

May 10, 2026

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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 – 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 Rushforth, req. Family  
1:30 PM ...+Eulalia Duque Garcia,  
req. Daughter Alba Ledy Cuartas

### Monday – May 11... Easter Weekday

9:00AM...In Honor of Our Blessed Mother,  
req. Armond Apisa

### Tuesday – May 12... Sts. Nereus and Archilleus

9:00AM...+ Victoria Jandoli,  
req. Armond and Anna Maria Apisa

### Wednesday – May 13... Our Lady of Fatima

9:00AM...+ Ellis P. Singer, MD, req. Johanna Merkle

### Thursday – May 14... St. Matthias

9:00AM...+ Maria Cleotilde Molina, req. Juan

### Friday – May 15... St. Isiadore

9:00AM...+Józef Górka, druga rocznica śmierci ersary,  
req. Zona z Rodzina

### Saturday – May 16...Easter Weekday

9:00AM...+ People of the Parish  
5:00PM... + Angelo Negri, req. Wife and Children

### Sunday – May 17...The Ascension of the Lord

9:00AM... +Giovanna Mone, req. Theresa Mastroianni  
10:30AM...+Anna Gracka i Zofia Ponichtera przyjaciele  
Polska Szkoła, Błogosławieństwa dla dzieci,  
nauczycieli i rodziców  
12:00 Noon...People of the Parish  
1:30 PM ...+All souls, req. Alba Ledy Cuartas

**THE TABERNACLE CANDLE** will burn this week for Special Intention.

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

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

## STEWARDSHIP

### 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

*“For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be God’s will, than for doing evil.” 1 PETER 3:17*

The old line says “if you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans.” Many of us are diligent in our planning and making sure things are progressing smoothly. Then disaster strikes, we don’t get the result we anticipated or an unforeseen problem arises. Many times, we may respond negatively and ask, “Why me? I did everything right!” Here’s the thing – adversity humbles us and reminds us of our dependence on God and not on our own self-reliance. Rest assured, God has a better plan in store for you.

### 6.<sup>o</sup> Domingo de Pascua

*“Es mejor sufrir por hacer el bien, si así lo quiere Dios, que por hacer el mal”. 1 PEDRO 3:17*

Un viejo dicho dice “si quieres hacer reír a Dios, cuéntale tus planes”. Muchos de nosotros somos diligentes para planificar y asegurarnos que las cosas progresaran sin contratiempos. Entonces sucede un desastre, no obtenemos el resultado que habíamos esperado o se presenta un problema imprevisto. ¿Muchas veces respondemos negativamente y nos preguntamos, “¿Por qué a mí? Si lo hice todo correctamente”. Ese es el caso - la adversidad nos humilla y nos recuerda que dependemos de Dios y no de nuestra propia autosuficiencia. Tenga la seguridad, Dios tiene reservado un plan mejor para usted.

### SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

#### First Reading: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Philip preaches to the people of Samaria, who accept his word after witnessing the miracles he performs. Peter and John pray that they will receive the Holy Spirit.

#### Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18

Christians are urged to remain steadfast in their allegiance to Christ, giving evidence always of gentleness and hope.

#### Gospel: John 14:15-21

In his words to the apostles at the Last Supper, Jesus promises to send them a comforter, a Paraclete, the Spirit of truth, who will be with them always.



# Religious Education Registration 2026-2027

## Online Registration:

May 1st through August 1st

[www.bestchurch.net](http://www.bestchurch.net)

## In-person Registration:

May 26th, 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



## 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](http://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!

## RICE BOWL

Thank you to all who who participated in the CRS (Catholic Relief Services). Money was raised to help fight hunger and poverty around the world. 75 % Supports Catholic Relief Services and 25% helps fight hunger and poverty in our own community.



## 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.

## First Communion May 3rd, 2026



**Congratulation to all our children and their parents and families! It was a special and beautiful day for our whole parish!!!**

## 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.**



**The Rosary will be prayed in church on Tuesdays at 1PM during May in honor of Our Blessed Mother.**

Our last **Senior Meeting** for this season will be **May 21st** for the end of season luncheon at **12:00PM.**

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

Sr. Eileen Smith from Mt. St. Mary's will be our Guest Speaker.





Between May 13 and October 13, 1917, three Portuguese children—Francisco and Jacinta Marto and their cousin Lucia dos Santos—received apparitions of Our Lady at Cova da Iria near Fatima, a city 110 miles north of Lisbon. Mary asked the children to pray the Rosary for world peace, for the end of World War I, for sinners, and for the conversion of Russia.

Mary gave the children three secrets. Following the deaths of Francisco and Jacinta in 1919 and 1920 respectively, Lucia revealed the first secret in 1927. It concerned devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The second secret was a vision of hell. When Lucia grew up she became a Carmelite nun and died in 2005 at the age of 97.

Pope John Paul II directed the Holy See's Secretary of State to reveal the third secret in 2000; it spoke of a "bishop in white" who was shot by a group of soldiers who fired bullets and arrows into him. Many people linked this vision to the assassination attempt against Pope John Paul II in St. Peter's Square on May 13, 1981.

The feast of Our Lady of Fatima was approved by the local bishop in 1930; it was added to the Church's worldwide calendar in 2002.

The message of Fatima is simple: Pray. Unfortunately, some people—not Sister Lucia—have distorted these revelations, making them into an apocalyptic event for which they are now the only reliable interpreters. They have, for example, claimed that Mary's request that the world be consecrated to her has been ignored.

Sister Lucia agreed that Pope John Paul II's public consecration in St. Peter's Square on March 25, 1984, fulfilled Mary's request. The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith prepared a June 26, 2000 document explaining the "third secret."

Mary is perfectly honored when people generously imitate her response "Let it be done to me as you say," (Luke 1:38). Mary can never be seen as a rival to Jesus or to the Church's teaching authority, as exercised by the college of bishops united with the bishop of Rome.

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**Polska Szkoła Kiermasz Ciast po dzisiejszych mszach św.**

**Polish School Bake Sale Today after Masses May 10th**



**Uroczysta Akademia na Dzień Matki:** Tuż po Mszy Świętej zapraszamy wszystkich rodziców i gości na specjalny występ przygotowany przez naszych uczniów.

**17 maja 2026r**

Szkolna Msza św. okazji zakończenia Roku szkolnego 2025/2026

**18 maja 2026r**

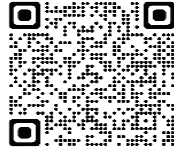
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# ANNUAL <sup>2026</sup> APPEAL

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](http://rcan.org/sharing), scanning the QR code:



Or use the envelopes available in the pews and entrances.

## Collection for May 3rd

Online...\$ 2,610.50  
in Pew...\$ 5,238.00

Total ....\$ 7,848.50

## PARISH GIVING



### ON LINE GIVING

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Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.

PROVERBS 31:30 NIV

Wishing you God's unending favor, kindness and love this

*Mother's Day*  
and always.

## From Fr. Marcin

Today's Gospel, the continuation of that of last Sunday, takes us back to the moving and dramatic moment of Jesus' Last Supper with His disciples. John the Evangelist gathers from the lips and heart of the Lord His last teachings, before His Passion and death. Jesus promises His friends, at that sad, dark moment, that after Him they will receive "another Paraclete." This word means another "Advocate," another Defender, another Counsellor: "the Spirit of Truth;" and He adds, "I will not leave you desolate; I will come to you." These words convey the joy of a new Coming of Christ. He, Risen and glorified, dwells in the Father and at the same time comes to us in the Holy Spirit. In His new coming, He reveals our union with Him and with the Father: "You will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you."

Today, by meditating on these words of Jesus, we perceive with the sense of faith that we are the People of God in communion with the Father and with Jesus through the Holy Spirit. The Church finds the source of her mission, which is achieved through love, in this mystery of communion. Jesus says in today's Gospel: "He who has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me; and he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him." So, love introduces us to the knowledge of Jesus, thanks to the action of this "Advocate" that Jesus sent, that is, the Holy Spirit. Love for God and neighbor is the greatest commandment of the Gospel. The Lord today calls us to respond generously to the Gospel's call to love.

At times there are some disagreements, pride, envy, divisions, that leave their mark even on the face of the Church. A community of Christians should live in the charity of Christ, but instead, it is precisely there that the evil one "sets his foot in," and sometimes we allow ourselves to be deceived. Those who pay the price are those who are spiritually weaker. For a Christian, this love is never a thing acquired once and for all. We must begin anew every day. We must practice it so that our love for the brothers and sisters we encounter may become mature and purified from those limitations or sins. We have to learn the art of loving every day. Every day we must forgive and look to Jesus, and do this with the help of this "Advocate", of this Counsellor whom Jesus has sent to us that is the Holy Spirit.

Today I want to acknowledge our mothers, who were the first ones to introduce us to this love. We pray and we remember all our moms, those who are present among us and those who already departed to the Father. We are all grateful for your presence and your love!

**Fr. Marcin**

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