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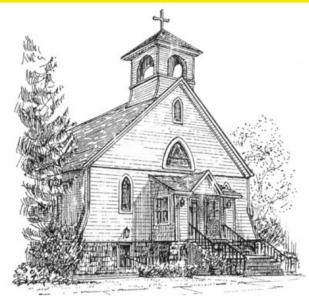
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(LE 19:10)



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# Fr. Wojciech's Corner -

To all who helped us with Annual Appeal, Baby Bottle drive (deadline is today), to all who so faithfully and generously give every week, whether it is out of abundance or out of the poverty, thank you.

Last week 8 men were ordained as transitional deacons in our Diocese and several new permanent deacons, and this weekend 3 men were ordained to the Sacred Priesthood, we congratulate and pray for them.

On Monday we will celebrate Memorial Day. May the memory of those who *gave it all* in the ultimate sacrifice help all of us to be grateful for what we have.

I invite you to attend as we continue our catechesis/talks for young and adults every Monday and Thursday at 7:30PM in the OLV gym.

May the Lord who did the impossible (conceiving the Word) through Mary's listening to a word help us hear His word to do the impossible in us.

#### **OLV K of C Baby Bottle Collection**

If you took a baby bottle, please bring the bottle with your monetary donations to OLV and place it in the bins at the church entrances.. Your contributions will benefit mothers in need and their new-born babies.

### **Disciple Maker Index (DMI) Survey**

Cardinal Tobin has requested that all adult members of our parish and young adults who have received Confirmation participate and individually complete the survey. Access the survey on our website olvhp.org.

#### **Deadline for Baby Bottles & DMI Survey is TODAY!!**

**2025 ANNUAL APPEAL** Please prayerfully consider donating to the Annual Appeal. Envelopes are available in the Church. Thank you to those who have already donated. To date pledges total \$57,200 toward our parish goal \$61,292. Drop appeal envelopes in the collection basket at Mass or mail directly to the processing center.

**Memorial Bricks** are available (4x8 inscribed bricks) to memorialize your family name or a loved one for a donation of \$225. If interested, please email olvrectory.hp@gmail.com by June 20 with your name, contact info, and wording (3 lines-13 characters max per line).

**EASTER DUTY** The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty), that is the obligation of receiving the Eucharist for Easter, extends to the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, June 15. No one conscious of committing a serious or mortal sin should receive Holy Communion until they have first gone to the Sacrament of Reconciliation a.k.a. Confession

Let us not forget that we celebrate Sunday because of the venerable Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, and we do so not only at Easter, but also at each turning of the week The Lord's Day — [...] in the weekly reckoning of time Sunday recalls the day of Christ's Resurrection. It is Easter which returns week by week, celebrating Christ's victory over sin and death [...] John Paul II, Dies Domini, #19. 1.

# **MEMORIAL DAY**

It is the VETERAN, not the preacher, who has given us freedom of religion. It is the VETERAN, not the reporter, who has given us freedom of the press. It is the VETERAN, not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech. It is the VETERAN, not the campus organizer,

who has given us freedom to assemble.

It is the VETERAN, not the lawyer, who has given us the right to a fair trial. It is the VETERAN, not the politician, who has given us the right to vote.

It is the VETERAN who salutes the Flag.

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It is the VETERAN who serves under the Flag.

ETERNAL REST GRANT THEM O LORD, AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM. What a Mighty God They Served.

#### "Pro Deo et Patria": A Memorial Day Reflection

Memorial Day is upon us. For me, Memorial Day is still about family and friends, but it is also about the U-S-A. From as far back as I can remember Memorial Day has never been as much about communal fun as it has been about communal fellowship. Now, don't get me wrong. I understand and appreciate the opportunities this day affords me to get together with those close to me so we can enjoy one another's company. However, these festivities are secondary to recognizing the sacrifice and heroism of those who have gone before us, paving the way for liberty and freedom (including religious). That is why, on this day, standing together in prayer and remembrance takes precedence to anything else. Jesus told his apostles that He was going ahead of them to prepare a place (John 14:2). Our veterans have done likewise. They have helped prepare a way of life that is beyond comprehension in most areas around the world. Christ paved the way through His Passion and Death; the ultimate price for our salvation. Those who heeded his words, "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:13) are a testimony to this very form of sacrifice. The One who knows us better than we know ourselves has inspired numerous men and women throughout our nation's history to answer the call to serve. Memorial Day is a celebration, which reveals that our blessings are not based on entitlements. as some may think. Rather, they are due to the actions of countless citizens, who placed duty, honor, and commitment ahead of apathy, pride, and security. They chose to enter into unfriendly and uncompromising environments and, despite risks, persevered to the end. The rewards of their efforts have gone on to shape our society, past, present, and future. Our Catholic faith has been well represented in these moments of great trial and unrest. Men such as Fr. Aloysius Schmitt, Fr. John Washington, Fr. Emil Kapaun, Fr. Charles Watters, and Fr. Vincent Capodanno understood the need to emulate grace in the face of unimaginable threats. Each volunteered to willfully go where the world seemed most dark and goodness non-existent. Their desire to serve as beacons of light, goodness, and truth provided solace and serenity to their men amidst the most devastating realities of war. From Pearl Harbor to the North Atlantic, from Korea to Vietnam, Catholic chaplains have been there to provide for their soldiers, sailors airmen and marines, regardless of their religion. (In fact, of the five military chaplains, who have been awarded the Medal of Honor since the Civil War, all five have been Catholic priests.) Still, other Catholic chaplains have distinguished themselves through selfless service, becoming lasting examples of what it means to live "in persona Christi". Though our military chaplains do not carry weapons, they carry something even more powerful, they carry faith, hope, and love. No one may ever fully understand what takes place in the minds and hearts of those willing to commit themselves to enduring harsh surroundings and challenging ordeals. Nevertheless, the gift of service is one that gives way to legacy, regardless of the outcome. Memorial Day is a day to honor, remember, and celebrate those who have gone before us. They have left behind a path that even the darkest moments cannot dampen. Let us offer up prayers on this day for their souls, along with our sincere commitment to live our lives in ways that will reflect their light for an entire nation to see. "Pro Deo et Patria!"

-By Todd Nolan/CatholicStand.com 5/22/17 (excerpt)

#### CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship up to \$1000 open to 8th grade students entering Catholic high school this Fall. To receive an application, mail request to Dr. Marie Woke, 20 Kensington Court, Norwood, NJ 07648. Deadline for completed essay submissions is August 1st. To learn more about Catholic Daughters call Marie 201-741-0499

# **5th Sunday after Easter**

### **Pray for Those in the Military**

#### **US Army**

Captain Ben Clemente RRT Specialist James Crumb Staff Sergeant Peter Dippolito Major Michael Franson Sergeant First Class Charles Greene Captain Shawn Linn Colonel John McLaughlin Sergeant Major Marc Medina Captain John G. Miele Captain Joseph W. Niece 1st Lieutenant Megan Niece Captain Jack Ottomanelli Staff Sergeant David Petersen Specialist John Petersen

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#### **National Guard**

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#### **Prayer for the Safety of Soldiers**

Almighty and eternal God, those who take refuge in You will be glad and forever will shout for joy. Protect these soldiers as they discharge their duties. Protect them with the shield of Your strength and keep them safe from all evil and harm. May the power of Your love enable them to return home in safety, that with all who love them, they may ever praise You for Your loving care. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Prav for Our Sick Please Pray in the name of JESUS, the Healer, that the sick of the Parish may be restored to health and all those who assist and care for the sick will be given the strength to continue God's Will: infants Jack Merritt, Abigail Jude, Aidan, Olive, Adeline Quarello, Jonathan & Joseph; children Gabriel Aungst, Antonio and Shane, Cordelia and Eileen, Remy and Silvie; Cheryl Alonso, Annie Baklycki, Michael Baruch, Julie Berbert, Richard Bolton, Paul Brennan, Mimi Brown, James Buckley, Joe Cafaro, Anna Carfagno, Bill Clark, Kevin Columbo, Thomas Connolly, Eddie Cooper, Paula Criqui, Michael Curran, Marie D'Ascenzo, Maryann Dean, Noelle DeJoseph, Vincent DePaola, Marge Devitt, Guy DeSantis, Ann Diller, Siobhan Donaghi, Whitney Dugan, Carl Falasca, Michael Fallon, Dan Filippone, Jeremy Fillis, Peter Fimbel, Walter Flaherty, Mary Foley, Phil Gangusa & Vicky Ferrara, Robin Fletcher, Leo Gendron, Ken Grier, Glenn Hall, Pat Halligan, Cara Hansen, Amy Hartwell, Richard Hogan, Kristine Leigh Hook, Rolando Joaquim, Austin Kellar, Pat Kissane, Christina Kenny, Tim Keohane, Robert Knaack, Joseph Koch, Chester Kovaleski, Artie Latz, Kenneth LeGrand, Lisa LeGrand, Shawn Linn, Lisa LoSchiavo, Mary Lowe, Mary Ann Luther, Peter Mahler, Robert Mayer, James McGarry, Matt McGowan, Michael McMahon, David Mercur, Alice Miller, Len Moriarity, Gianna Moscatello, Kevin Mullane, Rose Marie Myers, Natalie Niebergall, Michael Oates, John Pal, Mary Parker, Tom Paskewich, Ronald Peterson, Louis Peduto, Bob Phillips, Cathy Pommett, Canice Prince, Christina Pulver, William Ragu, Dan & Phyllis Ragusa, Robert Rasmussen, Patrick Ricci, Herman Rodriguez, Veronica Romanchuk, Wendy Ruggiero, Beth Sacco, Blase K Sacus, Samantha Sconzo, Patricia Ann Shalhoub, Peggy and Chris Shedden, Roseanne Stella, Brian Sumereau, Michael Suresh, Maria Tamayo, Ollie Tetlow, Angeline Thomas, Jim Vlantes, Carl Walker, Megan Weingarten, Hope White, Maria Williams, Daniel Wu, Mary Young, Brian, Carla, Chris, Christina, Donna M., Edward, Elba, Jennifer, Joann, John, Karen, Kathleen V., Kaitlin V. Lauren, Lisa, Lou, Lucas, Lynn, Mary, Margaret, Michelle, Patrick, Peter, Robert, Samantha, Sarah, Scott, Sean, Sharon, Steven, Tom.

# Relevant Radio

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#### Mass Intentions

Sunday.	May 25-	St. Bede the	Venerable.	Priest &	Doctor of	f the C	hurch
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7:00 Ann Naughton R/b the Barrett Family 8:00 James, Patrick, and Christopher Thomas R/b Greg Evanella

\* No Family Mass until September \*

R/b Maria Arias

10:45 Roger P. Hawkes R/b Jon and Jen Fischer 12:00 Joseph Ceccon R/b Edwina and Albert Hutson

1:00 People of the Parish

9:30 Ana Lucia Arias

6:00 John Bohan R/b Nancy St. James & Family

Monday, May 26 Memorial Day - St. Philip Neri, Priest

8:00 Marion Brennan R/b Sr Elizabeth 12:00 Selena Piazza R/b Peter and Linda Wayne

Tuesday, May 27 - St. Augustine of Canterbury, Archbishop

8:00 William and Mary DeBrino R/b Bill and Carole DeBrino 12:00 Philip Audino Jr. and Philp Audino Sr. R/b the Berlinghieri Family

Wednesday, May 28 - St. Germanus, Bishop of Paris

8:00 Bridget Ryan R/b Sr. Elizabeth 12:00 Kevin Naughton R/b the Barrett Family

Thursday, May 29 - St. Paul VI - Pope

8:00 David and Kay Musante R/b Jeannette and Vanessa Musante 12:00 Intentions of Michael Oates R/b Joan Crowley

Friday, May 30 - St. Joan of Arc-Virgin Martyr

8:00 John Naughton R/b the Barrett Family 12:00 Intentions of Michael Keough R/b Pauline and Bridie

Saturday, May 31 - Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 Sr. Ellen Maureen SC R/b Sr. Elizabeth 12:00 Patrick Joseph Kelly R/b Rae Rinaldi 4:00 Celia Weir R/b Michael Weir R/b Tom Hackett 5:00 James Clark

Sunday, June 1 - THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

R/b Peggy O'Brien 7:00 Richard O'Neil 8:00 Kathleen Falotico R/b Dianne Foerster

9:30 Charlie & Lesa Rossmann-29th Wedding Anniv. & Deceased Family

\* No Family Mass until September \*

10:45 Ann Millar R/b the Purcell Family 12:00 Lani Kip R/b the Kip Family

1:00 People of the Parish

6:00 Carole Stonitsch R/b the Gill Family

#### Sanctuary Memorials (this week)

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn for the repose of the soul of Bruce Michael Ricciardi, r/b Mary and Tom Smith.

The BI. Virgin Mary Votive Lamp will burn for the victims of violence and slavery, r/b the McElroy Family.

The St. Joseph Votive Lamp will burn for the imprisoned, r/b the McElroy Family.

Sanctuary Offerings The Sanctuary Lamp, Blessed Virgin Mary Votive Lamp, St. Joseph Votive Lamp, and the bread and wine can be dedicated on a weekly basis. Altar Flowers may be dedicated as well contact the rectory.

My Parish-My Responsibility Thank you to those who so generously continue to support our parish by mailing in your donations. At the same time, we understand that some are experiencing decreased income and are unable to continue their donations at this time. Donations/offering envelopes may be mailed to OLV Rectory, 81 Lynn St., Harrington Park, NJ 07640.



# Fr. Vincent Cappodano Servant of God

On February 13, 1929, Vincent Robert Capodanno was born into a large Italian immigrant family on Staten Island. The tenth child of Vincent Robert Capodanno Sr. and Rachel Basile Capodanno, Vincent Jr. grew up learning the virtues of charity, perseverance, fortitude, obedience, and faithfulness. After attending a year at Fordham

University, young Vincent Capodanno entered the Maryknoll seminary in 1949, and was ordained in 1958. After ordination, Fr. Capodanno was assigned to work with aboriginal Taiwanese in the mountains of Taiwan where he served in a parish and later in a school. After seven years, Fr. Capodanno returned to the United States for leave and then was assigned to a Maryknoll school in Hong Kong.

Looking for a different challenge, Fr. Capodanno requested a new assignment - as a United States Navy Chaplain serving with the U.S. Marines. After finishing officer candidate's school, Fr. Capodanno reported to the 7th Marines, in Vietnam, in 1966.

When his tour was complete, he requested an extension, served in the naval hospital and then reported to the 5th Marines. He gained a reputation for always being there-for always taking care of his Marines.

On September 4th, 1967, in the Thang Binh District of the Que-Son Valley, elements of the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines found the large North Vietnamese Unit, approx. 2500 men, near the village of Dong Son. Operation Swift was underway. The out-numbered and disorganized Company D was in need of reinforcements. By 9:14 am. twenty-six Marines were confirmed dead. The situation was in doubt and another Company of Marines was committed to the battle. At 9:25 am, the 1st Battalion 5th Marine Commander requested assistance of two company's of the 3rd Battalion 5th Marines, "M" and "K" Company. During those early hours, Chaplain Capodanno received word of the battle taking place. He sat in on the morning briefing at the 3rd Battalion's Combat Operations Center. He took notes and listened to the radio reports coming in. As the elements of Company "M" and "K" prepared to load the helicopters. "Fr. Vince" requested to go with them. His Marines needed him. "It's not going to be easy" he stated. As Company "M" approached the small village of Chau Lam, the North Vietnamese opened up on the 2nd Platoon, which was caught on a small knoll, out in the open. The fighting was fierce, hand to hand at times, and the platoon was in danger of being overrun. Father Capodanno went among the wounded and dying, giving last rites and taking care of his Marines. Wounded once in the face and suffering another wound that almost severed his hand, Fr. Capodanno moved to help a wounded corpsman only yards from an enemy machinegun. Fr. Capodanno died taking care of one of his men. On December 27, 1968, then Secretary of the Navy Paul Ignatius notified the Capodanno family that Fr. Vincent would posthumously be awarded the Medal of Honor in recognition of his selfless sacrifice. The official ceremony was held January 7, 1969. On May 21, 2006, thirty-nine years after his death on the battlefield of Vietnam, Capodanno was publicly declared Servant of God, the first step towards canonization.

To learn more about Servant of God Fr. Vincent Cappodano visit website www.capodannoguild.org.

#### Do Not Be Afraid This Day, for God is with Us LT Vincent R Capodanno, MM, CHC, USN

Are you an ADULT without

# **Confirmation, Communion or Baptism?**

If you want to become a Roman Catholic or complete your Initiation into the Church, the RCIA is for you! For information, phone the rectory. *Adult Catholics* who have not yet celebrated *Confirmation* or Holy Communion should contact the rectory for preparation class/information.

#### REQUIREMENTS FOR BAPTISM OR CONFIRMATION SPONSOR

Godparent/Sponsor must be at least 16 years old \* Godparent/Sponsor must be in good standing with the Catholic Church. Must be a practicing Catholic (Attend Sunday Mass weekly). \* Must have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Communion, and Confirmation. If married, must be married in the Catholic Church. \* If single, not living with significant other, nor married civilly only. \* Godparent/Sponsor cannot be the candidate's parent. Each child only requires one Godparent. If you wish to have two Godparents, there must be one female and one male. (CanonLaw872874)

## Sacred Matrimony on Sacred ground

"ceremony" at the venue is not a valid Sacrament

For the Catholic Church the Sacrament of Matrimony is such a sacred matter that the Church requires for two Catholics to be married Sacramentally in the Catholic Church not elsewhere. All the Sacraments except Confession are always celebrated in Church. Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation and the Sacred Orders (Priesthood is even celebrated at the Cathedral of a given Diocese). A Catholic priest can only officiate Sacrament of Matrimony of two Catholics on sacred grounds (Church). This wedding at the same time is a civil wedding. For more info contact Fr. Wojciech.

**Respect Life** Any woman who is pregnant and in need of assistance should <u>never</u> feel that abortion is her only option. For confidential assistance call: Archdiocese Respect Life Office: 973-497-4350 \* Gateway Pregnancy Center: 908-353-0604 \* Catholic Community Services: 201-246-7379 \* Lifecall: 800-662-2678 \* New Hope 201-722-4705 \* Birthright: 201-845-4646.

**OLV Needlers** If you'd like to learn to knit or crochet, join us in the lower church Wednesdays at 6PM and/or Thursdays after 12Noon Mass. Yarn, crochet hooks and knitting needles supplied.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas For info' contact Marie 201-741-0499.

**OLV Knights of Columbus** All men over 18 are invited to join the Knights of Columbus, the world's largest men's fraternal organization. As Catholic men we are called to lead, serve, protect and defend our Faith, families, and our parish. The Knights of Columbus will help you grow as a husband, father and Catholic. Join us!.

#### Rachel's Vineyard Retreat Healing the pain of abortion...

September 19-21, 2025

For info contact Cheryl Riley at 973-497-4350 or Cheryl.riley@rcan.org.

Lord God,
We are ever mindful
of the cost paid for the liberty we possess.
We ask that You bless
the members of our Armed Forces.

#### KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS

- Memorial Day.
   Father Vincent Cappodano.
- 3. St. Philip Neri. 4. the Visitation. 5. St. Elizabeth.

## Saint of Joy - Saint Philip Neri May 26

Philip Neri excelled in the secret of winning souls with this unusual

When Philip Neri arrived in Rome in 1533, he found the Eternal City sunk in a morose gloom of habitual vice. For many years, he worked quietly as a tutor. Then one day, Philip sold his books, gave his money to the poor, and turned his life into a life of service.

He worked to revive the withered faith of the Roman people. For about ten years he remained a layman, but then his spiritual director told him to become a priest so that he could extend his apostolate.

The amusements offered by the city were idle and often immoral, so the first thing Philip did was to organize pure, innocent, light-hearted alternatives.

He visited the sick, taking groups of Catholics to the hospitals with him. He hosted picnics outside the city, steering the conversation towards life in Christ and ending the outing with adoration at one of the Seven Churches. He gathered a group of men to join him in the evenings for prayer, recreation, and spiritual talks.

At that time, the clergy kept a substantial distance between them-

selves and the laity; sermons were long, complicated, impossible for the simple peasants to understand. Philip's preaching was simple, direct, and filled with joy in the love of Jesus.

The men's group grew rapidly, numbering both laity and clergy among its attendees, all eager for the spiritual refreshment and encouragement they found in Philip's cheering presence. The group, increasingly steadily, was officially recognized by the pope as the Congregation of the Oratory in 1575.

Inspired by Philip's method of winning souls with infectious joy, Catholics in other cities began forming Oratories of their own. Prayer and singing at Eucharistic adoration was (and still is!) the most important part of an evening at the Oratory.

-catholiccompany.com/getfed

#### A little humor ...

## Kids Say the Funniest Things!

#### How do you decide who to marry?

You got to find somebody who likes the same stuff. Like, if you like sports, she should like it that you like sports. and she should keep the chips and dip coming.

No person really decides before they grow up who they're going to marry. God decides it all way before, and you get to find out later who you're stuck with. -Kirsten, age 10

#### What is the right age to get married?

Twenty-three is the best age because you know the person FOREVER by then. -Camille, age 10

How can a stranger tell if two people are married? You might have to guess, based on whether they seem to be yelling at the same kids. -Derrick, age 8



In today's Gospel passage we listened to the account of the Mother of God's visit to her elderly relative, Elizabeth. The first meeting between John the Baptist and Jesus takes place through their mothers' greeting. St Luke tells us that Mary "went with haste" (cf. Lk 1:39) to Elizabeth. This anxiety to visit her cousin indicates her wish to be of assistance to her during her pregnancy, but above all her desire to rejoice with her that the time of salvation had arrived. In the presence of Mary and the incarnate Word, John leapt for joy and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit (cf. Lk 1:41). We find reflected in Mary's visitation the hopes and expectations of the humble, God-fearing people who were awaiting the fulfilment of the prophetic promises.

There are certain things in life which are too beautiful to be forgotten, such as the love of a mother. Hence we treasure her picture. The love of soldiers who sacrificed themselves for their country is likewise too beautiful to be forgotten, hence we revere their memory on Memorial Day. But the greatest blessing which ever came to this earth was the visitation of the Son of God in the form and habit of man. His life, above all lives, is too beautiful to be forgotten, hence we treasure the divinity of His Words in Sacred Scripture, and the charity of His Deeds in our daily actions."

-Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen

#### Kidz Korner (answers p. 4)

- 1. What Federal holiday in the USA is dedicated to mourning those who have died while in the service of the U.S. armed forces?
- 2. What chaplain was declared a Servant of God after his death on the battlefield in Vietnam?
- 3. What Saint is known as the Saint of Joy?
- 4. What is the second Joyful Mystery of the Holy Rosary?
- 5. What elderly relative did the Blessed Mother make haste to visit?

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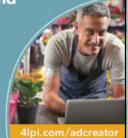




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