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Mother's Day Favorites

\$25

Raise a glass to Music and Momma!
Saturday, May 9 at 7pm, Holy Family Hall.

Fifth Sunday of Easter -- May 3, 2026

Dear Parish Family,

Jesus speaks words that reach across generations, into every anxious heart: “Do not let your hearts be troubled.” These words were first spoken to the disciples on the night before the Passion when Jesus knew that fear, confusion, and sorrow were about to overwhelm them. He also knew that His followers in every age would face uncertainty, suffering, and questions about the future. That is why His message remains so meaningful for our Catholic community today. We live in a time when many hearts are troubled. Some carry worries about health, finances, family struggles, or the future of the world. Others feel weighed down by loneliness, grief, or disappointment. Even within the Church, there are moments when people feel discouraged or divided, but in the midst of all this, Christ does not ignore our fears or pretend that life is easy. Instead, He speaks directly to them: “Do not let your hearts be troubled.” This is not a command to deny pain; it is an invitation to trust.

“Have faith in God; have faith also in me.” Trust is the antidote to fear. Faith does not mean that every problem disappears overnight. It means believing that God remains present and faithful even when we cannot see the full path ahead. The disciples could not yet understand the Cross, the Resurrection, or the coming of the Holy Spirit. Still, Jesus asked them to trust Him. We, too, are often asked to trust before we fully understand.

Our tradition gives us many ways to live this trust. We pray even when words are difficult to find. We gather for Mass even when life is busy, and burdens are heavy. We turn to the saints, who remind us that holy men and women also faced trials, yet persevered in faith. We seek reconciliation in confession, where troubled hearts can find mercy and peace. These are not empty rituals -- they are channels of grace through which Christ strengthens us.

When our hearts are troubled, the answer is not found only in better circumstances, more possessions, or worldly success. The answer is found in a deeper relationship with Christ, following His way of humility, mercy, prayer, and love. This is where we discover peace.

As a Catholic community, we are also called to help calm troubled hearts around us. Some people in our parish, neighborhood, or family may be carrying silent burdens. A kind word, a visit, a prayer, a listening ear, or a simple act of charity can become Christ’s comfort for them.

The Church is meant to be a place where anxious hearts find welcome, healing, and hope. Trust in Christ leads us outward in service. We become instruments of His compassion in a troubled world. In doing so, we witness that fear does not have the final word over Christ. Every age has its troubles, but every age also has the same Savior. The Voice that once spoke in the Upper Room still speaks to us now: “Do not let your hearts be troubled.” Bring your fears to Him, trust His promises, and live with confidence that the Lord who prepares a place for us is already guiding us home.

God bless,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Fr. Bryan". The script is cursive and fluid, with the "Fr." and "Bryan" connected.

MASS INTENTIONS

MAY 2 - MAY 10

SATURDAY MAY 2	5 PM SPECIAL INTENTION OF DR. VIC JOSEPH FROM ANDREA SELVARAJA
SUNDAY MAY 3	10:00 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH 12:30 PM. FRANCIS KRASINSKI FROM CAROLYN KRASINSKI
TUESDAY MAY 5	12:30 PM JENNIFER STEED FROM THE HEANEY FAMILY
WEDNESDAY MAY 6	12:30 PM BEORI HERNANDEZ FROM ARZA FAMILY
THURSDAY MAY 7	12:30PM. GOOD HEALTH FOR SELVA SUAREZ FROM SELVA & BILL BRAUNER
FRIDAY MAY 8	12:30 PM. ANTOINE TAKOU FROM HIS CHILDREN
SATURDAY MAY 9	5 PM NENA SALVO-MORDENO FROM THE SALVO FAMILY
SUNDAY MAY 10	10 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH 12:30 PM MARY CZYSZ, MARGARET HEISER, & FAMILIES FROM LAURA CZYSZ, KEN HEISER, CATHY & ALLIE SAVAGE

Sunday Scripture

May 3

Acts 6: 1-7

1 Pt 2:4-9

John 14:1-12

May 10

Acts 8:5-8

1 Ptr 3:15-18

Jn 14:15-21



DONATIONS

**OVER THE WEEKEND OF
APR 25 & 26, 561 PEOPLE
ATTENDED MASS WITH
AN AVERAGE DONATION OF \$37.94.**

**ONE TIME
GIFTS AND
VISITORS**



**THANK
YOU FOR
ALL OF
YOUR
SUPPORT**

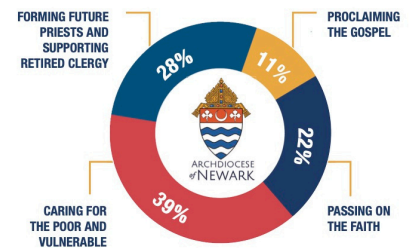
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SUPPORT AND
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ANNUAL APPEAL

CASE FOR SUPPORT



**PROCLAIMING
THE GOSPEL**

\$1,000,000

**PROGRAMS AND MINISTRIES
FUNDED INCLUDE:**

- Ministry to Multi-Ethnic Communities
- Office of Evangelization
- Office of Family Life
- International Missions
- Pastoral Ministry with the Deaf
- Ministry with Persons with Disabilities

**PASSING ON
THE FAITH**

\$2,000,000

**PROGRAMS AND MINISTRIES
FUNDED INCLUDE:**

- Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry
- Office for Lifelong Faith Formation
- Campus Ministry at affiliated Colleges & Universities
- Catholic Schools

**CARING FOR
THE POOR AND
VULNERABLE**

\$3,500,000

**PROGRAMS AND MINISTRIES
FUNDED INCLUDE:**

- Catholic Charities
- Hospital and Prison Chaplaincy
- Respect Life Office (Includes Mercy House and Pro-Life Efforts)
- Protecting God's Children

**FORMING FUTURE
PRIESTS AND
SUPPORTING
RETIRED CLERGY**

\$2,500,000

**PROGRAMS AND MINISTRIES
FUNDED INCLUDE:**

- Continuing Formation for Priests
- Seminarian Education
- Priest Health Care

**TO MAKE A GIFT ONLINE
PLEASE VISIT [RCAN.ORG/SHARING](https://rcan.org/sharing)**



ROSARY @ 6:30PM & ADORATION @ 7PM

Every Friday in May

Come experience the Peace that Christ offers

**FRIDAY, MAY 1
FRIDAY, MAY 8
FRIDAY, MAY 15
FRIDAY, MAY 22
FRIDAY, MAY 29**

All Are Welcome

Our Lady of Częstochowa
Jersey City

Mercy House Needs Food!

**Pasta/Pasta Sauce
Canned Fish/Chicken
Pancake Mix/Syrup
Macaroni & Cheese
Small bags of rice
Canned corn
Cereal/ Boxed Milk
Juice - Snack bars
Individual cookies and
crackers**

**Please donate
FOOD ONLY until
further notice!**

**Thank you
for your
generosity!**

Be a donut hero!



Bring delicious donuts to share after the Sunday 10 Mass!

Email donuts@olcjc.org
to find out how.

Meet your fellow parishioners!

Enjoy Krispy Kremes,
guilt-free! (No calories on
Sunday.)

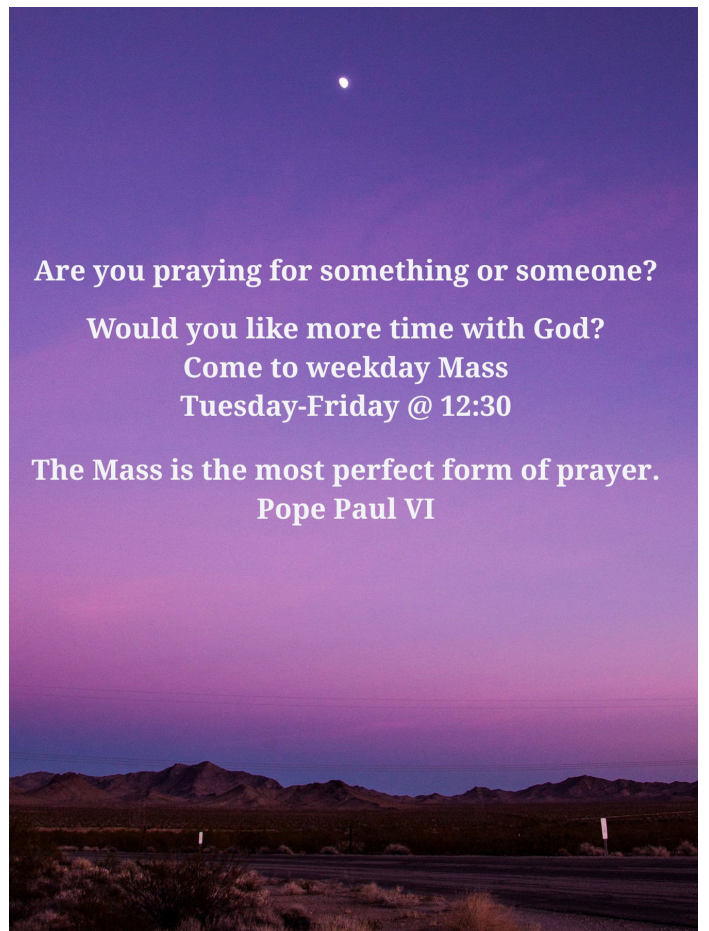
Sometimes you get
a free hat!



Are you praying for something or someone?

Would you like more time with God?
Come to weekday Mass
Tuesday-Friday @ 12:30

The Mass is the most perfect form of prayer.
Pope Paul VI





OLC Kids' Bulletin

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May is here. May is the Month of Mary, and, fittingly, the first day of May is the feast of St. Joseph. You might wonder, wasn't it just St. Joseph's feast day in March? It was.

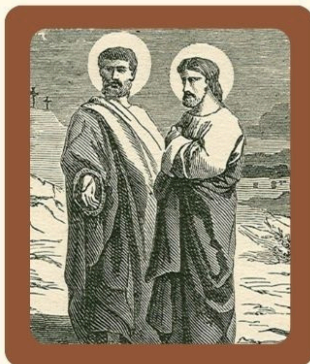


We celebrate St. Joseph with two feast days: one for being Jesus's dad, and another for being a hard worker. May 1st is Labor Day in most parts of the world -- a day to honor work in all its forms. Thanks to the hard work of most people most days, day in and day out, we can forget how much work it takes to keep our world moving.

We often do not see or think about, let alone pray about, how the shelves in stores are filled, windows are cleaned, trains and planes and cars are made and fixed, etc. Today, let us choose one thing in our lives we enjoy doing, whether that is riding a scooter to school or going to a water park in the summer, and then pray to God for all the people who work to design, build, and maintain these things.

Saints Philip & James

Feast Day May 3rd



The St. James we celebrate today is known as James the Lesser, because another St. James was also an apostle and appears more in stories of Jesus and His ministry.

St. James and St. Philip were both apostles, or followers of Jesus who went out to the world to tell His story.

"What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has **faith but does not have **works**? Can that **faith** save him?"**

— James 1:14-17

What does this mean? What is an example of work in your life, something you did, that you did because of your faith in God?

Why is May the Month of Mary?

Crowning Tradition

Christian traditions sometimes come from the traditions people had before they learned the good news of Jesus. Celebrating Mary in May is an example of that.

In the ancient Greek and Roman worlds, May was a time devoted to celebrating the arrival of spring by gathering flowers and playing flower-themed games.

Blooming and blossoming is a powerful metaphor. What does it mean for something to open up after a long time growing? Why do you think flowers are so connected with mother Mary?

Mothers' Day is also in May. Today and all month, let's pray for the mothers we know, and notice and share thanks for all the ways that different people in our lives act like moms. Let's ask Mary as we pray to help us notice and celebrate those moments when we see others taking care of us, and help us to do the same.



Source: Jersey Catholic.org

Children's Liturgy

May 10th

