



Pope Francis

December 17, 1936 – April 21, 2025

God, Who, in your ineffable providence, did will that your servant Francis should be numbered among the high priests; grant, we beseech You, that he, who on earth held the place of Thine only-begotten Son, may be joined forevermore to the fellowship of Thy holy pontiffs. Through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, world without end. Amen.



Second Sunday of Easter- April 27, 2025

Monday, April 28th

Saint Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr.

Saint Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest

12:00 pm +Mary Ellen Malaki *by Robert*

+1st Anniv. Antonio Julian *by Eduardo Julian & Family*

7:00 pm Para las almas del purgatorio

Tuesday, April 29th

Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor the Church

12:00 pm John Bradley and Deceased Members of Foss

by Foss

7:00 pm Para los enfermos de nuestra parroquia

Wednesday, April 30th

Saint Pius V, Pope

12:00 pm Rose, Michael, Saran Unger *by Brother Steve*

Thursday, May 1st

Saint Joseph the Worker

12:00 am Spec. Int. & Thanksgiving *by Bernadine*

7:00 pm Para Nuestros Sacerdotes y Religiosos

Para el descanso eterno del Papa Francisco

Friday, May 2nd -First Friday

Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

12:00 pm Florence Feeney *by Dr. Joseph Daly*

7:00 pm Para los sacerdotes y religiosos

Saturday, May 3rd -First Saturday

Saints Philip and James, Apostles

12:00 pm Sr. Francis Paul Torre, OSF *by Dr. Joseph Daly*

7:00 pm Intenciones Especiales para Hortencia Facuse

Por El Apostolado de Sagrado Corazón

Sunday, May 4th -Third Sunday of Easter

8:00am Spec. Int. for Elke

For the souls in purgatory

10:00 am Fides & John Agnolet *by Agnolet Family*

Edna Burghoffer *by Family*

12:00 pm John F. Patire *by John Patire*

There will be a second collection for Catholic Campaign for Human Development this weekend.

Este fin de semana habrá una segunda colecta para la Campaña Católica del Desarrollo Humano.

Weekend Collection of

April 5-6-\$3,213.00

April 12-13-\$4,655.00

Easter Collection-\$8,630.00

**Memorial Intentions for 5:00 p.m. Mass
for the Month of March**

Alfonso & Aurelia Bisa

All deceased members of the Faulk, Lunney & Teixeira Families

Anthony Zito

Deacon Ron Romano

Dec. Mem. Of Candela & Terranova Families

Deceased Mem. of Di Pietro-Vidal Families

Dec. Mem. Of the Furino Family

Dolores Scucci

Domenick Di Bernardo

Domenick & Inez Barcia

Donald Teixeira

Ennio Scarduffa

Fr. John Connolly

Gregory Sr. & Nancy Nosal

Harry & Jeanette Faulk

Jane Huddy

Jennifer Faulk

John & Gloria Kearney

John & May Carlquist

John M. & Charlotte Bagatti

Joseph & Molly Crocco

Joseph Lipari

Leo, Jean, Mary & Leo III Horant

Lorenzo Castaldo

Louise Marinari

Marie D. & Henry Marrocco Jr.

Msgr. Julian Varettoni

Palma & Lorenzo Cattai

Sally Chiappone

Thomas Grassifulli

Virginia & Bryon Wallace



Coffee Fellowship

Our parish is planning our first Coffee Fellowship for **Sunday, May 4th after the 10:00 am Mass**. Parishioner Minal Mosca has offered to organize this social gathering, but we need everyone's help to ensure its success. Please see Minal after mass to provide your contact information if you plan to participate. You can also text 201- 736- 2040 or email her at minalmosca@hotmail.com.



From the Pastor's Desk

"Seeing, Believing and Living Our Faith"

My brothers and sisters in Christ, when Jesus rose from the dead, He appeared first to Mary Magdalen and the other women who had come to mourn at His tomb. He then appeared to the apostles and all but one were present. When the apostles told Thomas who was the missing apostle that they had seen the risen Lord he responded with doubt. Thomas wanted to touch the nail marks in Jesus' hands and feet and touch His side that had been wounded by the piercing sword. So it was that on the eighth day, Thomas was present with the other apostles when Jesus appeared again. It was at that time that our Lord invited the doubting apostle to touch Him and to believe in the reality of His resurrection. When Thomas touched the wounds of the risen Lord he came to belief and exclaimed: "My Lord and my God!" Then Jesus said: "Blessed are those who have not seen but believe!" With these words Jesus is referring to all of us! We live in a world of facts and concrete realities. Science has always sought empirical facts which are based on concrete, testable observance. We have not seen the risen Lord as did Mary Magdalen and the apostles, but yet we believe! We believe because the risen Lord is present to us in every Eucharist that we celebrate and share. When we receive the Body and the Blood of Christ at Mass we receive the real presence of the risen Christ. When Christ appeared to the apostles after His resurrection He gave them the gift of His peace. He empowered them to go forth into the whole world to continue proclaiming His message of love and salvation. The same risen Christ gives us that same peace assuring His ever-abiding presence to us in the midst of the challenges we face in our everyday lives. In this season of Easter joy as we recall and celebrate the victory of Christ over sin and death, may His presence in the Eucharist strengthen our faith and give us the wisdom and courage to be His witnesses in our world!

Pope Francis, 1936-2025, In Memoriam

After celebrating the joy of Christ's resurrection this past Sunday, many of us were shocked and saddened with the news of the death of our Holy Father this past Monday, April 21st. He was the first Pope to come to the throne of St. Peter from the Americas and from the Jesuit order. Pope Francis was a true shepherd with the heart of Christ. He died on the first day of the great octave of Easter when we celebrate the greatest event in human history: the resurrection of Christ. In the midst

of the sorrow we feel at his passing into eternal life we can and should give thanks to God for giving us Pope Francis as the visible leader of the universal Church. We thank God for his service to His people. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit will guide the College of Cardinals when they gather in the near future in order to choose his successor. May the new Holy Father be guided and inspired by the legacy of Pope Francis and may his soul rest in the peace of the risen Christ!

Weekly Scripture readings for the Second Week of Easter

Monday, April 28, St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr
and St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest
Acts of the Apostles 4: 23-31 John 3: 1-8

Tuesday, April 29, St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and
Doctor of the Church
Acts of the Apostles 4: 32-37 John 3: 7b-15

Wednesday, April 30, St. Pius V, Pope
Acts of the Apostles 5: 17-26 John 3: 16-21

Thursday, May 1, St. Joseph the Worker
Acts of the Apostles 5: 27-33 John 3: 31-36

First Friday, May 2, St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor
of the Church
Acts of the Apostles 5: 34-42 John 6: 1-15

First Saturday, May 3, Saints Philip and James,
Apostles 1 Corinthians 15: 1-8 John 14: 6-14

Third Sunday of Easter, May 4, 2025
Acts of the Apostles 5: 27-32, 40b-41 Revelation 5:
11-14 John 21: 1-19

Upcoming Meetings/Events

Thursday, April 24 & Tuesday, May 6-
Evangelization Meeting

Tuesday, April 29-Photo Club

Saturday, May 3- Rosary Society

Thursday, May 8, 2025- Apostolado de Sagrado Corazón

Tuesday, May 13-Pastoral Council Ministry

Weekend of May 17-18-Empanada Sale

Desde de el Escritorio del Pastor

Sobre la Palabra de Dios

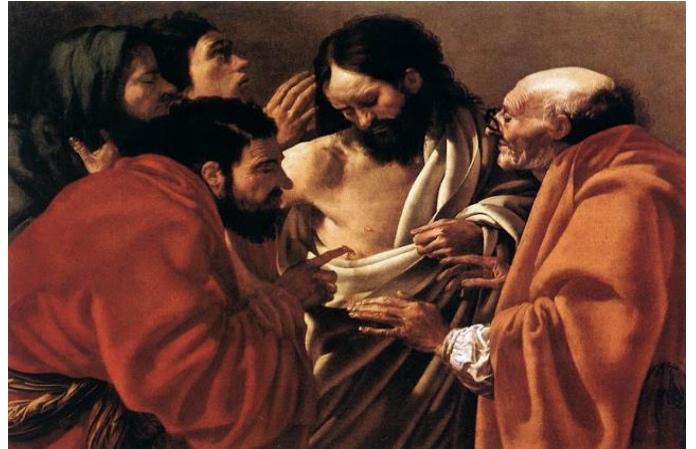
"Ver, creer y vivir nuestra fe"

Mis hermanos y hermanas en Cristo, cuando Jesús resucitó de entre los muertos, se apareció primero a María Magdalena y a las otras mujeres que habían venido a llorar a su tumba. Entonces se apareció a los apóstoles y todos menos uno estaba presente. Cuando los apóstoles le dijeron a Tomás, que era el apóstol desaparecido, que habían visto al Señor resucitado, él respondió con dudas. Tomás quería tocar las marcas de los clavos en las manos y los pies de Jesús y tocar su costado que había sido herido por la lanza penetrante. Así fue que, al octavo día, Tomás estaba presente con los otros apóstoles cuando Jesús apareció de nuevo. Fue en ese momento que nuestro Señor invitó al apóstol incrédulo a tocarlo y a creer en la realidad de su resurrección. Cuando Tomás tocó las llagas del Señor resucitado, creyó y exclamó: "¡Señor y Dios míos!" Entonces Jesús dijo: "¡Bienaventurados los que no han visto, pero creen!" ¡Con estas palabras Jesús se refiere a todos nosotros! Vivimos en un mundo de hechos y realidades concretas. La ciencia siempre ha buscado hechos empíricos que se basen en la observancia concreta y comprobable. No hemos visto al Señor resucitado como lo hicieron María Magdalena y los apóstoles, ¡pero aun así creemos! Creemos porque el Señor resucitado está presente en cada Eucaristía que celebramos y compartimos. Cuando recibimos el Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo en la Misa, recibimos la presencia real de Cristo resucitado. Cuando Cristo se apareció a los apóstoles después de su resurrección, les dio el don de su paz. Él les dio poder para salir por todo el mundo y continuar proclamando Su mensaje de amor y salvación. El mismo Cristo resucitado nos da esa misma paz, asegurándonos su presencia siempre permanente en medio de los desafíos que enfrentamos en nuestra vida cotidiana. En este tiempo de alegría pascual, al recordar y celebrar la victoria de Cristo sobre el pecado y la muerte, ¡que su presencia en la Eucaristía fortalezca nuestra fe y nos dé la sabiduría y el coraje para ser sus testigos en nuestro mundo!

Papa Francisco, 1936-2025, In Memoriam

Después de celebrar la alegría de la resurrección de Cristo el domingo pasado, muchos de nosotros nos sentimos conmovidos y entristecidos con la noticia de la muerte de nuestro Santo Padre el pasado lunes 21 de abril. Fue el primer Papa en llegar al trono de San Pedro de las Américas y de la orden jesuita. El Papa Francisco fue un verdadero pastor con el corazón de Cristo. Murió el primer día de la gran octava de Pascua, cuando celebramos el acontecimiento más grande de la historia de la humanidad:

la resurrección de Cristo. En medio del dolor que sentimos por su paso a la vida eterna, podemos y debemos dar gracias a Dios por habernos dado al Papa Francisco como líder visible de la Iglesia universal. Damos gracias a Dios por su servicio a su pueblo. Oremos para que el Espíritu Santo guíe al Colegio Cardenalicio cuando se reúna en un futuro próximo para elegir a su sucesor. ¡Que el nuevo Santo Padre Sea guiado e inspirado por el legado del Papa Francisco y que su alma descanse en la paz de Cristo resucitado!



Lecturas Semanales de las Escrituras para

La Segunda Semana de Pascua

lunes, 28 de abril

San Pedro Chanel, Presbítero y Mártir y
San Luis Grignon de Montfort, Presbítero
Hechos de los Apóstoles 4: 23-31, Juan 3: 1-8

martes, 29 de abril

Santa Catalina de Siena, Virgen y Doctora de la Iglesia
Hechos de los Apóstoles 4: 32-37, Juan 3: 7b-15

miércoles 30 de abril, San Pío V, Papa

Hechos de los Apóstoles 5: 17-26 Juan 3: 16-21

jueves, 1 de mayo

San José Obrero
Hechos de los Apóstoles 5: 27-33, Juan 3: 31-36

Primer viernes, 2 de mayo

San Atanasio, obispo y doctor de la Iglesia
Hechos de los Apóstoles 5: 34-42, Juan 6: 1-15

Primer sábado, 3 de mayo

San Felipe y Santiago, Apóstoles
1 Corintios 15: 1-8, Juan 14: 6-14

Tercer Domingo De Pascua, 4 de mayo de 2025

Hechos de los Apóstoles 5: 27-32, 40b-41
Apocalipsis 5: 11-14, Juan 21: 1-19

Religious Education Classes

First Communion Class

1st Communion

Saturday, May 3, 2025 @ 11:00 am

May Crowning

Sunday, May 4 @ 12:00 pm

Confirmation Rehearsal

Tuesday, April 29 @ 7:30 pm

Confirmation

Friday, May 2, 2025 @ 7:00 pm

R.C.I.A. Classes

Wednesday, April 30, 2025
from 7:00pm-9:00pm in the Connolly
Center

Las Clases de Educación Religiosa

Las Clases de Primera Comunión

Primera Comunión

sábado, el 3 de mayo 2025 a las 11:00 am

Coronación a la Virgen

El domingo, el 4 de mayo 2025 a las 12:00 pm

Ensayo de Confirmación

El martes, día 29 de abril a las 7:30 pm

Confirmación

El viernes, día 2 de mayo a las 7:00 pm

Las Clases de R.I.C.A.

El miércoles, día 30 de abril del 2025
de 7:00pm-9:00pm en el Connolly Center

Empanadas are Back!

Starting this weekend, we will be selling chicken, beef and cheese empanadas at \$2.00 each. Proceeds from this sale are to help our church. Thank you in advance for your support.

Mother's Day Novena Masses

On Mother's Day, May 11th, all our Masses will be offered for our living and deceased. Intention envelopes and cards to send to the living mothers will be available after all masses this and next weekend. All names will be placed on the altar for all masses. A \$5.00 offering is asked for each name.



Photo Club

On **Tuesday April 29th** the Photo Club will meet at 7:30 PM in the Connolly Center. Bring your smartphones and cameras for tips and tricks on reflections, leading lines, and cropping mercilessly. We will also review potential trips and photo contests. If you have any questions, please e-mail Lou at ELNunezPhoto@gmail.com

Bring a Friend to Mass - Our Lord asks us to make Disciples of All Nations. With the re-opening of our parish Church, we are encouraging parishioners to bring a friend to Mass the **weekend of May 3rd-4th**. "Oh, you should check out the renovation, the Church is beautiful" is an invitation to explore the beauty and truth of our Catholic faith.

¡Las empanadas están de vuelta!

A partir de este fin de semana, estaremos vendiendo empanadas de pollo, carne de res y queso a \$2.00 cada una. Las ganancias de esta venta son para ayudar a nuestra iglesia. Gracias de antemano por su apoyo.

Misas de novena del Día de la Madre

El Día de la Madre, el 11 de mayo, todas nuestras Misas serán ofrecidas por nuestros vivos y difuntos. Sobres de intención y tarjetas para enviar a las madres vivas estarán disponibles después de todas las misas de este y el próximo fin de semana. Todos los nombres se colocarán en el altar para todas las misas. Se pide una ofrenda de \$5.00 por cada nombre.

El Club de Fotografía

El **martes 29 de abril**, el Photo Club se reunirá a las 7:30 p.m. en el Connolly Center. Traiga sus teléfonos y cámaras para obtener consejos y trucos sobre reflejos, líneas principales y recortes. También revisaremos posibles viajes y concursos de fotografía. Si tiene alguna pregunta, envíe un correo electrónico a Lou a ELNunezPhoto@gmail.com



Trae a un Amigo a Misa - Nuestro Señor nos pide que hagamos discípulos de todas las naciones. Con la reapertura de nuestra iglesia parroquial, estamos alentando a los feligreses a traer a un amigo a Misa **el fin de semana del 3 y 4 de mayo**. "Oh, deberías ver la renovación, la Iglesia es hermosa" es una invitación a explorar la belleza y la verdad de nuestra fe católica.

This Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday. Extraordinary graces are given if you go to confession, receive Holy Communion, and ask for the graces poured out on this day.

This prayer should be prayed after receiving Holy Communion.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, have mercy on me, a poor sinner. Jesus, you promised St. Faustina that the soul who has been to confession (I have) and the soul that receives Holy Communion (I just did), will receive complete forgiveness of all sin and punishment. Please give me this grace.

Este domingo es la Divina Misericordia. Gracias extraordinarias este domingo si te confiesas, recibes la Sagrada Comunión y pides las gracias derramadas en este día. Esta oración debe rezarse después de recibir la Sagrada Comunión.

Señor Jesucristo, Hijo del Dios vivo, ten piedad de mí, pobre pecador. Jesús, le prometiste a Santa Faustina que el alma que se ha confesado (lo he hecho) y el alma que recibe la Sagrada Comunión (lo acabo de hacer), recibirán el perdón completo de todo pecado y castigo. Por favor dame esta gracia.

*How to obtain **Plenary Indulgence** on Divine Mercy Sunday*

From St. Faustina's Diary (669): "On that day, the very depths of my tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of my mercy... The soul that will go to confession and receive holy communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment... Let no soul fear to draw near to me, even though its sins be scarlet."

1) Make an ACT OF CONTRITION

"O God, I am heartily sorry for having offended you, and I detest all my sins, because I dread the loss of heaven, and the pains of hell; but most of all because they offend you my God, who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of your grace, to confess my sins, to do penance, and to amend my life. Amen."

2) Make a SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

"My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen."

3) Pray for the HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS

Our Father... Creed... "Jesus I trust in You."

4) Pray this FINAL PRAYER

"Lord Jesus Christ, you promised St. Faustina that the soul that has been to confession (I'm unable but I made an Act of Contrition) and the soul that receives Holy Communion (I'm unable but I made a Spiritual Communion) will receive the complete forgiveness of all sins and punishment. Please Lord Jesus Christ, give me this grace. Amen."

First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Due to Confirmation, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed **following the 12 noon Mass until 6pm only**. Sign-up for times of Adoration are in the Church vestibule.

**First Saturday Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament:**

Due to First Holy Communion, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed **from 8-10am**. Sign-up times for Adoration are in the Church vestibule.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THESE CHANGES FOR FIRST FRIDAY/SATURDAY ONLY FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

**Confirmation Mass:**

On Friday, May 2nd Bishop Arthur Serratelli, the retired Bishop of Paterson will be with us to confirm ten boys and girls of our parish community. All are invited to celebrate with them the gifts of the Holy Spirit. The Mass of Confirmation will be celebrated at **7pm**.

**Mass Of First Holy Communion:**

Saturday, May 3rd at 11am. Please come and celebrate with us as 12 boys and girls of our parish receive the Body and Blood of Christ for the first time!
PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO 12 NOON MASS ON THAT DAY!

May Crowning:

As we begin the month of May, we will honor the Blessed Mother with the ceremony of the May Crowning on **Sunday, May 4th following the 12 noon Mass** at the outdoor shrine of the Blessed Mother (weather permitting)

Dear Parishioners,

Thanks be to God that after three months we are again able to celebrate Holy Mass in our newly refurbished church. As you may recall our first renovation was begun under the direction of our deceased beloved pastor, John Connolly. Unfortunately, because of Father Connolly's poor health the architect independently made many unwise decisions which resulted in poor workmanship and design. As a result, the diocese deemed the new construction faulty and unsafe. With guidance from the diocese, it was decided to hire the firm of McPherson, Simmons Bros. and Sons from Orange, N.J. to redesign the sanctuary. The architect, Troy Simmons, drew up plans in keeping with the Romanesque architecture of the church. In order to facilitate the demolition and reconstruction a chapel was set up in the Connolly Center. As the restoration proceeded and since the scaffolding was available the decision was made to take some necessary repairs and paint the nave of the church. As a result, we now have a newly reconstructed and decorated church.

Our church is now truly Romanesque both architecturally and decoratively. A great effort was made to brighten the interior of the church with new lighting and color scheme. A more prayerful interior was created with the addition of sanctuary lamps and a Holy Spirit sculpture suspended from the ceiling. The niches holding the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph were reconfigured to better accommodate the statues. The niches housing Saints Peter and Paul were also redesigned. In keeping with the traditional nature and namesake of the church the following Latin inscription was painted above the main altar:

Ecce cor quod tantum dilexit homines.

Translation: **Behold the heart which so loved mankind.**

Our future plans include the addition of a new baptismal font, stations of the cross, and eventually a new floor. Just as the Holy Spirit sculpture and sanctuary lamps were donated by individual parishioners so other individuals or groups might consider memorial donations toward the baptismal font and stations.

May this church continue to be a prayerful and holy place in which we can glorify God thanking Him for all the graces He has showered upon us.

The following contributions were made to our newly renovated church:

Holy Spirit Sculpture by Robert and Agnes Esik in memory of their parents,

Sanctuary Lamps by Robert and Adriana Harsaghy commemorating their wedding in 2022, and
Pat and Gail Zuliani in memory of their father, Aldo.

Thank you to all of them.

