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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

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday  
9 AM—12 PM  
(The office is closed on Saturday & Sunday.)

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Men of Galilee,  
why are you standing there  
looking up at the sky?  
This Jesus who has been taken  
up from you into heaven  
will return in the same way.

ACTS 1:11

THE  
ASCENSION  
OF THE LORD

MAY 16, 2021

## PARISH REGISTRATION

**All are Welcome!** New parishioners are welcome and encouraged to register at our parish. Registration forms are available at the Rectory office. When moving, please notify the Rectory office.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism is held the third Sunday of the month after the 10:30 AM Mass. Arrangements for 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

Congratulations to our engaged couples! Arrangements should be made one year in advance of the proposed marriage.

## 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.

## 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.



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# THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD MAY 16, 2021

Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.  
— Mark 16:16

Throughout the season of Easter, we ponder the mysteries that are central to our faith in Jesus Christ. We reflect on Jesus' life, ministry, passion, death, and resurrection and consider the meaning of Christ's life and love. Today we celebrate Jesus' ascension and wonder with the apostles what we are to do and how we are to live as a result. As disciples, we are called to put our faith into action, grow to be more like the Lord, be united with other believers in community, and bring others to Christ through the way we live our lives. In so doing, we will live a life worthy of our call in Christ, a life of unity in the Spirit, of hope and peace.

## WHY ARE YOU LOOKING AT THE SKY?

"Why are you standing there looking at the sky?" We can only imagine the apostles' astonishment, not only at Jesus' ascension, but at the message from the men in white garments who appeared at that very moment. Jesus had been crucified and died, rose from the dead and spent time with them, teaching them to understand how he had fulfilled all that had been written about the Messiah, and suddenly, he was taken up to heaven. Surely they would have wondered what was happening and what the meaning of Jesus' ascension was. We wonder with them. What does Jesus' ascension call us to be or do? We rely on the testimony of those who were with Jesus to grasp the mystery of his life, death, resurrection, and ascension. Their witness calls us to believe in Jesus, grow in relationship with him, and live as his disciples in the world.

## YOU HAVE SEEN AND HEARD, NOW GO DO

It isn't enough to say we believe in Jesus. We are called to live as members of Christ's body and share the joy of faith with others. We do this by discerning and fulfilling our vocation, the ways in which God calls each of us to live. Often when we think of vocation, the first thing that comes to mind is the priesthood. But each of us experience vocational calls, to our state in life and to the ways in which we live, work, and serve. Each of us has been given different gifts and are called according to our gifts. We are equipped with talents and skills through which we may contribute to bringing the mercy, compassion, truth, goodness, and beauty of God's love to the world. What are your particular gifts and talents? How may you be called to use them to bring Christ's love to others, leading them to see and hear the Good News of Jesus Christ?

**Today's Readings: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]; Mk 16:15-20**

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*Deo Gratias!*

*Fr. Patrick's*  
*50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*  
*of*  
*Ordination to the Priesthood*

*The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass*  
*will be celebrated on*  
*Saturday, May 29, 2021*  
*5PM*

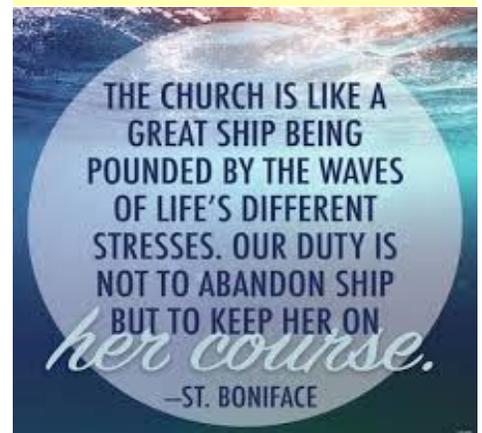
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*(Fr. Patrick humbly requests*  
*no gifts please.)*

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This weekend following each Mass, members of the Knights of Columbus # 6928 will be at the front entrance of the Church asking that you consider purchasing a keychain (they are blessed) that includes a 1 fluid ounce plastic bottle that can be filled with hand sanitizer. On the outside of the keychain, the sentiment showing "PRAY, HOPE & DON'T WORRY" is shown. Each keychain is wrapped individually in plastic. The cost of each keychain is \$5.00 and will help assist the Knights with their charitable programs.

If possible, the Knights request that you have exact change for this purchase.

Thank you,  
Grand Knight Kevin Purcell





Let us remember all our family members, loved ones, and fellow parishioners who have died, especially **Clotilde Martinez**, 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 Struziensi, 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 first collection for May 9<sup>th</sup>: \$948.00  
The second collection for May 9<sup>th</sup>: \$414.00

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for the weekend of May 22/23 is for Maintenance and Repairs.  
Thank you for your support and generosity.

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today's celebration varies from place to place. In some parts of the United States, people gather for the Seventh Sunday of Easter, while other places celebrate the Ascension of the Lord. Several years ago, regions of bishops were permitted to decide whether to retain Ascension Day on Thursday, the fortieth day after Easter, or to move the celebration to the nearest Sunday. This new flexibility in the Christian calendar has to do with the desire to gather the Church to celebrate its central feasts fully, and with the Eucharist. Increasingly, as priests serve remote and scattered parishes, this is not always possible mid-week.

The Ascension is a key moment for grasping what life in Christ is all about. It is not about a departure, but rather a plan for presence. We who are nourished by the Lord's body and blood in the Eucharist are transformed to be his abiding presence in the world. That is a truth so worth celebrating that we can adjust our calendar in order that the fullest possible gathering of the Church can be achieved.

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## THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE ASCENSION

The theological unity, or perhaps even the temporal experience of the early community, made it seem that Jesus' resurrection and his ascension were inseparable aspects of a single mystery. Only in the later writings of Luke and John has further theological reflection helped the Christian community to distinguish different dimensions of the mystery. Liturgical tradition has followed the forty-day chronology formulated by Luke. We would miss the point, however, if we were to demand a precise historical chronology of events such as the Resurrection-Ascension that are primarily spiritual in nature and that clearly surpass the bounds of time and space as we know them.

What is important for us to grasp is the significance of the Ascension. For Luke, it is the decisive turning point that marks the end of Jesus' earthly ministry and the beginning of the disciples' Spirit-led ministry and thus the ministry of the whole church down to our own day.

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# Mass Intentions

## FOR THE WEEK

### Saturday

5:00 PM

### May 15

Helen and Anne Caveney  
Req. Irene Potts

### Sunday

8:00 AM

### May 16

Richard Laytos  
Req. Chris Danzi  
Juan Lago 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary  
Req. The Lago Family

### Monday

7:30 AM

### May 17

Babies in the Womb  
Req. FOSS

### Tuesday

7:30 AM

### May 18

Alysse Elsmann and  
Deceased Members of FOSS  
Req. FOSS

### Wednesday

7:30 AM

### May 19

Arthur Meyer  
Req. Theresa Tiberi

### Thursday

7:30 AM

### May 20

Special Intentions for  
Irene Zarbetski  
Req. Chris Danzi

### Friday

7:30 AM

### May 21

Clotilde Martinez  
Req. Ray and Linda Mackalonis

### Saturday

7:30 AM

### May 22

People of the Parish

### Pentecost Sunday

### Saturday

5:00 PM

### May 22

Susan Cox  
Req. Lore Family

### Sunday

8:00 AM

### May 23

Barbara Russell  
Req. Kathy Daunoras  
Dean Krieger  
Req. Sandra Mosquera

10:30 AM

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

## MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK

MAY 16, 2021



### Altar Bread & Wine...

Mary Calabrese / OLS

### Sanctuary Lamp...

Mary Calabrese / OLS

### Altar Candles...

Mary Calabrese / OLS

## 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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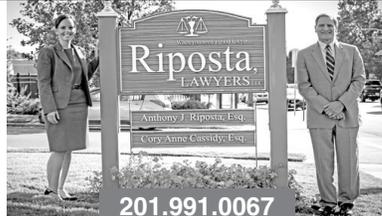
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