# Holy Family Church

# Serving Nutley ~ Belleville

Rectory: 28 Brookline Avenue

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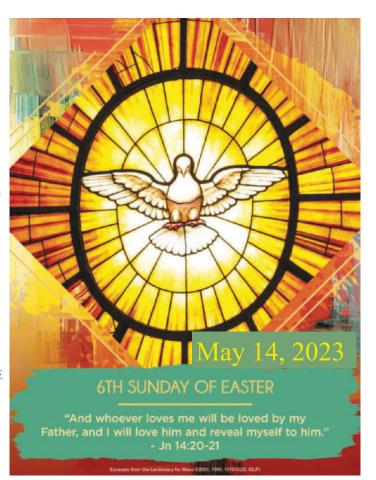
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#### **MASSES**

Saturday evening: 5:30 PM (English); 7:00 PM (Italian)

Neo-Catechumenate Liturgy: 8:30 PM Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 Noon Daily: 8:45 AM; Saturday 8:45 AM

**ADVENT & LENT ONLY:** 

6:00 AM Morning Prayer & 7:00 AM Mass, both in the Chapel.

#### **OFFICE HOURS:**

Rev. John P. Ginty

Mon-Thurs: 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM
The Rectory is closed 12:00 - 1:00 PM
The office is closed on Friday-Saturday-Sunday.

RECONCILIATION: Saturday, 1:00 PM

**BAPTISM:** Baptisms are scheduled once a month on Sunday afternoons except during Lent. Expectant parents are asked to contact the rectory to schedule an appointment at least three months before the desired date of Baptism. Parents must attend a special catechetical session prior to the Baptism and should be registered parishioners of Holy Family. Godparents are required to provide verification of Baptism, First Eucharist and Confirmation.

<u>MARRIAGE</u>: Couples should contact the rectory one year in advance of the proposed wedding date in order to allow for the proper pre-marital preparation. At least one person must be a registered parishioner of Holy Family.

**SOCIAL SERVICE HOTLINE:** The Catholic Community Services is an office that serves all people in need. Please call 1-800-CCS-7413.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** This is a sacrament not only for those who are at the point of death. As soon as anyone begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, we encourage you to call for a priest in the rectory.

**MINISTRY OF THE SICK:** The Eucharist will be brought to the homebound. Please contact the Rectory with the names and addresses of parishioners who are ill or homebound.

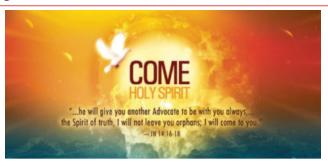
**VOCATIONS:** Women and men who feel called to the religious life, and men called to Holy Orders, should contact any of our priests or call the Vocations Office at 973-497-4365.

**EMERGENCY CALLS:** In case of an accident or sudden illness, call the rectory at any hour or reach us on the emergency phone, 973-986-1690. The priest on duty will return your call.

**PARISH GIVING:** Have your weekly donation sent directly to the Church! Visit

holyfamilynutley.org & click on "Parish Giving." OR visit www.parishgiving.org. You can also just call 866-307-7140 to sign up.

**RCIA:** The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: RCIA is the formation process which guides people inquiring about our faith as well as Catholics seeking to complete their sacraments. Please call the rectory if you are interested.



#### Saturday, May 13

5:30 PM Living and Deceased Mothers

7:00 PM Angelina Yezzi, 1st Heavenly Birthday

...Godchild, Michele & Family

Sunday, May 14

8:00, 10:00, 12:00 ~ All Mothers, Living & Deceased

Monday, May 15 ~ St. Isidore

8:45 AM Sr. Frances Stavalo, MPF...Antoinette Lombardi

Tuesday, May 16

8:45 AM Gaetano Salomone...Philip Salomone

Wednesday, May 17

8:45 AM Fortunata Salomone...Philip Salomone

Thursday, May 18 ~ St. John

8:45 AM Providenza Badalamenti...Friends

Friday, May 19

8:45 AM Maria Salomone...Husband, Philip

Saturday, May 20 ~ St. Bernadine of Siena

8:45 AM Special Remembrance Mass

In Thanksgiving to St. Jude Devotees of Maria SS. Addolorata Henry Tamburri

Federico & Valentina Cicchino

Antonio Cifelli

Giovanni & Vittoria Dente

Michele Fabrizio

Roberto Sunga

Joyce Tabaka

#### The Ascension of the Lord

Saturday, May 20

5:30 PM Maria Straface...Giorgio Straface & Family

7:00 PM Antonio DiBella...Daughter, Josephine & Family

Sunday, May 21

8:00 AM People of the Parish

10:00 AM James John Flaherty...Wife, Kathy

(GSA Grades 7&8 Family Mass)

12:00 PM Mario R. Carrion...Maria D. Hernandez

2:00 PM Wedding: David Newman & Maria Herrera

#### Memorials for May 14

Sanctuary Lamp

Nunzio Papaccio...Mom & Dad

Altar Bread

Connie Giardina...The Guarino Family

Blessed Virgin Altar Flowers

In Loving Memory of Our Parents, John & Edith Bucca ...Sons, Joe & Gary

The Sanctuary Lamps in the Church and Chapel, Altar Candles, Altar Bread, & Altar Wine, as well as Altar Flowers are our weekly memorials. The donation for each Sanctuary Lamp is \$15; Altar Candles are \$10. The donation for Altar Bread or Altar Wine is \$15. The donation for Flowers on the Altar of the Blessed Virgin or Saint Joseph is \$45. Please stop by the rectory to reserve any of the above.



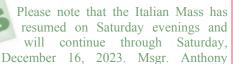
Pray for our deceased...

Camille J. Santopietro Marie Molinaro Marie Miskell



If you or a loved one struggles with addiction, we are here to help. Please call Melinda at 973-868-1938 for further assistance.

# Special Announcement for The Italian Community of Holy Family



Ziccardi will be our celebrant. The Mass will be suspended during the winter months for the safety of our older parishioners due to the cold and other bad weather which may occur. We look forward to seeing you again.

Per la communita Italiana, Notate che iniziando sabato, 6 maggio celebriano la Messa in Italiano alle 7 di sera e continuera fin o sabato, 16 dicembre. Msgr. Antonio Ziccardi torna a celebrare l'Eucaristia. Durante l'inverno, per causa del mal tempo, la Messa sara sospessa per la sicurezza dei nostri parrochiani.



We like seeing you in Church just not so much of you." Modesty in Dress is Key in Church Reminder to All: Shorts, tank tops, bathing suits, (for both men and women) or any type of beach dress is out of place in Church and distracts the attention of others from the worship of God.

Please be attentive.
The Priests of Holy Family Church







#### STARTING ANEW!

Saturday evenings at 7:00: The Italian Mass, Msgr. Anthony Ziccardi, Celebrant, will continue until Saturday, December 16, 2023

Sunday, May 14 ~ Happy Mother's Day!

No CCD Today

Baby Bottle Returns—Church

Social Concerns "Baby Shower" runs till May 22nd

Wednesday, May 17

Italian Club—PC 2:30 PM

Thursday, May 18 (Solemnity of the Ascension,

celebrated Sunday, 5/21)

GSA Induction to the Junior National 2:00 PM Honor Society—SJC

6:00 PM GSA hosts "Pasta & Prayer" - SJC

Saturday, May 20 ~ St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest

Filipino Apostolate—SJC 8:00-1:00 PM

12:00 PM Rosary & Holy Hour—Church

1:00 PM Confessions

Baby Bottle Returns—Church

Social Concerns "Baby Shower"

Sunday, May 21 ~ Feast of the Ascension (Celebrated)

The Italian Community invites everyone to enjoy Coffee & Buns following all Masses on Sunday, May 21st, Weather permitting it will be outside...in case of rain, we will gather in the St. Joseph Center.

Baby Bottle Returns—Church Social Concerns "Baby Shower"

Final Day of CCD

10:00 AM Catechist Appreciation

10:00 AM GSA Family Mass for Grades 7 & 8

2:00 PM Baptism Preparation Class—PC

#### Monday, May 22 ~ St. Rita

Pew Restoration Begins

Final Day of Social Concerns "Baby Shower"

Tuesday, May 23

Wednesday, May 24

2:30 PM Italian Club – PC

6:30 PM GSA Spring Concert—Church

Thursday, May 25

GSA Fun Day (no parking in the parish lower lot)

Mass in Honor of Saint Padre Pio

Friday, May 26 ~ St. Philip Neri

Saturday, May 27 ~ St. Augustine of Canterbury

Happy 18th Year of Presbyteral Ordination, Fr. Francesco!

1:00 PM Confession

Pentecost Sunday, May 28

1:00-2:30 PM Confirmation Kick Off Luncheon—SJC

Monday, May 29 ~ Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the

Church ~ Memorial Day

Rectory Office is Closed

9:00 AM One Mass Today

Tuesday, May 30

Wednesday, May 31 ~

Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

2:30 PM Italian Club—PC

7:00 PM St. Anthony Novena—Day 1

Key: PC—Parish Center; SJC—SJC

#### Parish Baby Shower for Respect Life May 13 – May 22



**Baby Shower** 

The Social Concerns Committee is sponsoring a Baby Shower for Respect Life. The gifts will be given to Several Sources Foundation in Ramsey, NJ, a home for single women who have chosen to keep their babies. New items for infants and toddlers, diapers, wipes, and other

baby gear are most appreciated. Bring your items to Church and help Respect Life. It is not necessary to wrap your gifts.



#### BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG **DUE THIS WEEKEND**

THE ANNUAL BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG DISTRIBUTION.

If you forget to return your baby bottles today, you may drop it off at the rectory this week.

The money is used to help young mothers who have chosen life for their babies. Please fill the baby bottle bank with your loose change or make a check; it should be made payable, "Holy Family Church."



#### PARISH GARDEN CLUB

The Holy Family Parish Garden Club is happy to accept donations of evergreen shrubs ("FULL SUN" only, please) for planting throughout the parish property over the next month or so. Good choices that will survive and thrive in our mostly full sun environment include boxwood, juniper, yew, arborvitae, and spruce, among others. Contact: Fr. John

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#### **DAD**

#### IN YOUR EYES I'VE SEEN GOD'S LOVE. IN YOUR WORDS I'VE HEARD HIS WISDOM THROUGH YOUR LIFE I'VE FOUND HIS GRACE

Would you like to honor or memorialize a special father, grandfather or father figure in your life with a prayer or note?

During the entire month of June we will continuously display pictures, prayers and notes on our TV monitor in Church. If you wish to participate, upload a picture with a note or prayer to be displayed to...Laura Rizzo: macchia0566@yahoo.com.

	Drop your \$20 donation and this form in the box under the TV screen.	
	In Memory of - or - In Honor of	
Your Name:	Email:	
Phone #	Message to Your Dad:	
	Deadline is May 28 <sup>th</sup>	
replace the kneelers. On of three varnish samples  The pews are 58 yea of the kneelers are in completed pew and kneed pay over a twelve mont \$217.00 per month.  We will have a mer Smith Family. Since the built, please know that added.  The pews will be do	CHURCH PEW RESTORATION  Were the last few weeks, we received permission to restore our church pews and pew at the break of the church has been stripped and refinished with a choice Directly behind the pew are the sample kneelers.  Is old and original to the church. There are 125 pews in the main church; many and shape as well as the pews. The cost, as I announced, is \$2,500.00 per per. There is an option for a payment plan through the Parish Giving program to period but, with fees incurred, it would bump the price up to \$2,600.00 or per period but, with plaques already on them from families who donated them at the time who are pews with plaques already on them from families who donated them at the time who are plaques will remain. If the same family would like to restore the pew, a restoration of the pews are grateful for your finance for your prayerful support.  Peace,  Fr. Joe	en the church was on plaque will be
	PEW RESTORATION	
Name	In Memory of:	
Address	Restoration Gift of:	
·	In Thanksgiving:	
Envelope # if applicable		



The Good Shepherd Academy Summer Fun program is open to both GSA and public school students from PreK-4 to 7th grade. It is a six week program beginning at the end of June to the end of July. The hours are from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, however parents may choose just mornings (9:00 AM-12:00 PM) or afternoon sessions (12:00-3:00 PM.) Additionally, there is both before-care (7:00 -9:00 AM) and after-care (3:00-5:00 PM) available. Lunch is brown bag only.

Visit GSANutley.org and select the Camp Creators Page for more information.



#### GOOD SHEPHERD ACADEMY

New Family Registration is ongoing. If you are in the process of deciding on the best education for your child, GSA invites you to consider our school as one of your options. Please visit our website, <a href="https://www.gsanutley.org">www.gsanutley.org</a>, to learn more about what we have to offer and sign up for a virtual or in-person tour.

#### LITTLE LAMBS



Little Lambs enrollment is for the early childhood grades (Pre-K 3, Pre-K 4, and K) for 2021-22. The Little Lambs program includes half and partial week options. We offer full and half day programs for PreK-3 and PreK-4 to suit your child's needs. Call Melissa Miskell at 973-667-2049 ext. 103 or email <a href="mmiskell@gsanutley.org">mmiskell@gsanutley.org</a> for more information and to schedule a tour, Monday-Thursday from 3:00 - 4:15 PM.



We are proud to say that Good Shepherd Academy has been named a <u>Middle States Accredited Catholic Academy</u>. We are looking forward to seeing you at GSA! Kindly RSVP admissions@gsanutley.org or call 973-667-2049, x-103

Pre-School Open Enrollment - Limited Space Available "An Excellent Early Educational Experience since 1958"

Holy Family Day Nursery School 174 Franklin Ave., Nutley www.holyfamilydaynurseryschool.com 973-235-1170

Ages: 2.5 years through 5 years
Classes Offered:
Nursery (Age 2.5 years)
Pre-K3 (Age 3 years)
Pre-K4 (Age 4 years)
Monday through Friday
Full Day Programs
Academic Day: 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM



Extended Hours: 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM

#### **Tuition Includes:**

Daily Hot Lunch, prepared on campus; Afternoon Snack; Extended Hours (7-5);

Evolving Updated Curriculum with an emphasis on the Catholic Faith;

Safe and Loving Environment;

Lots of Fun Play Time;

State Licensed Program/Facility.

Under the Administration of the Franciscan Sisters of Saint Elizabeth.



## NEW UPDATE!!!

As you know our stretch goal is <u>\$61,351</u>; to date, donations **pledged** amount to <u>\$56,925</u>. Of the pledged amount, <u>\$44,013</u> has been received. We only need <u>\$4,222</u> to fulfill that pledged amount. However, we need <u>\$17,338</u> to reach our stretch goal. We are <u>71.4%</u> of our goal. Many thanks to our 167 donors who have participated and helped to achieve these numbers!

If every family in our parish contributed <u>any</u> amount, we would exceed our goal. Anything over the stretch amount is returned to Holy Family...PLEASE, pray about an amount that your family can afford and donate to the Annual Appeal. If you have yet to give, please pick up a pledge form in the church vestibule or visit <u>www.rcan.org/sharing</u>. Thank you & God bless each of you.



See the Parish Website for information about how parents may remove their children from harmful, false and age-inappropriate indoctrination that forms part of the State of New Jersey's public school "Learning Standards in Comprehensive Health and Physical Education." Also, you may call Fr. John Ginty at the rectory for more detailed information and references to source materials. The New Jersey Catholic Conference also provides some "opt-out" resources.



#### PRO-LIFE CORNER

# Court Allows Abortion Pill - For Now

The Supreme Court blocked the effect of a lower-court order that was poised

to limit access to the pill, which is used in more than half of U.S. abortions. The Court's action was **not a decision on the merits of the case**; instead, the justices were deciding whether the pill could remain available during a law suit by medical associations and individual doctors. FDA-approved access to **mifepristone** would remain until litigation concludes in the lower courts and the Supreme Court itself has an opportunity to review those decisions—a time line that likely will take many months.

New Orleans-based Fifth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ordered the FDA to reimpose a pre-2016 regimen for administering the drug. That included limiting its use to the earliest weeks of pregnancy, requiring three doctor visits, & precluding mailing pills to patients. Arguments in the case are set for mid-May.

"The FDA must answer for the **damage it has caused** to the health of countless women and girls and the rule of law by failing to study how dangerous the chemical abortion drug regimen is," said Erik Baptist, an attorney with the Alliance Defending Freedom, which represents the plaintiffs. "We look forward to a final outcome in this case that will hold the FDA

accountable." [Wall Street Journal, 4/22/23]

#### **How Safe is Mifepristone?**

The Journal of Advanced Pharmaceutical Technology and Research:: about 0.01% of patients who receive penicillin will experience a true anaphylactic allergic reaction. A Canadian study of mass antibiotic prophylaxis with penicillin showed that, of 2,707 people receiving the drug, only 5 experienced what could be classified as a serious adverse event, a rate of 0.18%. According to proabortion sources, the abortion pill sends 6% of women who take it to the emergency room or urgent care for complications. This is a rate that is 33 times higher than that of penicillin. And it is 107 times greater than the rate for complications from acetaminophen/Tylenol."

[www.LiveActionNews.com]

The Charlotte Lozier Institute found that the rate of **abortion-related emergency room visits** by women taking the abortion drug increased more than 500% between 2002 and 2015, resulting in the death of millions of unborn babies.

A 2009 study "Immediate Complications After Medical Compared With Surgical Termination of Pregnancy," in *Obstetrics and Gynecology* found a complication rate of approximately 20% for the abortion drugs compared to 5.6% for surgical abortions. Hemorrhages and incomplete abortions were among the most common complications.

#### REQUIREMENTS FOR GODPARENTS & SPONSORS



Only those who are registered in our Church, attend Mass every Sunday and all holydays, who have received Communion and Confirmation (not necessarily at Holy Family) and if married, you have been married in the Catholic Church, are eligible to act as godparents or sponsors.

#### **CONVALIDATION**



The best way to start your married life is with God. In Sacramental Marriage, God's own divine life can be experienced and lived. Were you married only civilly by a mayor or justice of the peace and would you now like to be married in

the Catholic Church. Call the rectory and you will be put in touch with one of our priests.

#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER...

**Reminder**: 7th and 8th graders must use Mass Attendance Sheets in preparation of for Confirmation.



#### **CHILDRENS LITURGY OF THE WORD:**

Every Sunday, 10:00 AM Mass Final Date for CCD is Sunday, May 21st

BIBLE STUDY CORNER...



Bible Study Monday, June 12th 6:30 PM in the St. Joseph Center

THE ROSARY SOCIETY
WILL MEET ON
MONDAY, MAY 22, AT 6:00 P.M.
IN THE ST. JOSEPH CENTER.
LADIES OF THE PARISH
ARE WELCOMED TO ATTEND!





Join us for a Holy Hour for Life Adoration & Rosary Saturday, May 20, 12:00 Noon In the Church.

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PLEASE SUPPORT
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BULLETIN!



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Holy Family Parish online giving
program yet? Visit
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It's convenient, safe and easy!

Parish Giving offers secure flexible online giving for our parishioners who would like to make their donations online using a credit card or bank transfer. You never have to bring cash or checks to church. Giving electronically also helps the church save money and plan the budget. Check out the website listed for benefits and details.



#### Concerning Those In The Hospital...

Due to a patient privacy act, hospitals are no longer permitted to notify us of our parishioners who are patients. If a member of your family is hospitalized and would like a priest to visit, please call the rectory and leave the name, hospital and room number, and a phone where you can be reached.

#### Is Someone You Know Homebound?

Would They Like To Receive Communion At Home? We would be happy to arrange a visit! The Priests and Eucharistic Ministers visit many of our homebound parishioners. If you are currently not on our list and would like to be, call us at 973-667-0026.

Our sick list is always posted on the Church vestibule bulletin board. Please go through this list and let the office know if anyone should be removed. And don't forget to always pray for the sick and homebound.

Alexander Alvarez Lenora Barry Rosemary Buffardi Jona Cabrillas Carmela Cantagallo James E. Carlucci, Jr. **Emily Cooper Becky Coreless** William Cottongin Jacob & Jaxson DaCunha Connie Del Bianco Rev. Anthony De Stefano Angelo Domenick Diane Figiera Domenico Falduto John Falduto Janet Farruggia Jerry Fornarotto Kyle Gauweiler Joseph Gencarelli Michelina Giuliano Paul Izzo Megan Kavanaugh

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# DATE TO ANNUAL BENEFIT CONCERT

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

Featuring

#### The Sensational Soul Cruisers

"Soul Town to Motown"

At the Shea Center for the Performing Arts William Paterson University, Wayne

MORE DETAILS FORTHCOMING @ www.ccanconcert23.givesmart.com or ccannj.org



# Fr. John Ginty is planning a PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND January 30 - February 8, 2024

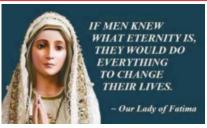
#### Highlights of the Pilgrimage will include:

Tel Aviv, Caesarea, Haifa, Mount Carmel, Stella Maris Monastery, Mount of Beatitudes, Caesaria Philippi, Capernaum, Magdala, Cana, Nazareth, Mount Tabor, Church of the Transfiguration, Tabgha, Sea of Galilee, Jericho, Jordan River, Qumran, The Dead Sea, Ein Karem, Church of the Nativity, Jerusalem, Mount of Olives, Garden of Gethsemane, Mount Zion, The Upper Room, The Wailing Wall, Via Dolorosa, Church of the Holy Sepulcher, Emmaus

#### Estimated cost \$3,875/per person, double occupancy

For currently available details or questions, please contact:

Khaled@holycrosstours.com holycrosstours.com 201-665-3904



#### First Saturday Devotion

One of the most important aspects of the Fatima message was Our Lady's request for the First Saturday devotion. In the July 13,

1917 apparition at Fatima, Our Lady said to the children, "You have seen hell where the souls of poor sinners go. To save them, God wishes to establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart...I shall come to ask for the Communion of Reparation on the first Saturdays." She came expressly with the request for this devotion when she appeared to Sister Lucia on Dec. 10, 1925, in Pontevedra, Spain, where she was preparing for religious life.

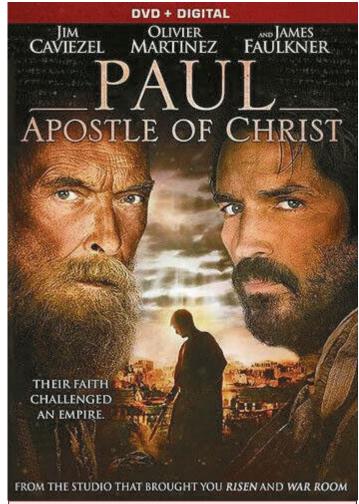
Once you have completed five consecutive First Saturdays, continue to practice the devotion monthly for the sake of obtaining graces for the salvation of other souls.

#### In Reparation for The Five Blasphemies

- Against the Immaculate Conception
- Against her Perpetual Virginity
- Against her Divine Maternity, while refusing to receive her as the Mother of Mankind
- For those who try to implant in the hearts of children indifference, disrespect and hate against the Immaculate Mother
- By those who insult her directly in her Sacred Images

#### **First Saturday Requirements**

- Go to Confession (May be 8 days before or after First Saturday)
- Receive Holy Communion
- Pray 5 decades of the Rosary
- Keep Our Lady Company



When: Monday, June 12, 6:30—8:30 PM Where: St. Joseph Center

The Bible Study Group will screen the 2018 Film, "Paul, Apostle of Christ"
Starring James Faulkner and Jim Caviezel.
Run Time: 108 minutes
All are welcomed to attend.



Two Mothers

Long time ago, so I have been told,
Two angels once met on streets paved with gold.
"By the stars in your crown,"
said the one to the other
"I see that on earth, you too, were a mother.

And by, the blue-tinted halo you wear
"You, too, have known sorrow
and deepest despair..."
"Ah yes," she replied, "I once had a son,
A sweet little lad, full of laughter and fun."

"But tell of your child."

"Oh, I knew I was blessed
From the moment I first held him

close to my breast,
And my heart almost burst with the joy of that day."

"Ah, yes," said the other, "I felt the same way."

The former continued: "The first steps he took—So eager and breathless; the sweet startled look Which came over his face – he trusted me so." "Ah, yes," said the other, "How well do I know"

"But soon he had grown to a tall handsome boy, So stalwart and kind – and it gave me so much joy To have him just walk down the street by my side" "Ah yes, "said the other mother, "I felt the same pride."

"How often I shielded and spared him from pain And when he for others was so cruelly slain. When they crucified him – and they spat in his face How gladly would I have hung there in his place!"

A moment of silence – "Oh then you are she! The mother of Christ;" and she fell on one knee. But the Blessed one raised her up, drawing her near, And kissed from the cheek of the woman, a tear.

"Tell me the name of the son you love so, That I may share with your grief and your woe." She lifted her eyes, looking straight at the other, "He was Judas Iscariot: I am his mother."

Author Unknown

## FATHER'S DAY GRAND 50/50 RAFFLE

Winner to receive 50% of Gross Proceeds
Last year's winner received \$10,050!
Drawing: Father's Day, June 18,
1:30 PM

\$100 Donation
(Winner need not be present &
No substitution of prize may be made)
Tickets are available in the
Church vestibule or





# PRO-LIFE MASS

Join us to pray together as a pro-life community!

# THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 7:00 PM HOLY FAMILY CHURCH, NUTLEY

Reception to follow

Presented by the Archdiocese of Newark Respect Life Office and Pro-Life Commission

In gratitude to the Knights of Columbus and the Order of Malta for their support.







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