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MAY 2, 2021 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Let us love not in word or speech  
but in deed and truth.

— *1 John 3:18*



## SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST

Weekday Masses:

Monday - Saturday 7:30 AM

Saturday evening Mass: 5:00 PM

Sunday Masses:

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Holy Day Masses:

7:30 AM, 12:00 PM & 7:00 PM

## Summer Sunday Mass Schedule:

June 27, 2021 - September 5, 2021

Saturday 5:00 PM;

Sunday 9:00 AM only

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism is held the third Sunday of the month after the 10:30 AM Mass. Arrangements for the Baptism should be made at least one month in advance. There are no Baptisms during Lent.

## SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please notify the rectory or priest in the event of a serious illness. Visits to the home-bound and those in hospitals are made by Priests, Deacons and Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers.

## SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Arrangements should be made one year in advance of the proposed marriage according to the Common Policy of the Bishops of the Province of New Jersey. Either the bride or groom must be registered with Our Lady of Sorrows Parish.

## RELIGIOUS VOCATION

Women and men who feel called to the Religious Life and men called to the Holy Orders should contact the Vocation Office 973-497-4365 or speak with a parish priest.

## PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Welcome! Every Catholic should be registered in the parish. Letters of testimony for Godparents and Sponsors cannot be given unless one is registered. All parishioners should be active in parish life and be known to one of the parish priests. Stewardship (church support) is a serious responsibility of every Catholic. We urge all parishioners to make regular use of their collection envelopes. When moving, please notify the rectory office.

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (R.C.I.A.)

If you have not received the Sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist, or Confirmation, and are over 18 years of age, and are interested in membership in the Catholic Church, please call the Rectory office.

## OUR LADY OF SORROWS MISSION STATEMENT

We are Catholic Christians of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish who are conscious of the plan of God for the salvation of all. We praise the Lord in our everyday lives by sharing our faith and talents with each other for the continued growth of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Community. We wish to live the Beatitudes of Jesus and put them into practice in our daily lives as we answer His call to evangelization.

By this is  
my Father glorified,  
that you  
bear much fruit  
and become  
my disciples.

JOHN 15:8

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# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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## VINES, BRANCHES, AND FRUIT

Few activities are as disappointing as cultivating garden plants, watering them, and ensuring that they receive sunlight and nutrients, only to receive one or two vegetables or flowers to show for all the effort. Jesus uses the metaphor of the vine and branches to describe how closely we are called to remain with him—so close that we bear the fruit of his life and love in the way we live. When we do this, Jesus says, we give glory to God the Father, which Jesus did perfectly through his life, passion, death, and resurrection. Like plants that rely on the sun and nutrients from the soil, we rely on the Lord Jesus through whom we can do all for which we are called. Without the Lord, we can do nothing.

## LEARN FROM THE FIRST ONES

The story of the early Church that we hear from the Acts of the Apostles during the Easter season is instructive and inspiring. We learn how the community grew in their understanding of what it means to remain close to Jesus in the most challenging of situations. They lived in word and deed as Christ had taught and bore the fruit of their faith in their daily decisions, in small ways and in dramatic moments. Faced with Saul who had persecuted Christians and who presented himself as a disciple, Barnabas risked believing Saul's testimony. Through Barnabas, the community accepted Saul, with increasing numbers of people being led to belief in Christ as a result. We too are called to live in word and deed, taking to heart Christ's command to love one another, even when it is challenging to do so. We may find inspiration in the way the early believers drew consolation from the Holy Spirit, finding wisdom and strength to keep the commandments and do what pleases God.

**Today's Readings: Acts 9:26–31; Ps 22:26–27, 28, 30, 31–32; 1 Jn 3:18–24; Jn 15:1–8**

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## MAY CROWNING AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY, MAY 2<sup>ND</sup>

Our traditional May Crowning ceremony to honor Mary, our Blessed Mother, will be celebrated this Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, before the 10:30 AM Mass.



Our Parish Family rejoices as our children will be receiving their First Holy Communion at the 10:30 AM Mass on this Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. May their love for Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament increase as they grow and may the Christian example of their parents strengthen their faith.





Let us remember all our family members, loved ones, and fellow parishioners who have died, may God reward them for their good deeds done in faith. Let us also pray for those who are sick at home or in a hospital, especially **Joseph Colamedici, Maria Cunha, Kathleen Fudali, Gary Davitt, Ted Hirschi, Kathleen Podlaski, June Struzienski, Irene Zarbetski, and all those whose names appear in our "Parish Book of Prayers for the Sick".**

*May God grant them healing.*

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

The 1<sup>st</sup> collection for April 25<sup>th</sup>: \$918.00  
The 2<sup>nd</sup> collection for April 25<sup>th</sup>: \$285.00

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for the weekend of May 8/9 is for the Continuing Support of the Parish  
Thank you for your support and generosity.

## MOTHER'S DAY CANDLES

Mother's Day candle forms are available in the back of the Church. What a wonderful gesture to honor your mother, either living or deceased. Kindly return the form to the Rectory office or place in the collection basket with your offering of \$10.00 for each candle on or before Wednesday, May 5, 2021.

## MOTHER'S DAY SPIRITUAL BOUQUET

All Masses on Mother's Day, May 9<sup>th</sup>, and including the Saturday Masses, will be offered for all mothers and those who love with a mother's love, living and deceased. Mother's Day Mass cards are available in the Rectory office. Kindly call the office to reserve your Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet. The offering for each intention including the card is \$5.00

## FEAST OF FAITH - THE HOMILY

The ambo, or pulpit, is a special place—it is the place for God's word. That is why it is not used for all the spoken words of the Mass, even important words like the collects and the blessing. The ambo is only used for the scripture readings, and for the homily and the prayer of the faithful.

The homily is part of the Liturgy of the Word. It flows from the readings we have just heard, and helps us to understand the way in which God is speaking to us today. The homily is not a lecture, a catechism lesson, or a speech. It is more like an exhortation; it has an urgency about it, for it calls us to find ourselves in the scripture, to live the faith we profess, to see our world by the light of the Gospel. The homily, in itself a response to God's word, demands a response from us. There are many styles of preaching and many ways to respond to the scriptures. But whether the homily is weak or strong, an open ear and an open heart can find in it an abundance of spiritual nourishment.

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## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

THURSDAY, MAY 13<sup>TH</sup>

## HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Holy Mass will be celebrated on May 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 AM, 12 Noon and 7 PM.



## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

### Saturday

5:00 PM **May 1**  
Anna Masonus

Req. Linda Reina

### Sunday

8:00 AM **May 2**  
Richard Laytos

Req. Theresa Tiberi

10:30 AM Special Intentions for the First Communion Holy Children and Susan Wolenski  
Req. Ray and Linda Mackalonis

### Monday

7:30 AM **May 3**  
Special Intention

Req. Maria Lago

### Tuesday

7:30 AM **May 4**  
Richard Laytos  
Req. Deacon Len and Jane Mackesy

### Wednesday

7:30 AM **May 5**  
Barbara Russell  
Req. Muldoon Family

### Thursday

7:30 AM **May 6**  
Emily Black  
Req. Deacon Len and Jane Mackesy

### Friday

7:30 AM **May 7**  
Gene La Soine and  
Deceased Members of FOSS  
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### Saturday

7:30 AM **May 8**  
George Cadenas and  
Deceased Members of FOSS  
Req. FOSS

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

### May 8

Spiritual Bouquets

### May 9

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THE ROSARY WILL BE PRAYED 20 MINUTES  
BEFORE EACH WEEKEND MASS.

## MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK

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### Altar Bread & Wine...

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### Sanctuary Lamp...

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### Altar Candles...

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## FULFILLING YOUR EASTER DUTY

The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty\*) extends from the **First Sunday of Lent, February 21, 2021 to The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, May 30, 2021**.

\*Canon 920, §1. All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.

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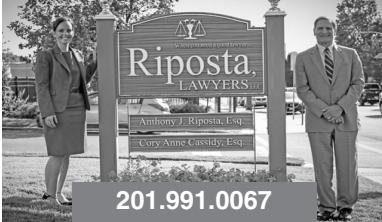
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