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Weekday Masses:
Monday - Saturday: 7:30 AM
Saturday evening Mass: 5:00 PM
Sunday Mass: 9:00 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

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May 22, 2022 | Sixth Sunday of Easter

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YOU; MY PEACE I GIVE
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~ John 14:27

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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 9:00 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.

May 22, 2022
6th Sunday of Easter



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The sixth Sunday of Easter moves us toward the feast of Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit to the early Church. Today's Gospel describes Jesus at the Last Supper, foretelling the coming of the Spirit to the community of Jesus. Jesus combines the promise of the Spirit with his gift of peace to his disciples. He foresees that the community must be grounded in his love, which provides peace, to face the tumult of the Crucifixion, and later, the trials of the early Church. Grounded in Jesus, the community can be then open to the Spirit who will continually guide, remind, and renew them in their life together. The gift of peace from Jesus is not a worldly peace through which the powerful crush opposition. It is not a complacent or private peace. The peace of Jesus instead seeks and works toward peace throughout the world, guided by the Spirit.

RESPONSIBLE LEADERSHIP

Today's passage from Acts captures the beginning and the conclusion of what became known as the Jerusalem Council. It is well worth studying all of Acts 15, meant to provide an example of responsible leadership for the wider Church. There was substantial conflict within the community over what is necessary for unity in the diverse community of Jews and Gentiles. We can notice some key characteristics of the actions of the leadership.

The leaders acknowledged the reality of a significant conflict without minimizing it. They received and fully honored the diverse experiences of persons of different backgrounds. They worked with an accepted authority structure and a process to move toward resolution. They were committed to discern the action and will of the Spirit, with a deep respect for testimony about how the Spirit was working. They avoided placing unneeded burdens on anyone. And afterward, they continued to observe the ongoing action of the Spirit as the decision was implemented.

WHAT IS ESSENTIAL?

The issues weighed by the Jerusalem Council in our passage from Acts were related to circumcision as a requirement, and to table fellowship. A strong theological tradition held that traditional practices were essential, and the community genuinely sought to maintain continuity with the roots of their faith. Peter's observation about how the Spirit was actively working in their midst pointed the leaders in a new direction. Then James reminded them that the scriptural tradition also pointed to fully welcoming the Gentiles into God's community.

It is a profound challenge for leaders in our own parishes when encountering issues that can fracture a community. What is essential and what is not? What are we called to embrace, or called to lay down? Acknowledging conflict and working toward resolution is an essential function for our parishes, because Christ calls us to live in unity. We are called to open our hearts, mine our tradition, and observe the activity of the Spirit.

Today's Readings: Acts 15:1–2, 22–29; Ps 67:2–3, 5, 6, 8; Rev 21:10–14, 22–23; Jn 14:23–29

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THE 2022 ANNUAL APPEAL

Please help us reach our Parish goal of **\$7990.00** by making a donation to the 2022 Annual Appeal. Donations can be made online at www.rcan.org. Thank you to those who have already pledged. Pledge envelope are located at the back of the Church or visit www.rcan.org/sharing.

WHILE ON VACATION...

Please remember the needs of our parish before you go away. We understand it has been a difficult time for many. But we still count on your continued support. We thank you for your generosity and may God bless you with a happy, healthy and safe vacation! For those parishioners going on vacation, please visit www.masstimes.org to find Mass times at your vacation destination.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Last day of classes is Sunday, May 22nd.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Why is it still Easter? The lilies have long since faded. The roots of our tradition of fifty days of rejoicing from Easter to Pentecost lie in the seven-day rhythm of the Jewish week, drawn from the six days of creation plus a Sabbath day. A favorite name for the Lord's Day among our ancestors in the faith was "The Eighth Day," meaning that in Christ a breakthrough to a new humanity was achieved. With that inner architecture, it makes sense to see Pentecost as a week of weeks, forty-nine days plus one, again signaling that a new age has begun in Christ and the outpouring of his Spirit. The Jewish appreciation for Pentecost gave rise to the Jubilee year, the fiftieth year, when debts were released and prisoners set free. Today, the character of our Easter Sundays is conveyed by joyful Alleluias and the rite of sprinkling at Mass. Long ago, people expressed this joy by suspending all rules of fasting and by never kneeling at liturgy.

These customs all point to our conviction that time is holy. There is an elegant balance to the Christian year: forty days of Lenten fast and discipline give way to fifty days of unrestrained rejoicing. That's why it is still Easter!

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Congratulations Fr. John
on your
25th Anniversary of
Priesthood!!

May the Lord bless you and
give you peace and joy in your priestly service.

*Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words
to the end of the world.*

Psalm 19:4

FATHER'S DAY CANDLES

Father's Day candle forms are available in the back of the Church. Place the completed form and \$10.00 offering in the collection basket or return to the Rectory office no later than Wednesday, June 15th. What a wonderful gesture to honor your father either living or deceased.

FATHER'S DAY SPIRITUAL BOUQUET

All Masses on Father's Day including the Saturday Mass, will be offered for all fathers, living and deceased. Father's Day Mass cards are available in the Rectory office during office hours 9 AM—12 PM. Offering for each intention, including the card is \$5.00.

SACRAMENT FOR THE SHUT-INS

All those who would like to receive the Sacrament of Eucharist in their homes, please call the Rectory office at (201) 998-4616 to make arrangements.

**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
SUNDAY, MAY 29TH**

The Ascension of the Lord will be celebrated during this upcoming weekend 5/28th and 5/29th Masses. It **will not** be celebrated on Thursday, 5/26th.



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 **Armand Calabrese, Joseph Colamedici, Maria Cunha, Kathleen Fudali, Gary Davitt, Ted Hirschi, Jaxson Rivera, June Struzienski, Irene Zarbetski, Sally Zuza, and all those whose names appear in our "Parish Book of Prayers for the Sick".**

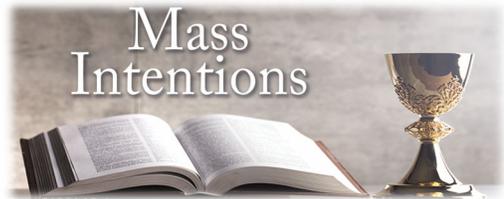
May God grant them healing.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

The collection amounts for May 15th will appear in the next bulletin.

The second collection for the weekend of May 28/29 is for our Higher Energy costs.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!!



Saturday

5:00 PM

May 21

Juan Lago 2nd Anniversary

Req. Lago Family

Sunday

9:00 AM

May 22

Nancy O'Hara

Req. Loretta Wolenski

Monday

7:30 AM

May 23

Priscilla Zarco

Req. Harry and Teresa Manaos

Tuesday

7:30 AM

May 24

Virginia Kennedy

Req. Irene Potts

Wednesday

7:30 AM

May 25

Rev. Father Thomas Alkine and

Deceased Members of FOSS

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Thursday

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May 26

Joanne Staudt and

Deceased Members of FOSS

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Friday

7:30 AM

May 27

Janette Faulk and

Living Members of FOSS

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Saturday

7:30 AM

May 28

The Faulk Fathers and

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ASCENSION SUNDAY

Saturday

5:00 PM

May 28

Nancy O'Hara

Req. Deacon Len and Jane Mackesy

Sunday

9:00 AM

May 29

In Thanksgiving of Father Patrick's

51st Anniversary of Priestly Ordination

MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 22, 2022

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FULFILLING YOUR EASTER DUTY

The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the **First Sunday of Lent, March 6, 2022 to The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, June 12, 2022.**

**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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