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CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST

Monday - Saturday
5:30 PM

Sunday
10:00 AM
12:00 PM

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday
9:30 AM to 11:30 AM
1:00 PM to 4:00 PM
Closed Wednesday mornings

Wednesday afternoons
1:30 PM to 4:00 PM

Friday Closed

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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Altar Servers
Call the office

Eucharistic Ministers
Catrina Bova

Lectors:
Genia Vanderkruk
10:00AM Choir
Susan McElcheran
Rehearsal: Thursday 7:30 PM
12:00 Noon Choir
Michael Thibodeau

Greeters/Ushers: Call the office

CELEBRATION OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM
or by appointment.

BAPTISMS

Arrangements are made through the Religious Education office. Couples expecting a child are encouraged to contact the office before the child is born. Please contact Ext 1003, for more information.

MARRIAGE

Please call Fr. Bob at least one year prior to the planned wedding date.

Pastoral Visitation of the Sick:

To arrange for a visit
Call the office Ext 1007

ORGANIZATIONS & ACTIVITIES

Catholic Women's League
See CWL Bulletin Board for Details

Children's Liturgy
10:00 AM Mass

Creation Care Ministry
2nd Tuesday of each month 7pm.

Development and Peace
www.devp.org
3rd Monday of the month 7:00 PM

Merrymakers
3rd Thursday of the month 12:00 PM

Knights of Columbus
1st Thursday of the Month

Parish Council
Every two months

St. Vincent de Paul Society
2nd Saturday of the Month 4:00 PM

Seventh Sunday of Easter



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, May 12

10am Emma De Gonzalez †
12pm Brian Slowey †

Monday, May 13

5:30pm Mary Bonneau †

Tuesday, May 14

5:30 pm Int. of Angelo Casanas

Wednesday, May 15

5:30 pm Ted Grygencza †

Thursday, May 16

5:30 pm Marcelo Quinteros †

Friday, May 17

5:30 pm Gladys & Stanley
Jurkowski †

Saturday, May 18

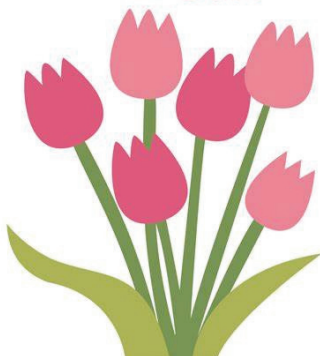
5:30 pm Carmelo Galea †

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The Sick: Aniela Kuncaitis, Antonia Bova, Celeste Cignarella, Guillermo Medina, Rose Menecola, Rosanne Kelly, Inez Meleca, Charles Coupal, Lucia Xavier da Silveira.

The Deceased: Tom Moriarty †,
Sharon Hrinco †

HAPPY
Mother's
DAY



The Friar's Nook

Saint Luke tells us that the disciples were full of joy after the Lord had definitively left them and ascended to heaven. Surely, we would expect them to have been surprised and sad. In reality, the world had not changed at all, and Jesus had already gone to heaven. Furthermore, the task that he had entrusted to them of carrying the gospel to the end of the world, preaching it to all nations, seemed unrealizable, a job that from every perspective exceeded their strength. We asked ourselves then, how could they be so happy? Every separation is sad and even painful, how is it possible that their final farewell did not fill them with sadness? How can we understand it?

Evidently, they did not feel abandoned, nor did they believe that Jesus had distanced himself from them to an inaccessible and distant heaven. They were sure of Jesus' presence with them. As he himself had assured them: "I am with you always, to the end of the world" (Mt 28:20). In a different way than his relationship with the Lord had been until that moment, but equally real, he continued to be with them. And what is even more important, they would never lose this new and powerful relationship. But in what sense is the Lord near us now?

Although the Lord is no longer physically with his people, his presence among his people is still real. He had promised this after sending them to preach throughout the world. And on another previous occasion he had told them: "where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am in their midst" (Mt 18:20).

When we think about it, we realize that it is wonderful, and in some sense totally incomprehensible, that the Lord entrusted the greatest undertaking of all time to a handful of men without material resources, social influence, or academic training. The only possible explanation we can find for how they could really take the gospel to the ends of the world, crossing all kinds of cultural and geographical barriers, is that the risen and ascended Lord acted in and through them. Only in this way can we understand the missionary advance of the church in the first century, overcoming all kinds of obstacles in an incredible way. God used simple people, but wholeheartedly devoted to Christ, willing even to lose their own lives, sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit, and ready to use all available opportunities for the advancement of the gospel.

Let us always ask the Lord to work in us too to continue that Work with the same fidelity that they had and always with joy because we know that the Lord is with us always.

Fr. Alexander

May 12, 2024

Announcements:

Laudato Si' Week May 11-12

From Pope Francis' letter Laudato Si' #160: "We need to see that what is at stake is our own dignity. Leaving an inhabitable planet to future generations is, first and foremost, up to us. The issue is one which dramatically affects us, for it has to do with the ultimate meaning of our earthly sojourn".

Single-use plastics are one of the main sources of pollution on the planet. Around 8 million tons of plastic end up in the oceans, threatening marine life (UN Environment Programme). This week, we suggest taking steps to replace plastic bags and bottles with reusable ones and refuse single-use plastics when eating out. For more actions, prayers and resources see the Celebration Guide at www.laudatosiweek.org.

Salsa Night! You're invited to learn Salsa, Merengue, Cumbia, Bachata...at St. Joan of Arc Parish Hall. *Most Fridays at 7:30PM, starting May 3, 2024!* Please RSVP to Arturo at 437-837-0461

Merrymakers Lunch – May 16th

Tickets on sale for 12\$ at the back of the church after the weekend mass. Menu for this month: Chinese food plate and Rhubarb Lunar Cake for dessert. All are welcome!

From Mj's Desk:

The Friars of the Atonement are preparing for their upcoming General Chapter in May. We kindly ask for your prayers during this important time. Please be aware that both Father Bob and Father Alex will be attending the chapter at Graymoor. As a result, there will be no weekday Mass from May 20th to May 31st. However, communion services will be available during this period. We are delighted to announce that Father Paul Johnston and Father Mike Merizzi, M.Afr., will preside over our weekend masses on May 18th/19th and May 25th/26th. Additionally, they will be available for confession on both Saturdays from 4-5 pm. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Parish Clean-Up

We would like to make a special thank you for all those who helped at the parish clean-up last May 4th! We are grateful for your presence and hard work! Thank you to Larry and Cyndy O'Grady for leading the team and for Julian & Mary Lynne Anstett, Calvin Vanderkoog, Mike Quinn, Arnaud B, Sean McNulty, Ray Bielaskie, Abigail Giuliani, Ivan Kastelic, Onucheojo Ameloko and Anne Brisbois Abbott!

A prayer for All Mothers

O God the Father, Creator of all Life, Lifespring of all Mothers and Fathers, you who chose Mary to be the Mother of your Divine Son, bless now with your love and protection all Mothers, that they may treasure the lives and spiritual well being of their children. O God the son, Jesus our Lord and Redeemer, you who gave us your Mother as our own Mother, bless my own Mother, she who gave me the great gift of life that I may continue to be a loving and grateful child. O God the Holy Spirit, poured out on Mary and on all followers of Jesus, bless all who have had a mother's influence on my own life, bless all those close to me who are mothers, and especially bless all those who carry life within as expectant mothers.

*A blessed Mother's Day to all
beautiful mothers!*

Monthly Offertory

Offertory	Apr 2023	Apr 2024
Envelopes	\$ 5,147	\$ 6,602
Loose	\$ 2,985	\$ 2,389
PAG*	\$ 5,871	\$ 6,443
Total	\$ 14,003	\$15,434

*Pre-Authorized Giving

Contributions to the **Building Maintenance Fund** for the month of April were \$3,715.

Dates to Remember:

May

May 13 – D&P Meeting

May 20 – Victoria Day: *Parish Office closed*

May 25 – Garage Sale

May 30 – St Joan of Arc Feast Day

June

June 7 – Feast of Sacred Heart of Jesus

June 9 – St. Joan of Arc Day (Parish Celebration). There will only be 1 Mass that day at 11:00am.

June 8 – Father's Day Novena Start

June 16 – Father's Day

📌 New Parking Rules Update!

We've partnered with *Click N Park* for smoother parking management.

⊘ Unauthorized parking will be monitored.

✓ **PLEASE NOTE THAT PARISHIONERS DO NOT NEED TO PAY FOR PARKING WHEN YOU COME TO MASS.**

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