



THIS WEEK

in Our Parish Community...

Sunday, May 9

Sixth Sunday of Easter

- 8:00am Religious Education (Mr. Burns Class) - Cafeteria
- 8:30am Religious Education
- 10:30am Religious Education

Monday, May 10

- 12:00pm Pastoral Staff Meeting – Rectory Conference Rm.
- 1:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry – Rm. 2H
- 3:30pm Religious Education
- 7:00pm Parish Life Leadership Committee - Rm. 2H
- 7:30pm Mass for Couples Desiring Children – Little Church

Tuesday, May 11

- 9:30am Miraculous Medal Novena
- 11:00am First Communion Evaluation Meeting - Rm. 2H
- 11:00am Bereavement Ministry Follow-up - Rectory Conference Rm.
- 7:30pm Finance Council, Rectory Conference Rm.

Wednesday May 12

- 3:30pm Religious Education
- 7:00pm Vigil Mass for Ascension – Little Church
- 7:30pm Contemporary Choir

Thursday, May 13

- 6:45 and 9:00am Ascension Thursday Masses - Little Church
- 7:30pm Traditional Choir
- 7:30pm Respect Life - Rectory

Friday, May 14

- 3:00pm The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy, Rectory Chapel
- 8:00pm Beefsteak Dinner

Saturday May 15

- 4:00pm Confession – Rectory Chapel
- 5:30pm Communicating God’s Word Collection

Sunday, May 16

Seventh Sunday of Easter

- Strategic Planning Team will speak at all Masses
- Communicating God’s Word Collection
- CYFC trip to NJCYR at Great Adventure
- 8:30am Religious Education
- 9:30am CLOW - Rm. 2H
- 10:30am RCIA - Rm.2H
- 10:30am Religious Education
- 10:30am May Crowning – Upper Church



As a parish we will tithe 1% of our regular collection each week. We will tithe as a way of saying “Thank you!” to God for his generosity to us as a parish. We will use the money saved to support those in need.

**The collection for May 2nd:
\$11,946.51 1% = \$119.46**

Fuel and Utility Collection: \$1,040.00



ALTAR BREAD AND WINE MEMORIAL

The altar bread and wine memorial for this week is in loving memory of the DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE ROSARY SOCIETY

Mass for Couples Desiring Children

Our parish will offer a Mass for any and all couples desiring to have children on Monday evening, May 10th, at 7:30 in the Little Church. Couples who are suffering in having a difficult time conceiving, suffering miscarriages, suffering in what can be a long time in waiting to adopt a child: please join us for this time of prayer and support. For more information, please call 908-464-1585.

PRAYER CORNER

Pray for the Sick

Rose Marie Bodmer, Sean McMahon, and Joan Szucs, Richard and Barbara Grove, and Dolores Croneberger

For your information, the names of the sick and deceased will be announced once at the pulpit. The sick mentioned will then be noted in the bulletin (Prayer Corner) for four weeks. Please feel free to contact us if you would like any name repeated in the Prayer Corner.

Pray for the Deceased

Mary Puma and MaryAnn Monsipapa

Pray for Our Troops

Petty Officer Andrew Boyance, U.S. Navy
1st Lieutenant William C. Toft, U.S.Army

PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY

If anyone would like to submit a prayer request, they may do so by either calling the rectory at 464-1585 or emailing jmhack@lfbhnj.org

ANSWERS TO PRAYER THROUGH THE INTERCESSION OF THE PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY

Rebecca, Charles and I took Christian to Robert Wood Johnson Hospital today to see the Neurosurgeon. When the surgeon came into the room – she asked Rebecca how did she feel the lump in Christian’s head felt. Rebecca said that she thought it had gone down. The doctor – who seemed surprised – said the scan showed that Christian’s injury was healed. He was fine and needed no surgery. Rebecca felt it was because of all the prayers that were said for Christian that caused him not to need surgery. Rebecca wanted me to thank all of you for your prayers for her son.

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CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

We will recite the Chaplet of Divine Mercy each Friday at 3:00 pm in the Rectory Chapel. All are welcome.

READINGS AND CELEBRATIONS

FOR THE WEEK

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Rv 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29

Monday, Easter Weekday

Blessed Damien Joseph de Veuster of Moloka’i, priest

Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26-16:4a

Tuesday, Easter Weekday

Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday, Easter Weekday

Saint Nereus and Saint Achilleus, martyrs;

Saint Pancras, martyr

Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Jn 16:12-15

Thursday, The Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53

Friday,

Saint Matthias, apostle

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17

Saturday, Easter Weekday

Saint Isidore

Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

May 13th is Ascension Thursday and a Holyday of Obligation.

We will celebrate the Vigil Mass of the Ascension at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, May 12th and the 6:45 and 9:00 am Masses on Ascension Thursday. All Masses are in the Little Church.



Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Saturday, May 8

5:30pm For All Mothers Living And Deceased

Sunday, May 9

7:30am For All Mothers Living And Deceased

9:30am For All Mothers Living And Deceased

11:30am For All Mothers Living And Deceased

Monday, May 10

6:45am Eleanor Murphy by Family

9:00am Robert D'Innocenzio
by Mother, Marie D'Innocenzio

Tuesday, May 11

6:45am The People of Little Flower Parish

9:00am Martha and Tommy Fraiola
by Tom, Husband and Father

Wednesday, May 12

6:45am Meryn and Agnes Gottschall by Family

9:00am Bob Pankuck by Wife, Carol

7:00pm Carma Rinaldi by Marie Amodeo

Thursday, May 13

6:45am Minnie Scelfo by Schaumberg Family

9:00am Asencion Cabrera
by Isabel Cabrera and Grandchildren

Friday, May 14

6:45am Anne Newman by the Newman Family

9:00am Anthony Lagalante
by the Lagalante Family

Saturday May 15

9:00am Martha Fraiola by Husband, Tom

5:30pm Frank Petrone (Birthday)
by Wife, Phyllis Petrone

Sunday, May 16

7:30am Deceased Members of the Manganelli
Family by Family

9:30am Mae Gargiulo by Niece, Marie

11:30am Eleanor & Gerard Peyton
by M/M Ed Peyton

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Our parish has pledged \$50,300., which means we have met our goal of \$48,710.

Thank you all for meeting the first challenge. Last year's AAA was \$103,000. Let's meet or pass last year's figure.

The parish does not receive income until we go over our goal. The more we go over the goal the more we receive back.



CALLING ALL MOMS!

We are beginning a "MOMS" group. "MOMS" is an acronym for **Ministry of Mothers Sharing**, and is tied to the overall mission of The Church of the Little Flower to continue to grow as a welcoming family of faith.

The group is for MOMS with children between ages 0- 12, and has the following goals:

- To support each other and share our faith journey as Catholic-Christian women
- To meet and establish relationships with other Moms.
- To grow closer to God as we grow closer to each other.
- To encourage, serve and pray for each other.

The group will meet on the second and fourth Thursday of each month from 9-11 AM, from September through June. Childcare will be available at NO CHARGE!

If you are interested in being a part of this great new group, please contact Pat Newman at 908-665-1784 or RPNEWMAN@ATT.NET, or Kelly Radano at 908-219-4684 or KAG210@YAHOO.COM.

LET'S WORK TOGETHER!

Please save the date. The property management committee is looking for assistance from the parish community to assist in cleaning up the grounds outside of the upper church. The cleanup date will be Saturday June 5th from 9am to noon. Additional information to follow.

As we undertake our strategic planning process, we ask all parishioners to pray this prayer every day.

PRAYER FOR OUR PARISH

Loving God, we pray for Little Flower Parish and our strategic planning process. We ask you to guide and direct us as we plan for the future of our parish. May all of us grow in discipleship as we worship together, spread the Good News, reach out in service to others and continue to grow as a welcoming family of faith. We ask all this in Jesus' name. Amen.

SUNDAY GOSPEL MEDITATION

6th SUNDAY OF EASTER – May 9, 2010

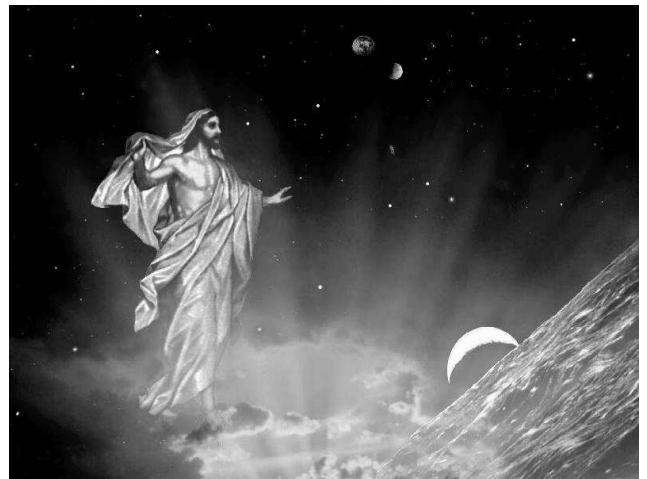
Jesus said to his disciples:

**“Whoever loves me will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him.**

Jn 14:23-29

God dwells with you.
He lives in you, in a temple of your immortal soul!
This is the REALITY, not only your wishful thinking.
Like the air – you need him.
He is hovering over your life.
Without Him you'll perish forever.
Even if you think you're alive – without him –
you are like the walking dead.

Are you aware of that?
Love Him, keep His words!
He is closer to you than you can imagine.
Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.
Have faith!

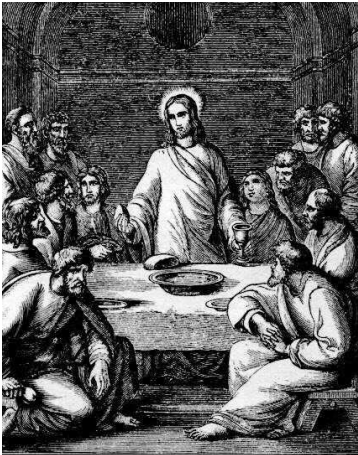


The Holy Mass in My Life.

Our parishioners' reflections about Mass.

The Mass is heaven on earth.

(John Paul II)



Why do you attend daily (Sunday) Mass ?
What is the meaning of Mass for you?
How important is Mass for you and your spiritual growth?

Dear Father,

The reason I go to daily is because I need to go. When I am in Communion with God through the Eucharist I feel at peace and ready to deal with life's challenges. I see the Eucharist as a gift and I find it hard to believe that others don't want a Miracle every day.

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(This is my son's response; he is 13 years old and goes to Mass 6 days a week.)

I go to Mass every morning because I want to receive the Eucharist. I also go because it makes me a better person. If I do not go, after about a week of not going I can see a negative change in my attitude. And when I start back up again I see my attitude going back to normal.

Another reason is to please God. I like to take some special time to spend with him.

I also like to hear the readings from the Bible. I like to hear them because I don't often read it at home, but I still like to hear it.

SD

Share your thoughts with our parishioners!

E-mail: frmarek@fbhnj.com



MAY CROWNING

The Rosary Society would like to ask all Communicants and their families to attend the May Crowning of the Blessed Mother on Sunday, May 16th following the 9:30 Mass in the Upper Church. Refreshments will be served directly after the Crowning in the Cafeteria.

Please make every effort to attend. It is the children who make the Crowning a special event. It is not necessary to register; just come to the 9:30 Mass.

ROSARY SOCIETY COMMUNION BREAKFAST is Sunday, June 6. Rosarians will meet at the 9:30 Mass and will gather afterwards for Brunch at Snuffy's Pantagis in Scotch Plains in the Evergreen Room. The cost is \$31 per person.

Thanks to all who donated Pajamas to the Pajamas Drive in the Little Flower Religious Education Program. We collected over 80 pairs of Pajamas that went to the Women's with Addiction Center in Trinitas Regional Medical Center. The children were so delighted to receive the pajamas. They brightened up their day with the warmth and comfort that pajamas can bring to little ones. It brought smiles to these children who have so little.



The Women's Addiction Center was so grateful they repeatedly thanked us. We dropped off the pajamas and in 5 days, all were given out to thrilled children. They said that one child wore the Pajamas to the doctors' office. He loved them so much that he did not want to take them off. The soft fluffy feeling was so comforting to him that he was able to feel the warmth and love of the ones who donated.

These children are in such a need of simple things such as pajamas. It shows love and care for these children in a little way just as St. Theresa did in her little way. The Women's Addiction Center was very grateful that someone cared for them.



The work of Angels (2010-11)

Our Religious Education program exists because of dedicated volunteers. Our program keeps growing and so does our need for Catechists. PLEASE consider joining God's Angel Corps here at Little Flower! If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Lisa Gervasio at the Religious Education office at 464-7444 or email lgervasio@lfbhnj.org. At this time, we need Angel/Catechists for the following classes:

Sunday: 8:25am – 9:25am

8th grade - 1 teacher or 2 co- teachers

Sunday: 10:25am – 11:25am

1st grade – 1 teacher or 2 co – teachers

5th grade – 1 teacher or 2 co- teachers

8th grade – 1 teacher or 2 co-teachers

Monday:

Kindergarten 9:30am

Kindergarten 1:30pm

3:30pm 4:30pm

1st grade – 1 teachers or 2 co – teachers

2nd grade – 1 co – teachers

5th grade– 1 teachers or 2 co – teachers

6th grade 1 teacher or 2 co - teachers

7th grade– 1 teacher or 2 co – teachers

Wednesday: 3:30pm – 4:30pm

2nd grade - 1 teacher or 2 co- teachers

3rd grade – 1 teacher or 2 co- teachers

5th grade – 1 teacher or 2 co- teacher

Wednesday: 7:30pm – 8:45pm

6th grade – 1 teacher or 2 co – teachers

7th grade – 1 teacher or 2 co – teachers

8th grade – 1 teacher or 2 co – teachers



**We welcome into our Parish Community
the following children who have
recently been baptized in our Church:**

**CRUZE JAXSON KLINCK
JOSHUA RYAN KNUTH
ALLISON EILEEN NELSON
LEYLA SOPHIA ROOF
LOGAN KOSMOSKI STACK
KATHERINE BAILEY TUCCI
JAKE RICHARD WOLFRAM**

**A member of the Strategic Planning
Team will speak at all Masses next
weekend.**

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on May 10, 2010 in Room 2H at 1:00 pm. If you are able to knit or crochet, we need you to help us in making Shawls for parishioners. We also need assistance in our "outreach" efforts. Please consider joining us...we only meet three (3) times a year. All the work is done on your own time. Come join us!

Bereavement Ministry

Meeting (follow-up to brainstorming meeting)

We are at the next step of creating a Bereavement Ministry for the parish. We will meet in the rectory on Tuesday, May 11, at 11 AM.

For more information, please contact Fr. Andy at frandy@lfbhnj.org or at 908-464-1585.

50/50 RAFFLE

Social Concerns is sponsoring a 50/50 Raffle. There will be two prize winners. The first receiving 35% of the proceeds and the 2nd prize winner will receive 15% of the total proceeds. Last years winners received a total of about \$4,400.

Raffle tickets, along with a letter, were mailed out recently. Anyone who would like to purchase tickets, and did not receive them can call Barbara DeMarco at 790-0027. The winning tickets will be drawn on May 14th at the BeefSteak Dinner.

Proceeds benefit St. Joseph's Center, families in need in the community and to support Catholic high school education in urban areas.

RE-EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

The New Providence United Methodist Church, 1441 Springfield Ave., NP will be continuing the Re-Employment Seminars through June 28, 2010 from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm. (Monday evenings except for Memorial Day).

It is free of charge and anyone is welcome to attend. It is being led by Lloyd Feinstein – the founder of Career Marketing Consultants in NP with 25 years experience. We will be advertising upcoming seminars.

May 10, 2010, 7:30 pm

TOPIC: HOW TO COMMUNICATE YOUR VALUE: P-A-R WORKSHOP

This workshop will introduce you to the value of storytelling as it is applied to the job search process and career management. The origin of PAR will be discussed, its components and how to apply this classic communication methodology to your resume, cover letters, marketing letters and thank you letters.

May 17, 2010. 7:30 pm

TOPIC: GETTING THE JOB YOU SHOULD WANT! How To Figure Out Where To Go Next In Your Career



Little Flower Fund Raiser Cruise

Join Father Andy for 5 fun filled days to Canada aboard the Carnival Glory and help raise funds for Little Flower parish!

All are welcome!

**Departs from NYC to St. John & Halifax
Monday August 9, 2010**

**For information contact:
Celeste Campano – CruiseOne
(908) 517-5928 / (866) 704-0272**

Car Wash for Relay for Life

The youth groups at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church on South Street in New Providence are having a car wash to support the Relay for Life on May 16 after church services (11:30-3pm).



The Berkeley Swim Club at Columbia Park New Family Membership Special* -- \$600 Offers a family friendly environment where the whole family can swim together. Lounge chairs and umbrellas are provided Baby pool with fountain Park like setting, features picnic area with grills, volleyball, basketball, and ping pong Competitive Swim team Swim lessons for all levels. *Must be first time member to receive special rate. Call (908)464-2125 or www.berkeleyswimclub.com

In Jesus through Mary
Candlelight Living Rosary Procession
ST. TERESA OF AVILA

FRIDAY, MAY 14, 2010 AT 7:30 PM

All are invited to participate and honor Our Lady in a candlelight living rosary procession at St. Teresa of Avila parish in Summit, NJ on
Friday, May 14th at 7:30 pm.

The Heights of Holiness

A number of years ago I read a book entitled Real Boys: Rescuing our Sons from the Myths of Boyhood by William Pollack. I learned about myself as a man in reading the book. I also learned about the tremendous power for good that parents have in raising their sons. Chapter 5, "The Power of Mothers," was exceptionally educational. "...*Far from making a boy act in "girl-like" ways, a loving mother actually plays an integral role in helping a boy develop his masculinity – the self-esteem and strength of character he needs to feel confident in his own masculine self.*"

We can only imagine the power and influence that the Blessed Mother had on the life of Jesus. Her fiat, her "yes", her faith, her living her faith influenced Jesus.

Both of my parents have influenced me. I am grateful. Today I am grateful for my mom. She has helped me to reconcile the message of the culture that says: "Be tough" and the other message that is present: "Be sensitive and caring and empathetic." She has helped me to be the man, the human, the priest that I am today.

Neither of my parents are perfect. They are good people. I am grateful for both of them. Let's especially offer a prayer of thanks for our moms whether they are living or deceased.

Father Andy Prachar

