

First Eucharist

I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE. WHOEVER COMES TO ME WILL NEVER GO HUNGRY, AND WHOEVER BELIEVES IN ME WILL NEVER BE THIRSTY.

—JOHN 6:35



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Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday – May 4 ... Easter Weekday

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

Tuesday – May 5... Easter Weekday

9:00AM...People of the Parish

Wednesday – May 6... Easter Weekday

9:00AM...+ Joan De Angelis, req. Angela and Elisa

Thursday – May 7... Easter Weekday

National Day of Prayer

9:00AM...+ Flora Santoro (6th. Anniv.)

req. Pat and John Zimmerman

Friday – May 8... Easter Weekday

9:00AM...+Mary Delores Cruickshank,

req. Trevor Forbes and Liz Smith

Saturday – May 9...Easter Weekday

9:00AM...+ Luigi and Angelina Ragozzino,

req. Antonia Riello

5:00PM... +Lucy Brady (Birthday in Heaven),

req. Daughter Mary Ellen Chanda

Sunday – May 10...Sixth Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day

9:00AM... +Frank Morano, req. Mary Ellen Chanda

10:30AM...+Józef Błażejowicz, od Krusnowski Rodzina

...+Rhiley Forsythe, od Kopolka Rodzina

12:00 Noon...+Pat Ruhforth, req. Family

1:30 PM ...+Eulalia Duque Garcia,

req. Daughter Alba Ledy Cuartas

THE TABERNACLE CANDLE will burn this week for
Blanca Rosales, req. Family.

THE BREAD AND WINE FOR THE MONTH OF May

is in Memory of **Frank Morano** 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.

STEWARDSHIP

5th Sunday of Easter

*"The stone which the builders rejected has become the
cornerstone." 1 PETER 2:7*

Every person has been given gifts from the Holy Spirit. These are called "charisms" and they are used to build God's kingdom of earth. While many people are able to recognize their natural talents and abilities, they may be unsure of their charisms. If you know someone who is struggling for a direction in life, give them a little encouragement. Help them discern their charisms and how God is calling them to use them. Remember - no gift is too small or insignificant in God's salvation plan.

5.º Domingo de Pascua

*"La piedra que desecharon los constructores se ha convertido
en la piedra angular". 1 PEDRO 2:7*

A cada persona se le han otorgado dones del Espíritu Santo. Son los llamados "carismas" y se utilizan para construir el reino de Dios en la tierra. Si bien muchas personas son capaces de reconocer sus talentos y habilidades naturales, pueden estar inseguros de sus carismas. Si conoce a alguien que se esfuerza por conseguirle sentido a la vida, dele un poco de ánimo. Ayúdelo a discernir sus carismas y como Dios lo llama para que los use. Recuerde, ningún don es demasiado pequeño o insignificante en el plan de salvación de Dios.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 6:1-7

During the early growth of the Church, the apostles realized that they needed more disciples in order to carry out effectively the ministry of the Church. The community selected seven men, one of whom was Stephen.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9

Citing many uses of the word "stone" in the sayings of Jesus and in the Old Testament, Peter urges the Christians to be "living stones...an edifice of spirit."

Gospel: John 14:1-12

In this beautiful passage from the words of Jesus at the Last Supper, Jesus promises that he is preparing a place for the apostles. He tells them, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through me."

When Philip asks Jesus to show them the Father, Jesus answers, "Whoever has seen me has seen the Father."



CALLED BY NAME

HELP US CULTIVATE THE NEXT GENERATION OF PRIESTS

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 the Parish Office.

ROSARY SOCIETY

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



The Blessed Sacrament is exposed on Thursdays after Mass, concluding with Benediction at 10:45AM.

Polska Szkoła Kiermasz Ciast
Po wszystkich tłumach w weekend 9 i 10 maja

Polish School Bake Sale
After all the Masses the weekend of May 9th and 10th



2026-2027

Religious Education Registration

Online Registration:

May 1st through August 1st

www.bestchurch.net

In-person Registration:

May 25th, August 31st & September 7th from 9am-3pm.

Parish office- 1232 George St.

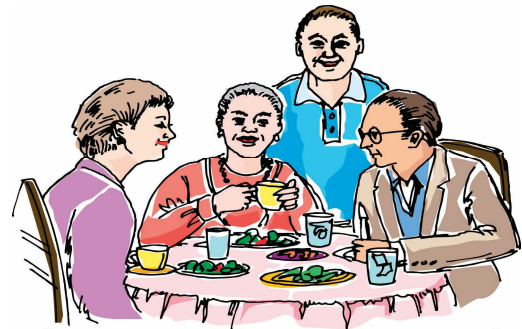
Registrations received after September 7, will incur a late fee of \$50.

Registration Fees:

One Child: \$90.00
Two Children: \$150.00
Three Children: \$190.00

Sacramental Fees:

First Communion: \$35.00
Confirmation: \$45.00



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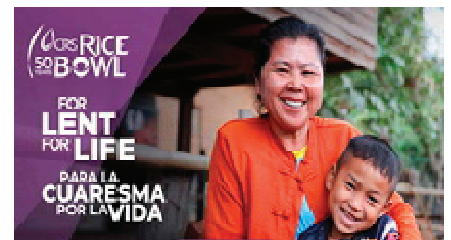
GET-TOGETHER

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.

RICE BOWL

Rice Bowl boxes are located at all the entrances of the church. Your help is greatly appreciated. All Rice bowl boxes should be returned to the church or the office this week.





We know nothing of James, Son of Alphaeus except the fact that Jesus chose him to be one of the 12 pillars of the New Israel, his Church. He is not the James of Acts, son of Clopas, “brother” of Jesus and later bishop of Jerusalem or the traditional author of the Letter of James. James, son of Alphaeus, is also known as James the Lesser to avoid confusing him with James the son of Zebedee, also an apostle and known as James the Greater.

Philip came from the same town as Peter and Andrew, Bethsaida in Galilee. Jesus called him directly, whereupon he sought out Nathanael and told him of the “one about whom Moses wrote.”

Like the other apostles, Philip took a long time coming to realize who Jesus was. On one occasion, when Jesus saw the great multitude following him and wanted to give them food, he asked Philip where they should buy bread for the people to eat. Saint John comments, “[Jesus] said this to test him, because he himself knew what he was going to do.” Philip answered, “Two hundred days’ wages worth of food would not be enough for each of them to have a little.”

On another occasion, we can almost hear the exasperation in Jesus’s voice. After Thomas had complained that they did not know where Jesus was going, Jesus said, “I am the way. If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” Then Philip said, “Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us.” Enough! Jesus answered, “Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.”

Possibly because Philip bore a Greek name or because he was thought to be close to Jesus, some gentile proselytes came to him and asked him to introduce them to Jesus. Philip went to Andrew, and Andrew went to Jesus. Jesus’s reply in John’s Gospel is indirect; Jesus says that now his “hour” has come, that in a short time he will give his life for Jew and Gentile alike.

As in the case of the other apostles, we see in James and Philip human men who became foundation stones of the Church, and we are reminded again that holiness and its consequent apostolate are entirely the gift of God, not a matter of human achieving. All power is God’s power, even the power of human freedom to accept his gifts.

“You will be clothed with power from on high,” Jesus told Philip and the others. Their first commission had been to expel unclean spirits, heal diseases, announce the kingdom. They learned, gradually, that these externals were sacraments of an even greater miracle inside their persons—the divine power to love like God. Philip and James, like all of the apostles, show us how the Word of God can heal and unite if only we as a collective are brave enough to listen.

Matura 2026



W sobotę 25 Kwietnia uczennice i uczniowie naszej szkoły: **Amelia, Veronika, Kamil i Eric** przystąpili do egzaminu dojrzałości. **GRATULACJE !!!!!** Podziękowania Panu **Piotrowi Major** -wychowawcy klasy 3ŁO za przygotowanie uczniów do egzaminu, Rodzicom za całą oprawę przed i po maturze, komisji za poświęcony czas oraz wsparcie.

Polska Szkoła Doksztalająca

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

Opłaty:
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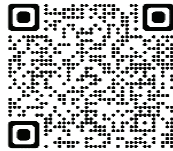
ANNUAL ²⁰²⁶ APPEAL

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 **\$\$20,780.00!**

Please make a gift online today by visiting rcan.org/sharing, scanning the QR code:



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Collection for April 26th

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in Pew...\$ 3,430

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From Fr. Marcin

In today's Gospel passage we hear the beginning of Jesus' so-called "farewell discourse." These are the words He addressed to the disciples at the end of the Last Supper, just before facing the Passion. In such a dramatic moment Jesus began by saying, "Do not let your hearts be troubled." He says it to us, too, in the dramas of life. But how can we make sure that our hearts are not troubled? Because our hearts do become troubled.

The Lord points out two remedies to being troubled. The first is, "Believe in me." It would seem to be rather theoretical, or abstract advice. Instead, Jesus wants to tell us something specific. He knows that, in life, the worst anxiety, anguish, comes from the feeling of not being able to cope, from feeling alone and without points of reference when faced with events. This anguish, in which difficulties are added to difficulties, cannot be overcome alone. We need Jesus' help, and that is why Jesus asks us to have faith in Him, that is, not to rely on ourselves, but on Him. Because liberation from being troubled requires trust: relying on Jesus. Christ has risen and is alive precisely to be always by our side.

Then there is a second remedy to being troubled, which Jesus expresses with these words: "In my Father's house there are many rooms. I'm going to prepare a place for you." This is what Jesus did for us: He reserved us a place in Heaven. He took our humanity upon Himself to take it beyond death, to a new place, to Heaven, so that where He is, we might also be there. It is the certainty that consoles us: there is a reserved place for everyone. Each of us can say: there is a place for me. We do not live aimlessly and without destination. We are expected, and we are precious. God is in love with us; we are his children. For us He has prepared the most beautiful place: Paradise. On this earth, we are passing through. We are made for Heaven, for eternal life, to live forever.

But how to reach Heaven? What's the way? This is the decisive sentence of Jesus. Today He says: "I am the way." To ascend to Heaven, the way is Jesus: it is to have a living relationship with Him, it is to imitate Him in love, it is to follow His steps. There are many ways that do not lead to Heaven: the ways of worldliness, the ways of selfishness, the ways of power; and there is the way of Jesus, the way of humble love, of prayer, of meekness, of trust, of service to others.

Fr. Marcin

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