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JESUS REPLIED, "IF ANYONE LOVES
ME, HE WILL KEEP MY WORD. MY
FATHER WILL LOVE HIM, AND WE
WILL COME TO HIM AND MAKE OUR
HOME WITH HIM.

- JOHN 14:23

Sixth Sunday of Easter - May 25, 2025

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

Christ is truly risen as our hearts still burn with the fire of the Resurrection. Yet, how are we living Easter today?

Three young men were ordained to the sacred priesthood in our Archdiocese this weekend. Watching them prostrate before the altar, I was struck by the profound “yes” each one offered to Christ, laying down their own wills to become servants of mercy and instruments of grace. Their ordination is not only cause for celebration; it is a living proclamation that Easter is not a single Sunday, but the very heartbeat of every day in the Church.

Easter is profoundly communal. Just as our new priests were shaped by the prayers and encouragement of our priests, religious, and lay faithful, so each of us has been formed by someone’s faith. This week, invite a neighbor to coffee. Write a note of thanks to a catechist whose patience mirrors Christ’s own patience. Allow the joy of Easter to overflow from our parish walls into the wider world, building relationships that witness to the peace only the Risen Christ can give.

Christ’s mandate to “love one another as I have loved you” (John 15:12) becomes flesh in service. Our new priests will anoint the sick, absolve the penitent, and feed the faithful. We, too, are called to serve: visit someone who is homebound, volunteer at a food pantry, or lend a listening ear to someone weighed down by loneliness. In each act of mercy, Easter blooms again as we serve at the altar of Christ.

As we rejoice locally in our new vocations, we also lift our prayers for His Holiness Pope Leo XIV, elected by the Holy Spirit to be shepherd of the universal flock. May his ministry strengthen us in faith and unity. Let us unite our prayers with those of Catholics around the globe, forging a single, Easter-filled community that knows no borders.

Easter is not a fleeting moment but a journey we walk each day, transformed by the Risen Christ’s victory over sin and death where we can resolve:

1. To deepen our prayer life, inviting Christ to shape our minds and hearts.
2. To strengthen our community, sharing Easter joy in word and deed.
3. To commit to acts of mercy, becoming hands and feet of the Risen Lord.

May the gift of our new Holy Father and these new priests inspire us to renew our own “yes” to God, allowing the Resurrection to continue to shine brightly in our lives – today and always.

God bless,

Fr. Bryan



MASS INTENTIONS

MAY 24 - JUNE 1

SATURDAY MAY 24	5 PM BLANCHE & JOSEPH PRZYBLINSKI FROM BARBARA PRZYBLINSKI
SUNDAY MAY 25	10 AM GLORIA & LEONARD ENGLESE FROM LENNY & MAGGIE ENGLESE 12:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
TUESDAY MAY 27	12:30 PM REV. MARTIN PIASECKI (4 TH OLC PASTOR) FROM OLC PARISHIONERS
WEDNESDAY MAY 28	12:30 PM MICHNO FAMILY FROM JANINA
THURSDAY MAY 29	12:30 PM WORLD PEACE FROM OLC PARISHIONERS
FRIDAY MAY 30	12:30 PM NEWLY ORDAINED ARCHDIOCESAN PRIESTS FROM OLC PARISHIONERS
SATURDAY MAY 31	5 PM CUSTODIO SEQUEIRA FROM FERNANDES FAMILY
SUNDAY JUNE 1	10 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH 12:30 PM. WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF EUGENIO & NIEVES ARBOLEDA FROM VIRGINIA ELBARODY

Sunday Scripture

May 25

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

Rev. 21:10-14, 22-23

John 14:23-29

June 1

Acts 1:1-11

Eph. 1:17-23

Luke 24:46-53

DONATIONS



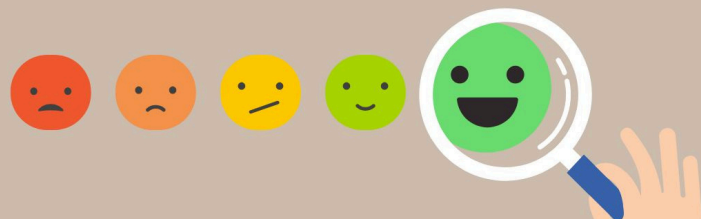
OVER THE WEEKEND OF
MAY 17 AND 18, 612 PEOPLE
ATTENDED MASS WITH
AN AVERAGE DONATION OF \$32.92.

ONE TIME
GIFTS AND
VISITORS



THANK
YOU FOR
ALL OF
YOUR
SUPPORT

CONSISTENT
SUPPORT AND
PARISHIONERS



PLEASE TAKE A
SURVEY FROM THE
ARCHDIOCESE
ABOUT OUR PARISH
SHOULD TAKE LESS THAN 10 MIN



SAVE THE DATE



**UNDER 40
BBQ**

• LET'S ENJOY ONE ANOTHER •

THURSDAY, JUNE 19 AT 7PM

120 SUSSEX ST, JERSEY CITY

**OLC
CHUCK
MERCH**

sport your parish pride




and much more!



**BLESSINGS
ON YOUR
BAPTISM**

With love
from OLC!



Niamh Heaney
Luca Pairizi
Amaya Alvarez



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

EVERY FRIDAY
7 PM



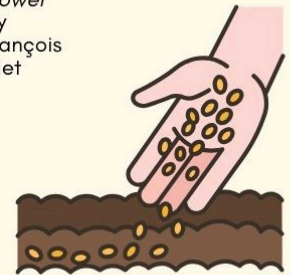
Why did Jesus Talk in Stories?

We call the stories that Jesus told **parables**. Jesus used them to explain the Kingdom of God to his friends, the apostles, and also to anyone who followed him, his disciples. **Parables** are simple stories; there are **parables** about seeds and plants, figs, pearls, candles, fathers and sons, workers, etc.

Do you like stories? Why?
What makes a good story good?
What are your favorite stories?



The Sower
by
Jean François
Millet



Jesus was a Teacher

Teachers use stories to help students learn new information or ideas that could be difficult to understand. For example, you learn the ABCs by thinking of pictures and things that start with each letter, like A for apple, and you learn to tie your shoe laces by thinking of a bunny going around a tree and into a hole.

**UPCOMING CHILDREN'S
LITURGY:**
June 8th

Ask a family member:

What is your favorite parable?
Can you tell it to me?
What do you think Jesus meant with it?

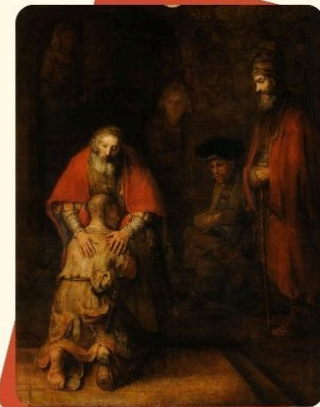


Since it is still Easter (6th week), here is something of an Easter egg:
This is a picture of Pope Leo XIV (far left) and his brothers as children.

The Return of the Prodigal Son

is a popular parable about a boy who takes money from his father, leaves home, makes bad choices, and learns his lessons. When he returns to his father, he is worried his father will be very upset, but instead, his father forgives him and is happy to see him!

Meanwhile, his older brother gets upset that his father seems to go "easy" on the little sibling - maybe some of us can relate!



*The Return of the
Prodigal Son*
by Rembrandt
van Rijn

