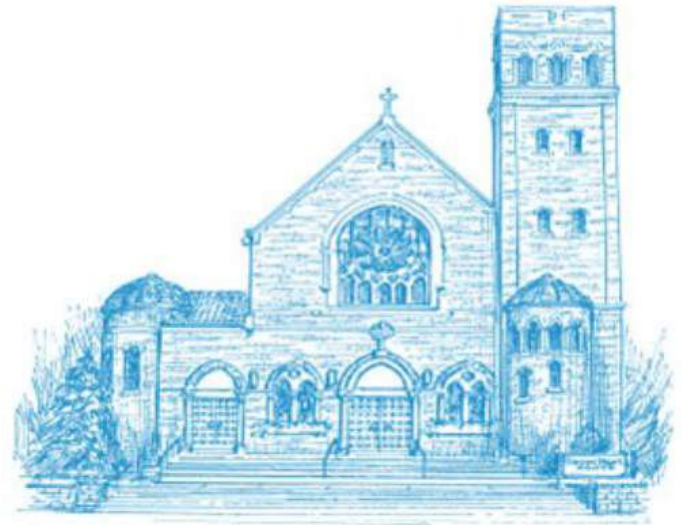


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The Lord's Day

Saturday Evening 5:00 PM

Sundays 7:00, 9:00, 11:00AM (Choir), 1:00 PM

Daily Mass 9:30 AM Monday-Saturday

Rosary 9 AM (Monday-Saturday)

Confessions

Saturdays - 4:00 to 4:45 PM, Any time upon request

Parish Registration

Please formalize your membership in our parish community by registering at the parish office. We sincerely welcome all new parishioners!

Handicapped Accessible

Office Hours - Sunday 10 AM - 3PM

Monday-Friday 9 AM - 5 PM

Saturday 10 AM - 5 PM

Church open daily until 5 PM (Sundays until 3 PM)

Novena Devotions : Mon & Wed (after daily Mass)

Pro Life Rosary: Tuesday 9 AM

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Sick Calls

Anytime, please contact one of the priests at (718) 442-0058.

Baptism

Please contact the pastor for an appointment to arrange the Baptism.

Marriages

Couples should contact the rectory at least 6 months before the wedding to arrange the time, banns, and Pre-Cana Conference.

Sponsor Certificate

If you have been asked to be a godparent for a Baptism or Confirmation attend the 9 AM Mass on Sunday and see Sister Barbara immediately after in the church vestibule. Please see the parish website under the Worship/Sacraments link for godparent guidelines.

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MAY 2, 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, Almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

READING 1 ACTS 9:26-31.

When Saul arrived in Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple. Then Barnabas took charge of him and brought him to the apostles, and he reported to them how he had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus. He moved about freely with them in Jerusalem, and spoke out boldly in the name of the Lord. He also spoke and debated with the Hellenists, but they tried to kill him. And when the brothers learned of this, they took him down to Caesarea and sent him on his way to Tarsus. The church throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria was at peace. It was being built up and walked in the fear of the Lord, and with the consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers.

Responsorial Psalm PS 22: 26-27, 28, 30, 31-32.

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

I will fulfill my vows before those who fear the LORD. The lowly shall eat their fill; they who seek the LORD shall praise him: "May your hearts live forever!"

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of the nations shall bow down before him.

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

To him alone shall bow down all who sleep in the earth; before him shall bend all who go down into the dust.

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

And to him my soul shall live; my descendants shall serve him. Let the coming generation be told of the LORD that they may proclaim to a people yet to be born the justice he has shown.

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

READING 2 I JN 3:18-24.

Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth. Now this is how we shall know that we belong to the truth and reassure our hearts before him in whatever our hearts condemn, for God is greater than our hearts and knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence in God and receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. 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. Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them, and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us.

ALLELUIA

JN 15:4A,5B.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Remain in me as I remain in you, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me will bear much fruit.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

JN 15:1-8.

Jesus said to his disciples: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."



Profession of Faith

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation He came down from Heaven (BOW) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate, He suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and His kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.



A Note from The Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

In 1955, Pope Pius XII instituted the feast of St. Joseph the Worker. He asked that it be celebrated on May Day, which is May 1st. At the time, countries under the rule of communist governments held official May Day celebrations in every town and city. The Church has continually condemned communism since the late 1800s. Communism has wreaked havoc in each country in which it has been implemented, bringing poverty and trampling human rights. Atheistic communist countries like the Soviet Union and China have murdered tens of millions of innocent people in the twentieth century. It was in the Soviet Union, under communism, where abortion was first legalized in 1920.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC) condemns, in no uncertain terms, communism and socialism. (2425). By fostering and even mandating an atheist culture, these governments have promoted the damnation of many souls. The founder of these systems was the atheist Karl Marx, who denigrated religion as “the opium of the people,” and the “illusory happiness of the people.” The Holy Bible says about atheism: *The fool has said in his heart there is no God.* (Psalm 14:1). St. Paul the Apostle tells us that atheists have no excuse for their unbelief. *For what can be known about God is evident to them, because God made it evident to them. Ever since the creation of the world, His invisible attributes of eternal power and divinity have been able to be understood and perceived in what He has made. As a result, they have no excuse.* (Romans 1:19-29).

The Catechism is also sensitive to the pitfalls of unfettered capitalism. It states, “A theory that makes profit the exclusive norm and ultimate end of economic activity is morally unacceptable. The disordered desire for money cannot but produce perverse effects. It is one of the causes of the many conflicts which disturb the social order. A system that

subordinates the basic rights of individuals and of groups to the collective organization of production is contrary to human dignity. Every practice that reduces persons to nothing more than a means of profit enslaves man, leads to idolizing money, and contributes to the spread of atheism. *“You cannot serve God and mammon.”* (Matthew 6:24; Luke 16:13), (CCC, 2424).

Pius XII started the feast of St. Joseph the Worker to combat the false economic and social models foisted upon the world by means of communism. As Cardinal Dolan points out, Pius wanted to say, “Labor is a gift from God, an invitation to cooperate with the Lord in His ongoing, providential sustenance of His creation. Work was a *means* to an *end*, not the end in itself. The *end*, the goal of labor, was dignity, the satisfaction of a job well done, the opportunity to use one’s talents for the common good, and the provision for one’s family and future security. Plus, Pope Pius insisted, work was good, sacred, an occasion of grace. The laborer deserved a living wage, safety, and the right to organize. And, he observed if we wanted an example of that, look to *St. Joseph!*” (Timothy Cardinal Dolan, “St. Joseph the Worker Extols God’s Gift of Labor,” *Catholic New York*, 22 April, 2021).

St. Joseph...Pray for us!
God bless you!

Father Eric

Collection for Central & Eastern Europe:

The annual collection for Central & Eastern Europe will be taken up at Sacred Heart on the weekend of May 15th & 16th. Please be as generous as your means will allow.



Saturday, May 1:

5:00 Thomas Malone (Living)

Sunday, May 2:

7:00 People of the Parish
 9:00 Dorothy McNamara (10th Anniversary)
 11:00 John & Patricia Molloy
 1:00 Michael Mezzacappa

Monday, May 3:

9:30 Paul Lefkowicz

Tuesday, May 4:

9:30 Deceased Members of The Sova Family

Wednesday, May 5:

9:30 Angela Tabansi (Living)

Thursday, May 6:

9:30 Vera Marie Appedu

Friday, May 7:

9:30 Louis Biondo

Saturday, May 8:

9:30 Grace Reilly
 5:00 Joyce Kennedy & Corinne A. O'Brien

Sunday, May 9:

7:00 Ben Zarrelli
 9:00 Mary Mackey
 11:00 Eileen McGarry
 1:00 Thomas J, Virginia & Gerard Crane

Saturday, May 8:

5:00 PM Mary Rosso

Sunday, May 9:

7:00 AM Vincent O'Grady
 9:00 AM John Mooney Jr.
 11:00 AM Maria Montuori
 1:00 PM Wanda Ortiz

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 8:

5:00 PM Tara Murphy

Sunday, May 9:

7:00 Sean Ahern
 9:00 Anthony Basile
 11:00 Abigail Cruz
 1:00 Jack Smith

Collections:

April 25th.....\$6,904.00
 April Budget Deficit.....\$1,528.00
 Congratulations to Tim Donnelly on winning the April 2021 50-50.

ATTENDANCE APRIL 11TH: 466

CAPACITY FOR MASS : 210

Wedding Banns

**II. Vincent Michael Fialla III
& Christina Nicole Cafazzo**

**I. Brian Joseph Brennan
& Jessica Lynn Althoff**

HOLY NAME PLEDGE:

Blessed be God. Blessed be His Holy Name. Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God, true man. Blessed be the name of Jesus. I believe O Jesus that You are the Christ the Son of the Living God. I proclaim my love for the vicar of Christ on Earth. I believe all the sacred truths that the holy Catholic Church believes and teaches. I promise to give good example by the regular practice of my faith in honor of His Divine Name. I pledge myself against perjury, blasphemy, profanity and obscene speech. I pledge my loyalty to the flag of my country, and to the God-given principles of freedom, justice and happiness for which it stands. I pledge my support to all lawful authority both civil and religious. I dedicate myself to the honor of the sacred name of Jesus Christ and beg that He will keep me faithful to these pledges until death. Amen.

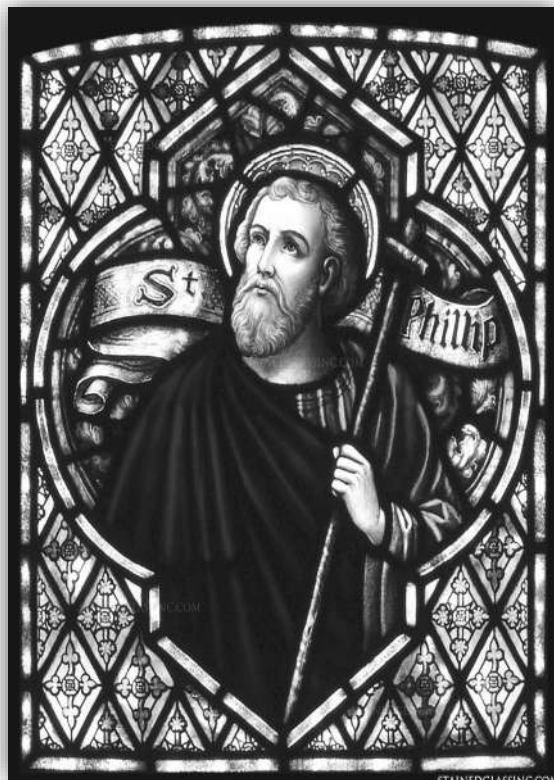
Golden Jubilee Mass: Timothy Cardinal Dolan will be celebrating a special Golden Jubilee Mass for couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. The Mass will take place at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday, June 6th, at 2:30 PM. During the Mass the couple will renew their vows and they are allowed to have two guests present at the Cathedral. Due to COVID restrictions the guests will sit outside the area reserved for couples. If any of our parishioners are celebrating their Golden Anniversary this year (married 1971) and wish to attend they need to contact The Rectory and make arrangements with the Office Manager no later than May 17th.

First Holy Communion: We would like to congratulate our the students in our school and in our CCD program who made their First Holy Communion this weekend. Congratulations to; **Amiyah Ferguson, Mia Gualpa-Larias, David Hernandez, Kevin Moreno, Travis O'Neill, Milan Payano Jimenez, Luis Reyes, Noelle Rivicci, Devan Tacardon, Nila Wall, Frederick Adams, Aiden Brocco, Daenerys Cecero, Derek Chirieleison, Michael Contardo, Gino Farinacci, Charles Fernandez, Isabella Greco, Logan Holdman, Owen Mallen, Cali Marrero, Ethan Massa, Anthony Montano, Robert Padro, Brandon Pak, Jayden Peets, Catalina Rallon, Maddox Rallon, Vivian Russo, Donato Santoro, Sophia Santoro, Charles Tripo and Ava Vanpelt.** God bless all of them and their families as well. We are very proud of all of them.

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MAY 3RD

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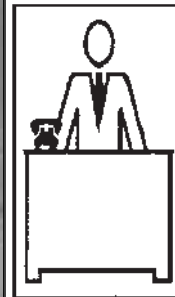
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