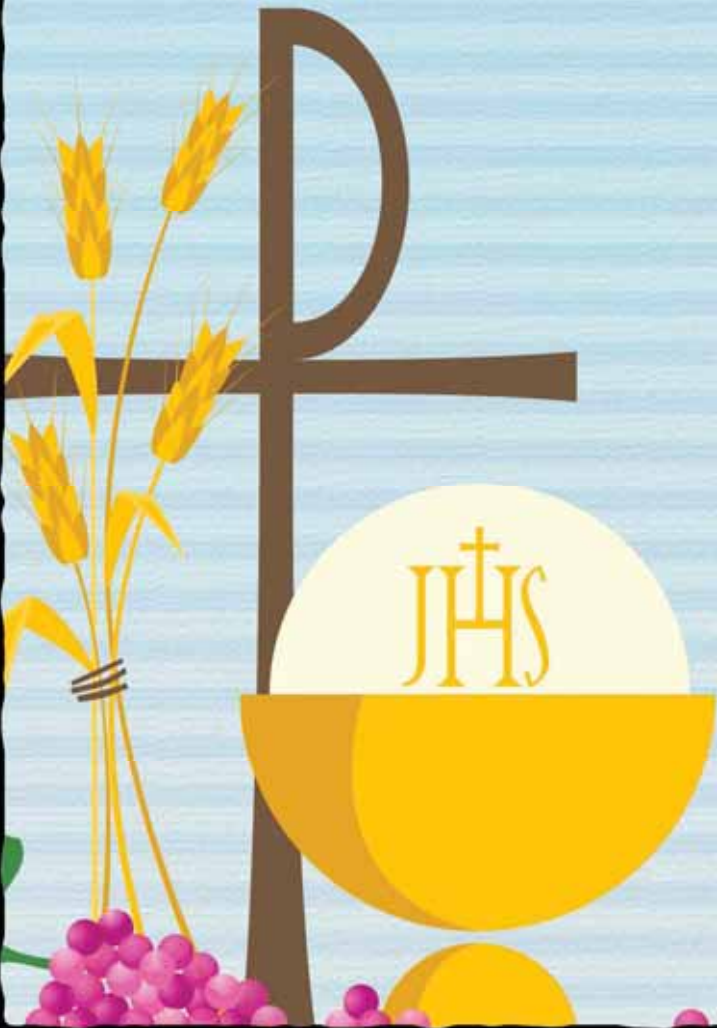


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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY, MAY 5 –**

*Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn. 4: 7-10; Jn. 15: 9-17*

**5:00 PM** Richard Flammer / req. by Gerry Began

**SUNDAY, MAY 6 – SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

*Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn. 4: 7-10; Jn. 15: 9-17*

**7:30 AM** All Parishioners – Living and Deceased

**9:30 AM** Frank DiSantis

req. by Pasquale and Angela Conte

**12:00 PM** Fiore Caccioppoli / req. by Camille Cantarella

**MONDAY, MAY 7 – EASTER WEEKDAY**

*Acts 16: 11-15; Jn. 15: 26 – 16: 4a*

**8:00 AM** Louis Oettinger / req. by Donna Oettinger

**TUESDAY, MAY 8 – EASTER WEEKDAY**

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

**8:00 AM** Marion Hofmann

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 9 – EASTER WEEKDAY**

*Acts 17: 15, 22- 18: 1*

**8:00 AM** Anastacio Torralba

req. by Roy and Espie Landrito

**THURSDAY, MAY 10 – THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

*Acts 1: 1-11; Eph. 1: 17-23 or Eph. 4: 1-13 or 4: 1-7, 11-13; Mk. 16: 15-20*

**8:00 AM** All Parishioners – Living and Deceased

**12:00 PM** Michael Conmy / req. by Cornerstone Sisters

**7:30 PM** Romana Sumilang

req. by Roger and Peggy Austria

**FRIDAY, MAY 11 – EASTER WEEKDAY**

*Acts 18: 9-18; Jn. 16: 20-23*

**8:00 AM** Dick Flammer / req. by Fran Semler & Family

**SATURDAY, MAY 12 – STS. NEREUS AND ACHILLEUS, MARTYRS; ST. PANCRAS, MARTYR**

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

**8:00 AM** Robert Connor

req. by Bernard, Ita and Mary Kelly

**5:00 PM** All Parishioners – Living and Deceased

**SUNDAY, MAY 13 – SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

*Acts 1: 15-17, 20a, 20c-26; 1 Jn. 4: 11-16; Jn. 17: 11b-19*

**7:30 AM** All Mother's – Living and Deceased

**9:30 AM** All Mother's – Living and Deceased

**12:00 PM** All Mother's – Living and Deceased



**THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL OFFERINGS**

**Altar Bread** – In memory of Raymond J. Kane, req. by Maureen and Pete Logerfo.

**ANNOUNCED SPECIAL INTENTIONS**

**Weekly offerings of:** Altar Bread, Altar Wine, Blessed Virgin Mary Candle and Sanctuary Candle are available throughout 2018.

*FROM THE PASTOR*

Dear Parishioners,

A special word of congratulations to our young people in our parish who are receiving Jesus in the Eucharist for the very first time. This is a day when they now begin a new relationship with our Lord as they receive His most holy body and blood for the first time. May this day be a day of blessing and joy for them and their families who celebrate with them.

During the month of May, we will give special honor to our Blessed Mother, the patroness of our parish. Please join us on Monday evenings for our holy hour of adoration, rosary, Miraculous Medal novena and Benediction. What a beautiful way to honor our Lady during Mary's month of May.

This weekend our gospel message is that of love. Jesus gives us a commandment, to love one another as He loves us. During the season of Easter, which will conclude with the great feast of Pentecost on May 20<sup>th</sup>, we are reminded of the great love God has for us all by raising Jesus from the dead. We now are offered salvation and hope by the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. He layed down His life for us, His friends, so that we may have life to the full. And now, we are to listen to His words, to love one another as He has loved us. May the words of the gospel during this special season help us to love one another with the kind of love that can only come from our Risen Lord.

Sincerely in the Lord,

Fr. Joe

*ST. MARY PARISH IS A PARISH THAT PRACTICES STEWARDSHIP*

*SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS ON STEWARDSHIP*

*"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."* – John 15: 12-13

Do you love Jesus? Do you consider Him your friend: Jesus says that if we love Him we would be willing to offer whatever we have to Him, not because we want praise and glory, but simply because we love Him. Does your giving seem mechanical out of obligation or do you share freely out of love?

*PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK*

Irene Abad, Paula Bertelloni, Christian Brueck, Dolores Collier, Lee Ann Davito, Desiderio Fernandes, Frank Forte, Chris Gerabonian, Lillian Guyt, Ed Koch, Sr. Dominic Marie McDonnell, Carol Munkins, David O'Hanlon, John Pagano, Alicia Parent, Joan Pinto, Richard Pinto, Jim Walsh, Augie Zarski

**SECOND COLLECTION**

*Next weekend, May 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> the second collection is for Communicating God's Word.*

**MOTHERS DAY REMEMBRANCE ENVELOPE**

Please send in your Mother's Day remembrance envelope before Mothers Day.

**THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY PARISH**

**5/6 – SUNDAY**

No – LWC  
 10:30 AM – 11:55 AM – Confirmation Session  
 11:00 AM – Parish Choir Call  
 12:00 PM – Parish Choir at Mass  
 12:00 PM – Mass, First Holy Communion and May Crowning

**5/7 – MONDAY**

Scrip orders being placed  
 No – Prayer Shawl Ministry  
 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM – Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament \*  
 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM – Deepening the Journey – Center for Spiritual Development

**5/8 – TUESDAY**

No – Parish Choir Rehearsal  
 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM – Women’s Cornerstone – Parish Life Room

**5/9 – WEDNESDAY**

9:30 AM – 11:00 AM – Morning Scripture Study – Parish Life Room  
 12:30 PM – 3:00 PM – Drop off food for Family Promise Shelter in Hackensack Walk-in Dinner – Fr. Roger Troy Hall  
 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM – Evening Scripture Study – Center for Spiritual Development

**5/10 – THURSDAY**

7:30 PM – Marian / Eucharistic Holy Hour  
 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM – K of C Meeting – Fr. Roger Troy Hall

**5/12 – SATURDAY**

4:15 PM – 4:45 PM – Reconciliation

**5/13 – SUNDAY**

K of C baby bottle collection at all Masses  
 9:30 AM – LWC  
 Coffee Connections following the 9:30 AM Mass  
 11:00 AM – Parish Choir Call  
 12:00 PM – Parish Choir at Mass

**MEMORIAL DAY PARADE**

Memorial Day is almost here and the town is preparing for the parade. If anyone is interested in marching please let us know so we can get together a group to represent Church of St. Mary. Call or e-mail Grace Ditzel at 201-768-7565 or [gditzel@stmarycloster.org](mailto:gditzel@stmarycloster.org) if interested.

**\* TO HONOR OUR BLESSED MOTHER**

During the month of May, our Eucharistic holy hour on Monday evenings will include the Adoration, the Miraculous Medal Novena, the Rosary, and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. What a beautiful way to honor our patroness, our Blessed Mother, by spending one hour each week during the month of May, a month which we honor all our Mothers, and especially our Blessed Mother. Please join us each Monday, with the exception of Memorial Day, when our holy hour will be moved to Tuesday evening, May 29<sup>th</sup>.

**“COFFEE CONNECTIONS” IS BACK AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY!**

Please join us on Sunday, **May 13<sup>th</sup>**, Mother’s Day, after the 9:30 AM Mass. There will be a variety of hot and cold beverages as well as tasty treats to enjoy while catching up with old friends and meeting new ones. Hope you’ll join us!

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**COLLECTIONS AND INCOME FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL**

Regular Sunday Collection .....	\$19,183.00
Archdiocesan Assessment .....	\$3,724.00
Easter Collection.....	\$21,193.00
Easter Flowers.....	\$1,940.00
Maintenance and Repairs Collection.....	\$1,613.00
Other Income.....	\$14,529.00
<b>Total Income for the month.....</b>	<b>\$62,182.00</b>

**April Monthly Expenses.....\$73,467.00**

**Archdiocesan Collections**

Peter’s Pence (additional) .....	\$150.00
Shrines of the Holy Land Collection. ....	\$606.00
Catholic Home Mission Collection.....	\$974.00

**Special Collection**

Rice Bowl.....	\$210.00
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**HACKENSACK WALK-IN DINNER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO PREPARE FOOD**

Once again, our Parish will be serving dinner to the homeless and working poor at the Family Promise Shelter in Hackensack on **Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>**. We anticipate feeding about 125 people. **We are in need of volunteers to prepare various food dishes in their homes and to bring the hot food to the Fr. Roger Troy Hall between 12:30 PM and 3:00 PM on May 9<sup>th</sup>**. Information and sign-up sheets are located in the outer vestibules of the church. For further information, please call Jane Bishop at 201-739-5622. Thank you for your generous support!!

**PLANTING PROJECT**

Join us on Monday, **May 14<sup>th</sup>** (rain date May 15<sup>th</sup>) as we plant the Easter bulbs and summer annuals around the church grounds. Many hands make light work, so if you can help, please call Chris Hofmann at 201-768-6535 – thank you!



Ok so we know that you’ve heard of online giving. A company sets up an account for you to donate to us and they charge a fee. Well how about if we leave the middleman out. Most of us do online banking to pay our bills right? Mortgage, PSE&G, Rockland Electric; well how about setting up St. Mary on your bill pay at your bank. You can set it up to send us a check weekly or even monthly. You can do it each time yourself or have it automatically done. Please think and pray about this option. The whole amount comes directly to St. Mary, no fees involved. Not sure how it’s done call your bank or call the rectory 201-768-7565 we can help you.

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