.** en el sótano de San. Buenaventura, y la última sesión **en inglés** será el **domingo 1 de junio de 2:00 a 4:00 p.m.** en el sótano de Nuestra Señora de Pompeya. Si no puede asistir, escanee el código QR que aparece en este boletín para completar la encuesta parroquial; su retroalimentación escrita vale lo mismo. Una vez que el Equipo de Transición ore sobre toda la información recibida y redacte propuestas prácticas, realizaremos una segunda ronda de sesiones—y, de ser necesario, rondas adicionales—para mantener el pulso de ambas comunidades antes de presentar nada al obispo.

Una señal de nuestro avance es el nuevo sistema de transmisión en vivo ya activo tanto en la iglesia de San Buenaventura como en el Santuario de San Antonio. Un par de cámaras de alta definición y una placa de control profesional, todo discretamente cableado y manejado desde un iPad, permiten que feligreses cercanos y lejanos recen la Misa con nosotros en tiempo real. La forma más sencilla de unirse es a través de nuestra página web parroquial, donde un solo clic abre la transmisión. Notará que no archivamos las grabaciones. Como explica una reciente instrucción vaticana: “La participación en la liturgia comunitaria, incluso de forma digital,

fomenta un sentido de pertenencia a la Iglesia e invita a los fieles a armonizar su vida con el ritmo del año litúrgico. Ver una grabación más tarde... no puede sustituir este encuentro comunitario con Cristo”.

Transmitir en vivo, entonces, se trata menos de conveniencia y más de comunión—permanecer presentes en la adoración aun cuando la distancia o la enfermedad nos mantengan en casa. Nuestros hermanos enfermos pueden escuchar las oraciones, unirse en la Comunión espiritual y ver a los Ministros Extraordinarios recibir su bendición antes de llevarles la Eucaristía. Al mismo tiempo, un círculo cada vez más amplio de feligreses virtuales se reúne con nosotros en línea; como observa el papa Francisco, “El mundo digital... disuelve fronteras, elimina distancias y reduce diferencias”. Toda esta instalación fue donada por nuestra primera feligresa virtual, una querida amiga (y amante de los perros) que ofreció el regalo en memoria de sus padres, el Sr. y la Sra. Frank T. Kennedy. Damos gracias por su generosidad.

También damos gracias a Jeanne Beagin, quien concluyó su mandato como síndica parroquial hace algún tiempo y, sin embargo, permaneció generosamente hasta que encontramos a su sucesora. Esa sucesora es Cathy Hewitt. Nacida en Perú, Cathy se formó como profesora de inglés y francés antes de mudarse a los Estados Unidos hace veintitrés años. Durante los últimos veintiún años ha trabajado como contadora en Eastern Glass Resources. Ella, su esposo John y su hija Lindsay han llamado hogar a San Buenaventura durante doce años; Lindsay ahora sirve como Ministra Extraordinaria de la Sagrada Comunión. Cathy dirige el compartir bíblico de los viernes en español, ayuda en los programas de fe de verano y lleva la Comunión cada semana a tres feligreses enfermos. Totalmente bilingüe y activa en nuestras comunidades, encarna la unidad que buscamos—muchas culturas, una sola familia.

Dios sigue obrando entre nosotros. Invita a cada uno—miembro de toda la vida, recién llegado o amigo virtual—a poner sus preguntas, inquietudes y dones en Sus manos para que, juntos, Él pueda forjar algo hermoso. ¡Cristo ha resucitado y continúa guiándonos hacia una vida nueva!