

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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TODAY: May 3

Acts 9:26-31
1 John 3:18-24
John 15:1-8

Next Sun: May 10

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48
1 John 4:7-10
John 15:9-17



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE CARDINAL'S CAMPAIGN-PLEASE DON'T FORGET YOUR PLEDGES!

Your pledges to the Cardinal's Campaign have slightly exceeded our goal of \$18,500. Thank you! Last year, you raised almost \$5,000 through your support of the Cardinal's Campaign. Our parish receives a portion of the funds raised beyond our goal. If you have not had the opportunity to make a gift to the Cardinal's Campaign, there are envelopes available in the vestibule. You can send your donation directly to the Archdiocese or place it in the collection on Sunday and we will mail it for you. If you want to make a gift in cash, simply put it in the envelope and bring it to the office, or place it in the collection next week. We will write a check for you. Thank you for your support!

REMEMBER YOUR MOTHER on MOTHER'S DAY – Mother's Day is May 10th. There are envelopes available in the vestibule of the church so that you can remember your mother, living or deceased, during the Mother's Day Masses.

HELPING THE PEOPLE OF NEPAL IN THEIR TIME OF CRISIS – The nation of Nepal was badly impacted by a devastating earthquake that has killed more than 5,000 persons. If you would like to help the people of Nepal in their time of desperate need, please consider making a contribution to Catholic Relief Services which is already at work in Nepal. You can make your contribution on-line at <http://www.crs.org>. Or, you can call CRS between 8 a.m. and 11 p.m. at 877-435-7277. Finally, you can mail your contribution to CRS – PO Box 17090, Baltimore, MD 21297-0303.

REMEMBER, WE WILL HAVE A NEW PARISH IN AUGUST! – As of August 1, 2015, the parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel+St. Benedicta will no longer exist under Church law. For the first year, our new parish will have the name, "St. Mary of the Assumption + Our Lady of Mount Carmel + St. Benedicta." Please anticipate changes in the physical appearance of the interior of the church. Changes will begin to appear in mid-July. Why are these changes necessary? The Church hasn't been refreshed in many years and as we begin a new parish it is an opportune time to give our church a new look. While change can create anxiety, as Christians we believe that from every death comes new life. It is our hope and desire that our new parish will give vibrant witness to our living faith in Jesus Christ and his Gospel.

IS SOMEONE YOU KNOW INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC? – DOES SOMEONE YOU KNOW NEED THE SACRAMENTS of COMMUNION and/or CONFIRMATION? – We offer a program for adults seeking to become Catholics as well as adults interested in completing their sacraments. If you would like more information please call the parish office (718-442-3411) and leave a message for Colin Vautrinot. Colin is our Director of the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES – PHILADELPHIA – SEPTEMBER 2015 – The World Meeting of Families will take place in Philadelphia from September 22-25 with Pope Francis participating in a special session on September 26 and September 27. If you would like more information, please go to the event website: www.worldmeeting2015.org.

BURY ME WITH A FORK IN MY HAND – A minister was meeting with an elderly member of his congregation who knew that her death was imminent. Together they planned her funeral liturgy and at the end of their conversation, the elderly woman asked her minister for one favor. She asked him to make sure that when she was laid out in her casket that the funeral director put a fork in her hand. The minister was startled and so the woman explained why she was making this request. She had always faithfully attended the many church suppers that the church offered during her long tenure at the church. When plates were being cleared, she was thrilled when someone told her, "Save your fork." This meant that something special and wonderful was soon to follow – a peach cobbler, a strawberry short cake, some luscious dessert. And so she wanted to have a fork in her hand in her casket because she knew something wonderful and special would follow her death. What a beautiful Easter faith this woman had!

WEEKLY OFFERING: April 12th: \$2477. Thank you for your generosity!

TREASURES FOM OUR TRADITION – Over time, the crisis of last illness and the way the faithful met death changed. In earliest times, a sickbed vigil was an occasion for the community to gather and strengthen the dying person with assurances of love. A thousand years ago, in part because of massive upheavals in society, a new emphasis on individual repentance captured the imagination of millions. Death was to be feared, because it was about judgment. The delights of heaven's banquet dimmed, since most people saw God's just judgment and inevitable punishment intervening. If a community gathered at all, it was not to express faith in the Resurrection, but to seek forgiveness for those who were powerless to help themselves. The dead couldn't improve their situation, but their loved ones, by expressing sorrow for sin, could. Better yet, the clergy could, if they intervened in a timely fashion, provide the absolution needed for everyone to relax. Ministry to the sick shifted away from a ministry of consolation toward a challenge to repent before it was too late. As the sense grew that most people died with their work of repentance incomplete, the color black was reintroduced to funerals. It was the old pagan way of expressing despair. No wonder they call this time in history the "Dark Ages." Many layers have had to be peeled away to reveal the deepest, most positive expressions of our tradition of care for the dying. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Fifth Sunday of Easter ~ May 3, 2015

Let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth. ~1 John 3:18



Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday May 2

8:00am- † Isabel Maria Quiñones

5:00pm- † Bryan Graves ~6th Anniversasry~



Mass Intentions

Offered By: daughter, Martha

Offered By: Linda Graves

Sunday May 3

8:30am- † Angela Guarino

By: sister-in-law, Rafaella

10:00am- ~In Thanksgiving Gwendolyn Hernandez & Nicole Valentin

Offered By: Family

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Monday May 4

8:00am- ~Special Intentions of MaryAnn Fair

By: daughter, JulieAnn Fair

12:05pm- †

Offered By:

Tuesday May 5

8:00am- †

Offered By:

12:05pm- † Marie Micillo

Offered By: daughter, Theresa

Wednesday May 6

8:00am- †

Offered by:

12:05pm- † Geanine Chapeldelaine

Offered By: Eddie Dombish

Thursday May 7

8:00am- †

Offered By:

12:05pm- †

Offered By:

Friday May 8

8:00am - †

Offered By:

12:05pm - †

Offered By:

Saturday May 9

8:00am- †

Offered By:

5:00pm- † Anthony, Ida & Charlie Bianco

Offered By: Bianco Family

Sunday May 10

8:30am- † Maria Luciano ~Anniversary~

By: Joe & Nina Lopez & Family

10:00am- † Dolores Elizabeth Zukowski & Carmen Garay

Offered By: Victoria & Wildredo Garay

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine

Tabernacle Candle

Memorial Candle

Memorial Candle



Liturgical Minsters Schedule for MAY 2015~

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Lectors: Linda Graves & Angelo Sabella (carry Gospel Book) Substitute: Bill Hinton

Eucharistic Ministers: Bill Hinton, Angelo Sabella & Linford Smith

Substitute: Bill Hinton

Sunday 8:30 a.m.

Lectors: Johnathan Codipilly & Linda Torres (carry Gospel Book) Substitute: Maria Oliveras

Eucharistic Ministers: Delmeter Carey, Linda Torres & MaryAnn Ugbo

Substitute: Diane Carbonaro

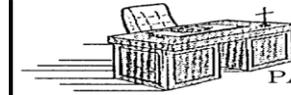
Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Valerie Cappucci (carry Gospel Book)

Substitute.: Victoria Garay

E. M.: Dianne Murphy, Lydia Mora & Beverly Marryshow

Substitute: Emmanuel Fode



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

“And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us.” What does this mean for us as Christians?

We should believe in the name of God’s Son, Jesus Christ. Does the fact that you are a Christian and attend Mass regularly allow you to say that you have fulfilled this command? No! To believe in the name of God’s Son, Jesus Christ means that we acknowledge Jesus Christ to be the incarnation of God so that we want to shape who we are and how we live according to the example and teaching of his life. We want to do that because we know that in doing that we will become like him – we will truly share in the divine life now in the hope of one day sharing in the fullness of that life forever. It is a daily struggle for us to conform our lives ever more faithfully to his life. Every day we have to renew that commitment to be faithful to the life and teaching of Christ in every aspect of our daily lives so that we can truthfully say that we do believe in the name of Jesus Christ – we truly believe that in him we have the way to eternal life.

To love one another just as he commanded us. Fulfilling this command is perhaps the hardest aspect of trying to live in conformity to the life and teaching of Jesus. Jesus told us to “love our enemies.” This was not a suggestion. It was a commandment! Are there persons in my life that I hate? Are there persons in my life that I have judged to be unworthy of my love, care or attention? If so, then I do not love others as Jesus commanded us to do. Do I judge other persons because of their race, their religion, their immigration status, or their social class? Do I treat all persons with respect and kindness? Do I have an active concern for the poor and the needy? Am I a person who offers forgiveness and fosters reconciliation? Every day we have to grow in our ability to love as Jesus loved – compassionately, mercifully, generously.

May the world see by our words and deeds that we really believe in the name of Jesus Christ and love one another as Jesus has loved us!

Fr. Mark Hallinan, S.J.