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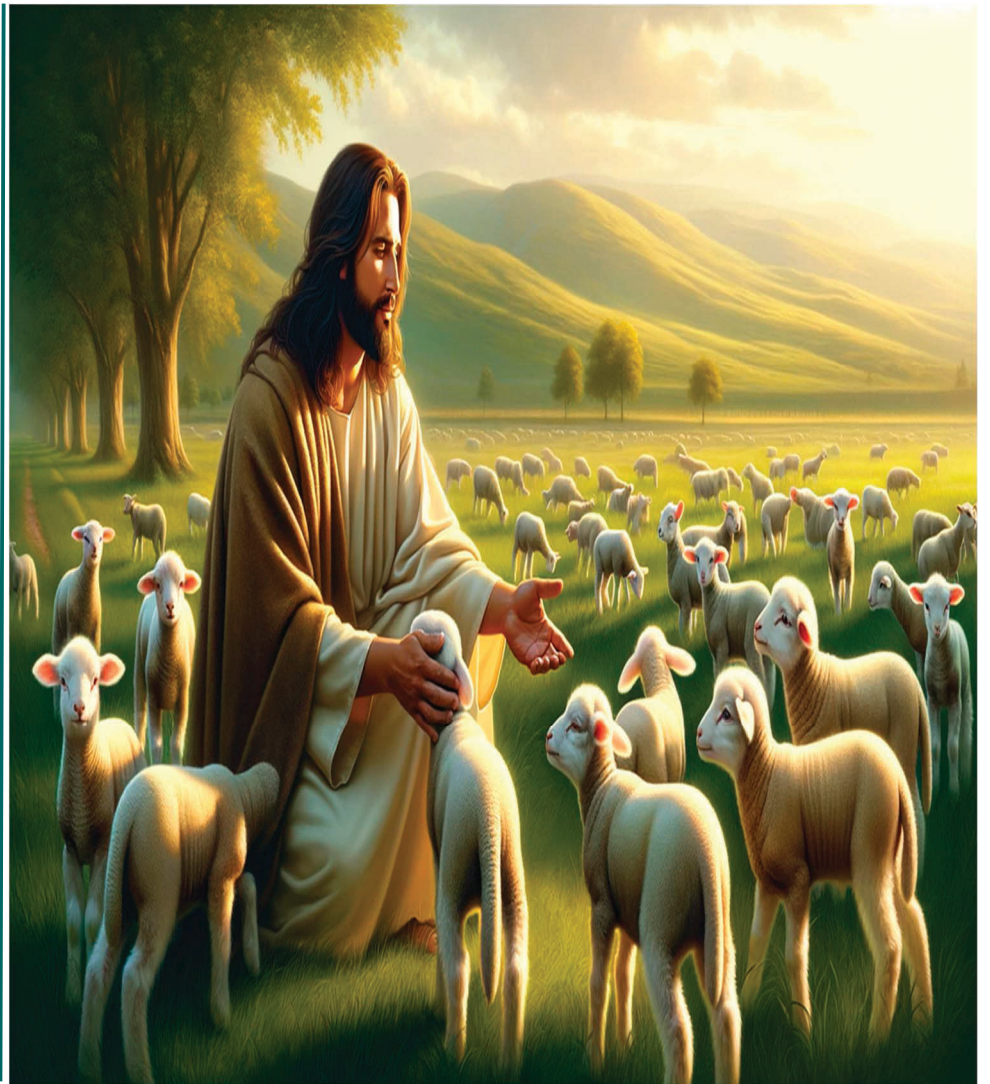
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NEW MASS SCHEDULE

**SATURDAY MASS OF
ANTICIPATION**
5:00PM- English

SUNDAY
9:00AM - English
10:30AM - Polish
12:00PM - English
1:30PM - Spanish



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Saturday and Sunday: Closed
or by appointment
Monday - Friday: 10:00 am-2:00 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATIONS
Saturday: 4:15 pm
By request: After Mass
Sunday - Saturday: Mornings

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK

Saturday – April 25...St. Mark

9:00AM... Ashley Sosan, req. Family
5:00PM... +Lucia Simeone (2nd Anniv.), req. Family

Sunday – April 26...Fourth Sunday of Easter

9:00AM...+Richard T. Ludwig,
req. Marietta DeMair and Family
10:30AM...+Marian Nawrocki, od Córka Marta
Marianna i Stanisław Wisniewski
Błogosławieństwa Boże, od Wisniewski Rodziną
+ Jan Zięba (2. Anniv.), od Siostra z Rodziną
12:00 Noon...+ People of the Parish
1:30 PM ...+Teresa Cataro, req. Alba Ledy Cuartas

Monday – April 27 ... Easter Weekday

9:00AM...People of the Parish

Tuesday – April 28... Sts. Peter Chanel and St. Louis Grignon de Montfort

9:00AM...+ Joan DeAngelis
req. Anna Maria and Armond Apisa

Wednesday – April 29...St. Catherine of Siena

9:00AM...+Jan Zięba (2. Anniv.), Siostra z Rodziną

Thursday – April 30... St. Pius V

9:00AM...+ William G. Kruse, (5th Anniv.) req. Family

Friday – May 1...St. Joseph, the Worker

9:00AM...+Cecilio Sanchez, req. Juan Benitez
7:00PM...People of the Parish

Saturday – May 2...St. Athanasius

9:00AM...+People of the Parish
5:00PM... +Thomas Tibaldi, req. Morano Family

Sunday – May 3...Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:00AM...+ Frank Morano, req. Parish Family
10:30AM... Holy Communion recipients (Polish).
12:00 Noon.. Holy Communion recipients (English)
1:30 PM ...+Julio Cesar Cuartas and Orfilia Cardona
req. Alba Ledy Cuartas

THE TABERNACLE CANDLE will burn this week for
Frank Morano.

THE BREAD AND WINE FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

is in Memory of **Lucia Simeone** at the request of
the Family.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED for those whose health
is challenged in any way especially for

**Marian Parcinski, Olivia Schiffer, Al Caraldo,
Jim Rushforth, Mike Parise, Brian Biddulph, Giovanni
Todaro, Pat Cook, Mary Barrow and Margaret
Honora.**

OUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED for all the
Faithful Departed **especially Frank Morano.**

STEWARDSHIP

4th Sunday of Easter

*“And Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and be baptized,
every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ...”*

ACTS 2:38

The word “repent” means to turn from sin - to change our thoughts, words and actions. Change that is permanent comes from within – a transformation or conversion of heart. This requires prayer, discipline and perseverance. Change is hard. The first step is recognizing that we are broken and that we need God’s help. The good news - we are not alone in our journey. Ask Jesus daily for guidance and patiently listen for his response.

4.º Domingo de Pascua

“Y Pedro les dijo, ‘Arrepíentanse y sean bautizados cada uno de ustedes en el nombre de Jesucristo ...” *HECHOS 2:38*

La Palabra “arrepentirse” significa alejarse del pecado - cambiar nuestros pensamientos, palabras y obras. Cuando el cambio es permanente viene desde adentro - es una transformación o conversión de corazón. Requiere oración, disciplina y perseverancia. Cambiar es difícil. El primer paso es reconocer que estamos destrozados y que necesitamos la ayuda de Dios. La buena noticia, es que no estamos solos en nuestro viaje. Pídale a Jesús todos los días que lo guíe y escuche pacientemente su respuesta.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

With great authority, Peter proclaims to the people that the Christ who was crucified is indeed the Messiah. Urging them to reform and be baptized in the name of Christ, three thousand responded to his words and were baptized.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:20b-25

This is a strong exhortation from Peter to the people to endure suffering for Christ as he did for them. Healed by his wounds, they have “returned to the shepherd.”

Gospel: John 10:1-10

Christ uses the beautiful image of the shepherd to describe his care for his sheep. He also says he is the sheepgate and promises that “Whoever enters through me will be safe.”



NEWARK
PRIEST

CALLED BY NAME

HELP US CULTIVATE THE NEXT GENERATION OF PRIESTS

Today Is Called by Name Sunday!

Cardinal Tobin is asking us to identify faithful young men (ages 15-35) who exhibit a love of God and neighbor, and who may be open to learning more about the priesthood. To submit names, please visit newarkpriest.com. The men whose names you submit will receive a letter of encouragement from Cardinal Tobin, invitations to discernment events, and support from our Vocation Team. We are in need of more priests. Thank you for supporting vocations!

Annual Diaper And Toiletries Collection

We continue through the month of May. This year we will collect diapers (size 3 to 6), baby wipes, full size lotions, soaps, shampoos, as well as feminine hygiene products. Donations will be distributed to United Families in Plainfield and to the Plainfield Star Fish Food Bank. Donations of any type and amount are appreciated. Leave all items in the open area of the church or the Parish Office. Any questions please contact Theresa.cosmas@gmail.com (908- 889-1945).

First Holy Communion - May 3rd



10:30AM Polish & 12Noon English

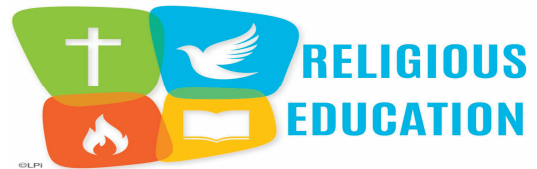
ROSARY SOCIETY



The Rosary is prayed every day before the 9AM Mass followed by the Divine Mercy Prayers.

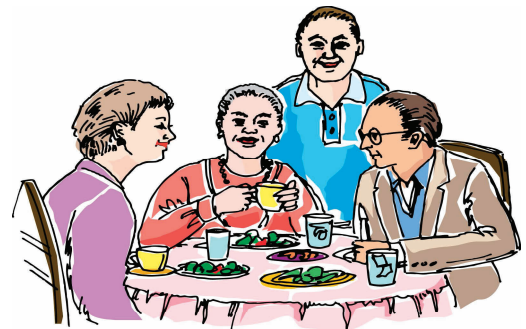
The Blessed Sacrament

Exposed on Thursdays after Mass, concluding with Benediction at 10:45AM.



Wednesday,
April 29th at 6:30 PM
Last Class of Religious Education
for this season.

Registration for the Religious
Education classes for the next year
begins May 1st.



SENIORS

GET-TOGETHER

Our last meeting for this season will be May 21st for the end of season luncheon at 12:00PM in the church office.

Since lunch will be served,
please contact the office if you will be attending.



St. Catherine of Siena
Doctor of the Church
Co-Patron Saint of Italy
April 29th

St. Catherine of Siena was born during the outbreak of the plague in Siena, Italy on March 25, 1347. She was the 25th child born to her mother. Catherine herself was a twin, but her sister did not survive infancy. Her mother was 40 when she was born. Her father was a cloth dyer.

At the age of 16, Catherine's sister, Bonaventura, died, leaving her husband as a widower. Catherine's parents proposed that he marry Catherine as a replacement, but Catherine opposed this. She began fasting and cut her hair short to mar her appearance.

Her parents attempted to resist this move to avoid marriage, but they were unsuccessful. Her fasting and her devotion to her family convinced them to relent and allow her to live as she pleased. Catherine once explained that she regarded her father as a representation of Jesus and her mother as Our Lady, and her brothers as the apostles, which helped her to serve them with humility.

Despite Catherine's religious nature, she did not choose to enter a convent, and instead she joined the Third Order of St. Dominic, which allowed her to associate with a religious society while living at home.

Something changed her when she was 21. She described an experience she referred to as her "mystical marriage to Christ." There are debates over whether or not St. Catherine was given a ring, with some claiming she was given a bejeweled ring, and others claiming the ring was made of Jesus's skin. St. Catherine herself started the rumor of the latter in her writings, but she was known to often claim the ring itself was invisible.

In her vision, she was told to reenter public life and to help the poor and sick. She immediately rejoined her family and went into public life to help people in need.

She often visited hospitals and homes where the poor and sick were found. Her activities quickly attracted followers who helped her in her mission to serve the poor and sick.

St. Catherine was drawn further into the world as she worked, and eventually she began to travel, calling for reform of the Church and for people to confess and to love God totally. She became involved in politics, and was key in working to keep

city states loyal to the Pope. She was also credited with helping to start a crusade to the Holy Land.

St. Catherine allegedly was given the stigmata, but like her ring, it was visible only to herself. She took Bl. Raymond of Capua as her confessor and spiritual director.

From 1375 onwards, St. Catherine began dictating letters to scribes. She petitioned for peace and was instrumental in persuading the Pope in Avignon to return to Rome.

She became involved in the fractured politics of her time, but was instrumental in restoring the Papacy to Rome and in brokering peace deals during a time of factional conflict and war between the Italian city states.

She also established a monastery for women in 1377 outside of Siena. She is credited with composing over 400 letters, her Dialogue, which is her definitive work, and her prayers. These works are so influential that St. Catherine would later be declared a Doctor of the Church. She is one of the most influential and popular saints in the Church. By 1380, the 33-year-old mystic had become ill, possibly because of her habit of extreme fasting. Her confessor, Raymond, ordered her to eat, but she replied that she found it difficult to do so, and that possibly she was ill.

In January of 1380, her illness accelerated her inability to eat and drink. Within weeks, she was unable to use her legs. She died on April 29, following a stroke just a week prior.

St. Catherine's feast day is April 29th. She is the patroness of fire prevention, those suffering from illness, miscarriages and sexual temptation, the United States, Italy, people ridiculed for their faith, and nurses.

Polska Szkoła Doksztalcająca

Rozpoczynamy zapisy do naszej szkoły na rok szkolny 2026–2027. Nasza szkoła to coś więcej niż nauka – to miejsce, gdzie dzieci poznają język, kulturę i budują swoją polską tożsamość w atmosferze życzliwości i wspólnoty. Serdecznie zapraszamy zarówno obecne, jak i nowe rodziny do dołączenia do naszej szkolnej rodziny

Oplaty:

\$450 – pierwsze dziecko (w tym \$50 na Komitet Rodzicielski)

\$250 – drugie dziecko

\$100 – każde kolejne dziecko

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ANNUAL APPEAL 2026

The 2026 Annual Appeal has begun! Each year we are invited to participate in the Annual Appeal, which is an opportunity to support essential ministries and programs of our Archdiocese. Your sacrificial support makes it possible for us to carry out the important work that we are called to do as missionary disciples of Jesus.

Please consider participating in this year's Appeal to help make a significant difference in many lives within our Archdiocese.

Our parish goal this year is **\$29,654.60**, and we already collected **\$17,630.00!** Please make a gift online today by visiting rcan.org/sharing, scanning the QR code:

Or use the envelopes available in the pews and entrances.



Collection for April 19th

Online...\$ 1,096
in Pew...\$ 3,582
Total ...\$ 4,678

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RICE BOWL

Rice Bowl boxes are located at all the entrances of the church. Your help is greatly appreciated.

You may return them to the office or in the collection basket at Mass by April 26th. Children in Religious Education classes can return them by the last class April 29th.



From Fr. Marcin

In chapter 10 of John's Gospel, Christ presents Himself as the shepherd. Indeed, not only the shepherd, but the "door" through which the flock enters. All those who came and did not enter through that door were thieves or robbers or wanted to take advantage of the flock: the false shepherds. In the history of the Church there have been many of them who exploited the flock. They weren't interested in the flock; it was just a career or politics or money, but the flock knows them. They always know them, and they go in search of God by their own paths.

When there is a good shepherd, there is a flock that goes on, that carries on. The good shepherd listens to the flock, leads the flock, heals the flock. The flock knows how to distinguish between shepherds and trusts the good shepherd. Only the shepherd who resembles Jesus gives confidence to the flock, because He is the door. The style of Jesus must be the style of all the shepherds of the church.

In the first reading Saint Peter says: "Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you would follow in his footsteps. He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth. When he was insulted, he returned no insult, when he suffered, he did not threaten." He was meek. One of the signs of a good shepherd is meekness. A good shepherd is meek. A shepherd who is not meek is not a good shepherd. He has something hidden, because meekness shows him as he is, without defending himself. Furthermore, the shepherd is tender, has that tenderness of closeness, knows the sheep one by one by name and takes care of each one as if it were the only one, to the point that when he comes home after a day's work, tired, he realizes that he is missing one, goes out to work again to look for it, and he brings it back with him, carrying it on his shoulders.

This is the good shepherd, who is Christ. He is the one who accompanies us on the journey of life, for everyone. This Sunday is a beautiful Sunday; it is a Sunday of peace, it is a Sunday of tenderness, of meekness, because our pastor takes care of us. "The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want."

Fr. Marcin

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