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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday.....11:00 am (Spanish)
5:30 pm (English)

Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 am (English)
1:00 pm (Spanish)

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday12:00 pm (in the Church)

Tuesday..... 7:00 pm Spanish (in the Church)

PENANCE

Saturday..... 4:00 - 5:00 pm

*Personal appointments can be made
by contacting the Parish Office.*

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*"God so loved the
world that he gave
his only Son."*

— John 3:16



NEW PARISHIONERS

Please register at your earliest convenience by completing this form and returning it through the Sunday offering. Once your registration is complete, you will receive a letter in the mail confirming your registration, along with an envelope number.

☐ Please check the box if
you would like to sign up
for online giving.

Name _____ Email _____

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***All parishioners must pick up envelopes to stay registered.**

Mass Intentions for the Week

May 15th - May 23rd, 2021

Saturday, May 15th

11:00^{AM} ✠ Raul Ramirez
5:30^{PM} * St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners

Sunday, May 16th

8:00^{AM} ✠ Frank Kimmish
10:30^{AM} ✠ Justina Cruz
1:00^{PM} ✠ Teresa Justina Fernandez Rojas
✠ Hector Bienvenido Grullon

Monday, May 17th

12:00^{PM} *St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners

Tuesday, May 18th

12:00^{PM} *St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners
7:00^{PM} *St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners

Wednesday, May 19th

12:00^{PM} *St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners

Thursday, May 20th

12:00^{PM} *St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners

Friday, May 21st

12:00^{PM} *St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners

Saturday, May 22nd

11:00^{AM} *Feligreses de St. Brendan y St. George
5:30^{PM} *St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners

Sunday, May 23rd

8:00^{AM} *St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners
10:30^{AM} ✠ Carlos H. Garcia
✠ Martin Verostek



We pray for the sick & those in need, especially for: Josefina Alvarez, Mary Asunciño, Nick Bassano, Emma Bracigliano, Barbara Bruno, Mary Chiarella, Amado Cuduco, Alyssa DiGiacomo, Delphina Gracias, Catherine Hogel, Martha LeBron, Modesto Martinez, Doris McFarlane, Stephen Mihalovic, Domenica Pelosi, Silvia Tamay, Mike Wilson.

Please contact the rectory office if you would like to place someone on the list.

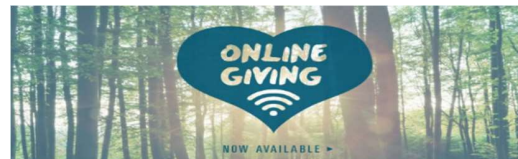
Remember

We remember all those who were called home to our Lord recently. May they sleep in eternal peace.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen



The Sanctuary Candle will be burning this week in loving memory of ✠ **Carlos Montoya**



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Weekend Collection May 8 th - May 9 th	
5:30 PM	\$ 353.00
8:00 AM	\$ 651.00
10:30 AM	\$ 988.00
1:00 PM	\$ 1,071.00
Online Giving	\$ 463.00
Total	\$ 3,526.00

Last Sunday, the Fifth Sunday of Easter, we heard Jesus say: "I no longer call you slaves because a master doesn't confide in his slaves. Now you are my friends since I have told you everything the Father told me... You didn't choose me... I chose you (John 15:15-16)". Jesus thinks and believes that we are his friends. What great news! This makes all the difference in our relationship with Jesus - God if we trust, feel and believe that Jesus is our friend.

From this affirmation, Jesus considering us his friend, we should respond if we think He too is our friend. In other words, let's reflect on the question he posed to his disciples but this time let us direct the question to ourselves asking: "But what about you? Who do you say I am? (Matthew 6:15)".

Jesus is telling us that he does not call us slave, but friend. He believes he is your friend. The Bible says, "whoever finds one has found a treasure (Sirach 6:14b)

Jesus has found us; we are his most precious treasure. Jesus said, "...when a man found a treasure, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field (Mt 13:44)."

We are Jesus' treasure and he takes joy in saving us. Jesus simply paid for our salvation by all of his good works throughout his life. He gave everything to pay for our sins up to sacrificing his own life to purchase our hope and make us sons and daughters of God. Jesus not only uses his words to show us that we are truly his friends but he proves it through his actions as well.

Now, let us try to respond to Jesus, if we do see Him as he sees us, his most loved friends, and not as a slave views his master. Consider also that Jesus did not call his disciples "friend" at the beginning, it was after he spent time with them. From this experience, the disciples learn who Jesus is through his words and deeds. This tells us that in order to become friends with God and not see ourselves as slaves,

there is a process that demands us to do our part in knowing who Jesus is, trusting and learning about Him. This is necessary for us to grow out of the mentality of an oppressed slave and into the mentality of being a friend of God.

In this same sentiment I would like to present to you two types of mentalities:

The slave mentality: a slave views his master/owner with rage (My master always wants to make my life miserable. He takes away my freedom and all that I am and do; I am only here to fulfill his purpose and desires. My master is my enemy and represents a threat to me).

Let us see in the Bible a reflection on the slave mentality:

"We remember the fish we ate in Egypt at no cost-also the cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions, and garlic (Numbers 11:15)". "Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died. - "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me! (Luke 30-42)" "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith? (Mark 4:40)." "We don't have enough. Do you still not understand? Don't you remember the five loaves for the five thousand and how many basketfuls you gathered? (Mark 8:19-21)

Attitude of a person with a slave mentality: They usually have negative thoughts and bitter hearts. They are resentful, bitter over everything and incapable of forgiving themselves or anyone else. They believe it is too great a sacrifice to pray or even to go to mass. They do not care about anything this does not directly affect or involve them. They lack hope; they don't believe they can do better in life and everything around them remains the same or worsens.

Mentality of a person of God who is a friend and experiences the freedom of being a child of God:

"This is a day to remember forever—the day you left Egypt, the place of your slavery. Today the LORD has brought you out by the power of his mighty hand" (Exodus 13:3).

"Come, follow Me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men.. And at once, they left their nets and followed Him (Mt 4:20)". When Jesus saw their faith, he said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven (Lk 5:19)." When he saw he was healed, one of them returned, praising God in a loud voice (Lk 17:15). The woman replied, "Sir, please give me a drink of that water! Then I won't get thirsty and have to come to this well again (John 4:15)." When Peter began to sink, he cried out, saying: Lord, save me (Mt 14:30). Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word (Lk 1:38)."

Attitude of a person who is a friend of God: Always has positive thoughts. They always give their best in everything they do out of love for others. These people are capable of forgiveness and are merciful. If someone comes to them for help, they are ready to serve. They are always thinking; things will get better. There is always opportunity for personal growth. They are always ready to sacrifice themselves when someone is in need of help. They never give up. They don't experience jealousy over what others have; on the contrary their happiness comes from the success and well-being of others.

We may identify the kind of mentality we have in front of God. It is essential that we are aware of, feel and experience God as our true friend. As I said before, to become Jesus' friend means you have to spend time with Him to get to know Him as His disciples did. On the other hand, it is essential to remember that the more we pursue holiness, the better we are getting at strengthening our friendship with God, and the more we go against God's will, the more we see ourselves as slaves of God. Sometimes, we can experience the two mentalities. However, there is a predominant one in us. The most important thing to do is to identify the friend mentality and

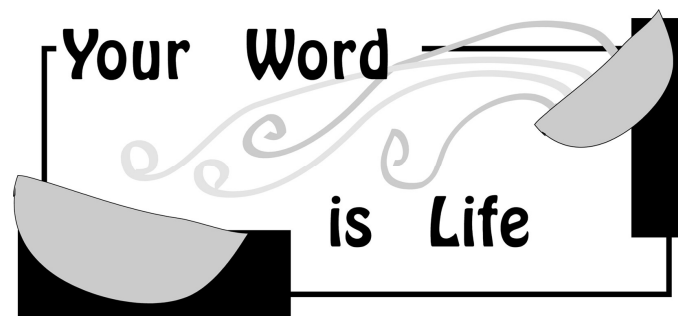
grow it, especially if we see God as our BEST friend. We have to move away from seeing God as our enemy or owner and see Him as our friend who loves us to the point that gives His life for each one of us. Then, all of our spiritual experiences will change positively, and joy will be in our hearts.

May God bless you,

Fr. Milton Camargo



Novena to the Holy Spirit
Daily after Masses June 14th - June 22nd





We would like to congratulate the following children on receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. May God continue to bless you.

Mikaela Bueno
Sebastian De Lazaro
Sabrina Morocho
Isabella Taliaferro
Aiden Veloz
Tyffany Mendez
Isabela Molina Cano
Gianella De La Tore
Juliette Suarez
Noah Rodriguez
Kaylee Piscoya



The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted those living in poverty the most and Catholic Charities, Diocese of Paterson's 3 Food Pantries (Father English Center, Paterson; Hope House, Dover; and Partnership for Social Services, Franklin) are giving out more food than ever before.

Most months, Catholic Charities, Diocese of Paterson gives out food to 5,000-7,000 people at their 3 food pantries. Through COVID-19 this number has more than quadrupled as they have helped over 20,000 each month.

Bishop Sweeney has authorized a Catholic Charities Diocesan-wide food collection in all parishes. This year, the drive has gone virtual, and you can shop online and have items directly shipped to Catholic Charities Food Pantries.

Visit www.ccpaterson.org/corpus for more information or to contribute. Here you can find our parish and shop for items of great need.

You may also email: Info@ccpaterson.org or call 973-279-7100 ext. 2038 with any questions or to donate food directly to Catholic Charities Food Pantries.



Altar Serving Training

Tuesday, June 1st - Youth (3rd - 8th gr) 5:30pm
Adult (Freshman & up) 6:00pm

Ministry Training Event

Saturday, June 5th - 2:30pm



Alpha - an experience.....

Who? Adults ages 21-35

When? Thursdays June 3rd - August 5th

What Time? 6:30 - 8:00pm

Where? Church Hall



The Rectory Office will be closed for renovations Monday, May 17th through Friday, May 21st. We will resume regular office hours on Monday, May 24th. If you need to contact someone at the rectory, please call 973-772-1115 and leave a message.

Calls will be monitored & returned.

UPCOMING LITURGICAL EVENTS 2021

Sunday, May 23, 2021 - Pentecost Sunday

Regular Mass Times

Sunday, May 30, 2021 - Trinity Sunday

Regular Mass Times

Sunday, June 6, 2021 - Feast of Corpus Christi

Regular Mass Times



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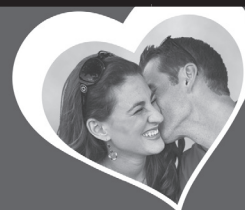
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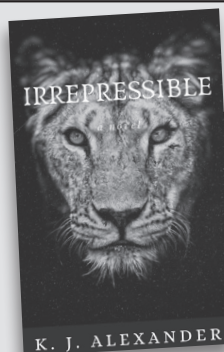
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