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May 11, 2025**

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Saturday – May 17...Easter Weekday

9:00AM...+ Rossetta Juniciello, req. Armond and Anna Apisa
5:00PM...+ Frank Kazmierski, req. Frank Marano and Fran

Sunday – May 18...Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:00AM... + Frank Kazmierski, req. Barbara Smolinski
10:30AM... *First Communion Children (Polish Mass)*
12:00 Noon... *First Communion Children (English Mass)*
1:30PMZoraida Nolasco, req. Son Jose

Monday – May 19... Easter Weekday

9:00AM...+ People of the Parish

Tuesday – May 20... St. Bernardine of Siena

9:00AM...+ Nellie O'Shea (50th Anniv.),
req. Granddaughter and Family

Wednesday – May 21... St. Christopher Magallanes

9:00AM...+ Charles (Chuck) Ropars, req. Parish Family

Thursday – May 22... St. Rita of Cascia

9:00AM... Special Intention, req. Cosmas Family

Friday – May 23... Easter Weekday

9:00AM...+ Carlo Riello, req. Wife, Antonia Riello

Saturday – May 24...Easter Weekday

9:00AM...People of the Parish
5:00PM...+ Bob Chanda, req. Wife, Mary Ellen

Sunday – May 25...Sixth Sunday of Easter

9:00AM... + Jacque LaPrarie and Laurette LaPrarie,
req. John and Kyle Boegel
10:30AM... + Leszek Nabelec, od Marek i Agnieszka
+ Jacek Piecur, od Siostry Agnieszki Rodzina
+ Teresa Michalska, od Siostry i Rodzina
12:00 Noon...+ Anna Falvo, req. Parish Family
1:30PM+ Leonardo Cuartas, req. Alba Ledy Cuartas

CHOIR

Rehearsals are at 7:00PM on Thursdays in the church. If you are interested in more information, please call the office or stop by after church to talk to our choir members.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available on a regular basis on Saturdays at 4:15PM and on Sunday mornings after Masses as well as after weekday Masses simply by requesting a celebration of the Sacrament.

The Tabernacle Candle will burn this week in **Memory of George Byleckie, 13th Anniversary**, at the request of wife **Barbara Byleckie**.

The Bread and Wine for the Month of May is in **Memory of Jose and Blanca Rosales and daughter Cecelia Torres** at the request of the Family.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED for those whose health is challenged in any way especially **Cathy and Jack Rooney, Marian Parcinski, Olivia Schiffer, Al Caraldo, Margaret Macknowsky, and Barbara Bylecki**.

OUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED for all the **Faithful Departed**.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 14:21- 27

Paul and Barnabas traveled to many towns and found many disciples willing to help them preach. They warned their disciples of the trials they would face. Paul and Barnabas then returned to Antioch, where their journey had begun, and told the congregation there of the progress they had made.

Second Reading: Revelation 21:1- 5a

John had a vision of a new earth, and a new Jerusalem coming down from heaven. Then a voice described Jerusalem as a place where God would live among his people and comfort them. The former world had vanished, and pain, death and suffering had left the world as well.

Gospel: John 13:31- 33a, 34- 35

After Judas left the last supper, Jesus warned the other disciples that he would not be with them much longer. Jesus gave them a new commandment to love one another as he had loved them. He stated that their love for each other would distinguish them as his disciples.



Confirmation
Sunday, June 1
12:00PM Mass



Religious Education 2025 - 2026

Early Registration: May 1- June 30

Late Registration: August 18–September 8
-Plus, Late fee of \$20-

Registration received after September 8, will incur a late fee of \$50.

Where:



Online

In Person: Pick up a form at the Parish office.

Registration Fees

One Child: \$90.00
First Communion: \$35.00
Two Children: \$150.00
Confirmation: \$45.00
Three Children: \$190.00

Sacramental Fees

Payment: Online
Parish Office:
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Polskie Duszpasterstwo w Parafii św. Bernarda i św. Stanisława Kostki



5 Niedziela Wielkanocna

Kazanie św. Maksyma, biskupa Turynu

Przez zmartwychwstanie Chrystusa rozwierają się bramy Otchłani, ziemia się odradza przez nowe dzieci Kościoła, Duch Święty otwiera niebo; rozwarła Otchłań zwraca umarłych, odrodzona ziemia rodzi zmartwychwstałych, a do nieba wstępują zbawieni. Także i dobry łotr wchodzi do raju, ciała świętych wchodzi do Miasta świętego; umarli powracają do życia, przez zmartwychwstanie Chrystusa wszystkie elementy zmierzają ku rzeczom wyższym. Otchłań oddaje niebiosom swą własność, ziemia zwraca niebu swą własność, ziemia zwraca niebu tych, których pogrzebała, a niebo ich przyjmuje i stawia przed Panem. To wszystko sprawia jedna i ta sama męka Zbawiciela: dźwiga z głębin, unosi z ziemi i umieszcza na wyżynach nieba.

Albowiem zmartwychwstanie Chrystusa daje życie zmarłym, przebaczenie grzesznikom, a chwałę świętym. I święty prorok zaprasza całe stworzenie do udziału w radości zmartwychwstania Chrystusa, mówi bowiem, że trzeba się radować i weselić w tym dniu, który Pan uczynił.

Światło Chrystusa jest dniem, który nie zna nocy, dniem bez końca. Chrystus jest owym dniem, według słów Apostoła: "Noc minęła i przybliżył się dzień". "Noc minęła" - mówi - a nie następuje, abyśmy zrozumieli, że gdy pojawia się światło Chrystusa, znikają mroki szatana i nie nastają ciemności grzechu, bo przed blaskiem tego światła pierzcha dawny mrok i żadne przestępstwo nie może się tam wcisnąć ukradkiem.

Albowiem dniem jest Syn, któremu Ojciec będący sam dniem, przekazał tajemnice swej boskości. On jest dniem, który mówi przez usta Salomona: "To Ja sprawiłem, że wzeszło na niebiosach niegasnące światło". Jak więc za dniem niebiańskim nie następuje żadna noc, tak za sprawiedliwością Chrystusa nie postępują ciemności grzechów. Dzień niebios zawsze jest skąpany w niekończącym się blasku i nie mogą go przysłonić żadne ciemności; tak też i światło Chrystusa zawsze jaśnieje, promieniuje i żadna ciemność grzechów nie może go ogarnąć, i dlatego mówi Jan Ewangelista: "A światłość w ciemności świeci i ciemność jej nie ogarnęła". A więc, bracia, trzeba, abyśmy wszyscy

radowali się w tym świętym dniu. Niech świadomość grzechów nikogo nie wyłącza od wspólnej radości, niech ciężar win nikogo nie odwołuje od publicznych modłów! Bo nawet i grzesznik nie powinien w takim dniu wątpić o przebaczeniu. Zaiste, jak wielkie to wyróżnienie! Jeśli bowiem łotr zasłużył na raj, to czyż chrześcijanin miałby nie otrzymać przebaczenia?

Szkoła Polska Doksztalająca

Zajęcia w Polskiej Szkole działającej przy naszej Parafii odbywają się w każdy poniedziałek w okresie roku szkolnego od godz. 5:30 do 8:00PM.

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ZAPISY NA ROK SZKOLNY 2025-2026

W poniedziałek, 28 kwietnia rozpoczynamy zapisy na rok szkolny 2025-2026. Rodziny należące do naszej parafii korzystają ze zniżki. Rodziny, które nie należą do parafii i nie biorą aktywnego udziału w życiu parafii i katechizacji obowiązują pełną opłatą za szkołę. Bardzo prosimy o uczciwe podejście do ustalonych zasad na jakich funkcjonuje nasza szkoła.

Dla rodzin należących do naszej parafii (aktywnie biorących udział w życiu parafii i katechizacji):

- \$200 za pierwsze dziecko
- \$100 drugie dziecko
- \$50 każde kolejne dziecko

Dla rodzin nienależących do parafii:

- \$450 za pierwsze dziecko
- \$300 za drugie dziecko
- \$150 każde następne

Opłata za komitet rodzicielski

- \$40 od rodziny

WYBRANY ZARZĄD SZKOŁY NA KADANCJE 2023-2028

- Maria Marchwiński – Dyrektor
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- Agnieszka Zielonka – Zastępca Prezesa
- Kinga Kapolka – Zastępca Prezesa

Gratulujemy i życzymy udanej współpracy.

The Saint of the Week



Saint Rita was born Margherita Lotti in Roccaporena, Italy in 1381. The day after her baptism, Rita was surrounded by a swarm of white bees, which went in and out of her infant mouth without hurting her. Rather than being alarmed, her family believed she was marked to be virtuous and devoted to God.

At an early age, she begged her parents to allow her to enter a convent but was instead arranged to be married to a cruel man named Paolo Mancini. Young Rita became a wife and mother at only twelve years of age, and her husband was a man of violent temper. In anger, he often mistreated Rita verbally and physically. He was also known to pursue other women, and he had many enemies.

Paolo had many enemies in Cascia, but Rita's influence over him eventually led him to be a better man. He even renounced a family feud between the Mancinis and Chiquis. Unfortunately, the feud between the Mancini and Cascia family grew turbulent and one of Paolo's allies betrayed and killed him.

Following her husband's death, Rita gave his murderers a public pardon, but Paolo's brother, Bernardo, was still angry and encouraged Rita's two sons, Giovanni Antonio and Paulo Maria, to join the feud. Under their uncle's leadership, each boy became more and more like their father had been before Rita married him, and they wanted to avenge their father's murder.

Rita attempted to stop them, but both of her sons were determined to revenge their slain father. Rita prayed to God, asking Him to take her sons before they lost their souls to the mortal sin of murder. One year later, her prayers were answered when both of her sons fell prey to dysentery and died.

Following the deaths of her sons, Rita attempted to enter the monastery of Saint Mary

Magdalene in Cascia, but she was not allowed to join. Though Rita's character and piety were recognized, her husband's association with the family feud was greatly feared.

When Rita persisted, the convent told her she could join if she could find a way to mend the wound between the Chiquis and Mancinis.

After asking John the Baptist, Augustine of Hippo, and Nicholas of Tolentino to help her in her task, she attempted to end the feud.

The bubonic plague had been spreading through Italy at that time, and when Bernardo Mancini became infected, he finally abolished the feud with the Chiqui family.

Once the conflict was resolved, Rita was allowed to enter the monastery at the age of thirty-six. It is said that she was transported into the monastery of Saint Magdalene through levitation at night by the three patron saints she appealed to.

While at the monastery, Rita performed her duties faithfully and received the sacraments frequently. Rita had a great devotion to the Passion of Christ, and one day, when she was sixty-years-old, she asked, "Please let me suffer like you, Divine Savior."

After her request, a wound appeared on her forehead, as if a thorn from Christ's crown had pierced her. It left a deep wound, which did not heal, and it caused her to suffer until the day she died.

It is said that as she neared the end of her life, Rita was bedridden from tuberculosis. It was then that she asked a cousin who had come to visit for a rose from the garden in her old home. As it was January, her cousin did not expect to find any roses, but there was a single rose in bloom, which was brought back to Rita at the convent.

She passed away four months later, on May 22, 1457. Following her death, she was buried at the basilica of Cascia, and was later discovered to be incorrupt. Her body can be found today in the Saint Rita shrine at Cascia.



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

There will be a special Anniversary Mass for couples celebrating five, twenty-five and fifty years of Catholic marriage on this Jubilee Year 2025! This year there will be ONE anniversary liturgy for all couples from all counties celebrated by Cardinal Joseph Tobin on **Sunday, June 1st at 3p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark.** Registration is required. Contact our office to register.

**Liturgy of the Word**
for young children

Since next Sunday, May 18th is First Communion, there will be **No Liturgy of the Word.**

We will resume class in the fall, and are looking for volunteers to assist once a month. If you are interested in helping **next season**, please contact the office for more information.

**CHAIR EXERCISE for Seniors**

A gentle practice in which postures are performed while seated with the aid of a chair.

Classes are Tuesdays 1:30PM. Patty Casterline leads the group with relaxing exercises that can also be followed at home. The class will last 3 more weeks. If you would still like to join, don't be shy; please call the office, there is always room for more.

ROSARY SOCIETY

The Rosary is prayed every day before the 9AM Mass, including praying the Divine Mercy. On Thursdays the Blessed Sacrament is exposed after 9AM Mass with Benediction 10:45AM.

During the Month of May the Rosary is prayed in the church at 1:00 PM every Tuesday.

No Rosary meeting next month. There will be a Pot Luck Supper in the Parish Conference Room on June 5th.

**BestChurch Seniors**

Our Seniors will be taking a break for the Summer.



Thank you to everyone - through your kind generosity we make this program possible. Have a great Summer and see you in the fall.

**ALTAR SERVERS**

Be joyful to serve at the altar, to be closer to Jesus!

Serving God as an Altar Server is a wonderful way to grow in faith as well as in responsibility, friendship, and other virtues.

**Stewardship****5th Sunday of Easter**

"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." (JOHN 13:34)

"As I have loved you," this is the hard part – Jesus's love is unconditional; our love usually comes with strings attached. It is easy to love someone when they love you back. But it takes mercy and compassion to love someone when you feel unappreciated, feel used or feel like your opinion doesn't matter. It takes courage and the grace of God to "love my neighbor" when they may be someone you don't like, someone you don't know, or someone that doesn't look like you.

COLLECTION FOR MAY 11TH

ONLINE	\$ 1,163
IN PEW	\$ 4,708
TOTAL	\$ 5,871

ANNUAL ²⁰²⁵ APPEAL

We are grateful to share that we have already received **\$21,678** in pledges—thank you to all who have given so generously! Your support of the 2025 Annual Appeal helps sustain the mission of Christ in our Archdiocese. Please help our parish reach our goal by June 30 and possibly receive financial incentives!

Our goal is **\$30,181.02**. If you have not yet made your gift, we invite you to prayerfully consider doing so. To make an online gift, please visit rcan.org/sharing.

Thank you for your prayers, your generosity, and your faithful support of our Catholic mission.

May God bless you abundantly!



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SCAN ME

Please continue to pray for this intention and for the growth and protection of our parish.

From Fr. Marcin's Desk

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Cardinal Robert Prevost was elected as the first US-born pontiff on May 8th and will be known as Pope Leo XIV. We have been given a father — a Holy Father — who, with courage, zeal, and humility will continue to illuminate the way to heaven for his children. It felt even more amazing that Our Holy Father is American and very well knows the reality of our church in the US. Let us continue to pray for him, as the task that he accepted is tough.

Today many people, often without saying so, implicitly would like to "see Jesus", to meet Him, to know Him. This is how we understand the great responsibility we Christians and our communities have. We too must respond with the witness of a life that is given in service, a life that takes upon itself the style of God - with closeness, compassion and tenderness. It means sowing seeds of love, not with fleeting words but through concrete, simple and courageous examples, not with theoretical condemnations, but with gestures of love.

Precisely then, in trials and in solitude, while the seed is dying, that is the moment in which life blossoms, to bear ripe fruit in due time. It is in this intertwining of death and life that we can experience the joy and true fruitfulness of love, which always, I repeat, is given in God's style: with closeness, compassion and tenderness.

We are in the process of collecting data from our parishioners about our parish, our faith and the ways that we as a parish can better answer the needs of the people of today. The first step is to answer the survey. Please, if you didn't answer the survey - do it today!

Today we continue the celebration of this joyous season of Christ's Resurrection with another celebration – the 1st Communion. I want to congratulate our Communicants and their families, and to wish that the graces of this sacrament that they are receiving today may give an abundant fruit of love in their lives, in their families and in our parish community.

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