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NEW MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY MASS OF ANTICIPATION

5:00PM- English

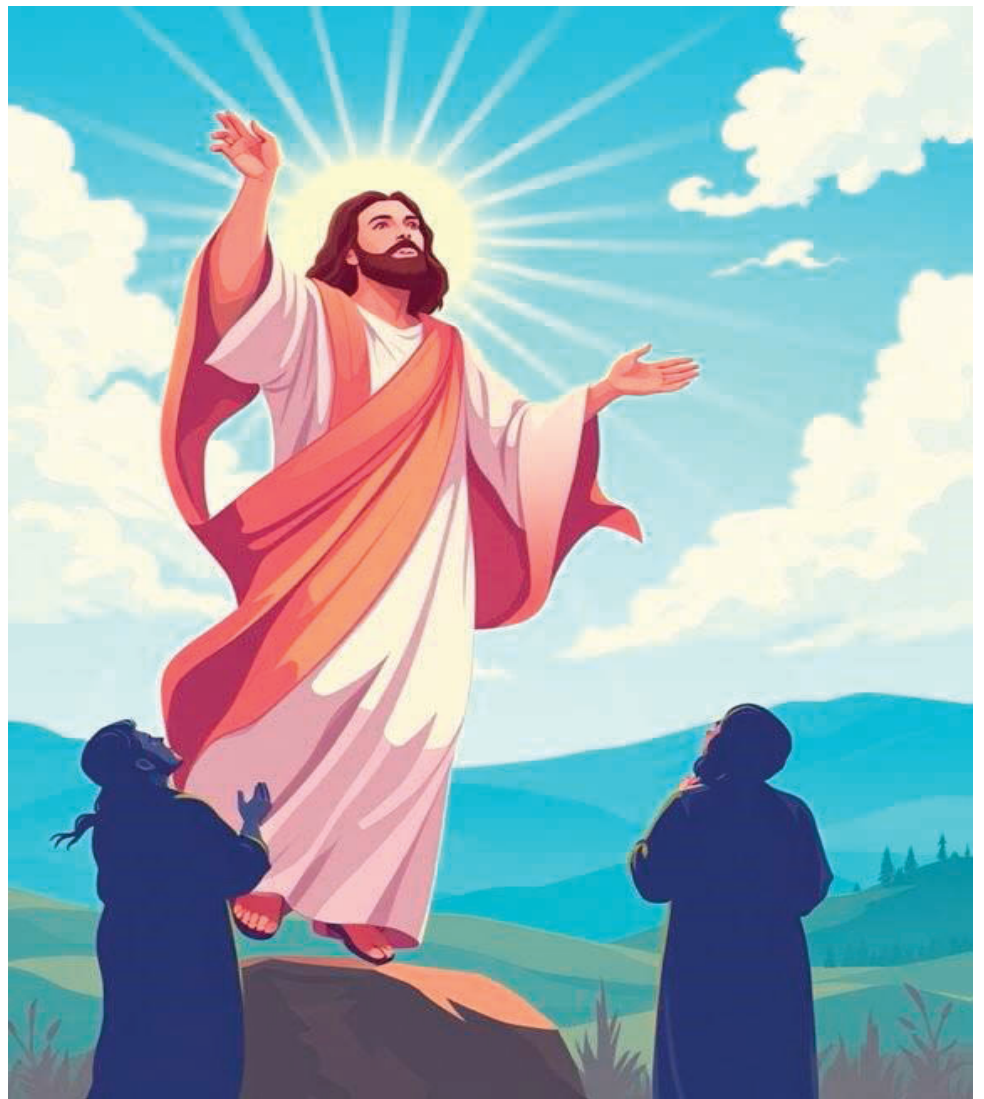
SUNDAY

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 16...Easter Weekday

9:00AM... + People of the Parish
5:00PM... + Amerigo 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,

od przyjaciele
Polska Szkoła, Błogosławieństwa dla dzieci,
nauczycieli i rodziców

+Józef Górka (2. Anniversary),
od żona z Rodziną

12:00 Noon.... People of the Parish

1:30 PM ...+All Souls, req. Alba Ledy Cuartas

Monday – May 18... St. John I

9:00AM...Frank Morano, req. Karole and Eddie

Tuesday – May 19... Easter Weekday

9:00AM...+ Steve and Giovanna Apisa,
req. Armond and Anna Maria Apisa

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

9:00AM...+ Victoria Jandoli, req. Angela and Elisa

Thursday – May 21... St. Christopher Magallanes

9:00AM...+ Frank Morano, req. Zena Kazmierski

Friday – May 22... St. Rita of Cascia

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

Saturday – May 23...Easter Weekday

No 9:00AM Mass – Priest Ordinations at Cathedral
5:00PM... + Nancy Haughey, req. Mary Ellen Chanda

Sunday – May 24...Pentecost Sunday

9:00AM...+Jozef and Maria Lechowski, req. Son

10:30AM. + Ryzard Panasik (7th Anniv),

od Syn z Rodziną
...+Maria Sipos, od Córka z Rodziną
Błogosławieństwo Boże dla całej Rodziny,
od matki Aleksandra Janusz

12:00 Noon.. People of the Parish.

1:30 PM ..+Santos Justa Granada, req. Alba Ledy Cuartas

+Paula Maricela DeLeon-Solicitado,
por la hija Lizandra Cabrara

THE TABERNACLE CANDLE will burn this week for
A 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,
Mike Parise, Brian Biddulph, Giovanni Todaro, Pat
Cook, Mary Barrow and Margaret Honora.**

OUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED for all the
Faithful Departed **especially Al Caraldo.**

STEWARDSHIP

7th Sunday of Easter (The Ascension of the Lord)

"I am praying for them..." JOHN 17:9

Prayer is the foundation of our Faith and the foundation of Stewardship. Prayer is always the first best option in any situation - not just our last resort. Pray for friends and family, and especially for those that don't treat you very well. Pray to give praise, to thank, and to ask God for help. Pray to see what God wants you to do with the gifts He has given you. Teach others how to pray. It has been said that teaching someone how to pray is the best gift you can give someone.

7.^o Domingo de Pascua (La Ascensión del Señor)

"Estoy rezando por ellos..." JUAN 17:9

La oración es la base de nuestra Fe y Corresponsabilidad. La oración es siempre la mejor opción en cualquier situación, no simplemente nuestro último recurso. Ore por sus amigos y familia, y especialmente por aquellos que no lo tratan muy bien. Ore para dar alabanza, para agradecer y para pedirle ayuda a Dios. Ore para ver lo que Dios quiere que usted haga con los dones que le ha dado. Enséñeles a otros como rezar. Se ha dicho que enseñar a alguien como orar es el mejor regalo que se le puede dar.
un plan mejor para usted.

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

Jesus had appeared many times to his disciples after his resurrection. On this final occasion, Jesus' departing message is that they will soon receive the Holy Spirit to strengthen them in their work. No sooner does he say this, he is taken up to heaven before their eyes.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23

Paul prays that God may grant wisdom and enlightenment to the Ephesians so that they may know the great hope to which they are called. Every power has been given to Christ who now reigns in heaven. He is the "head of the church, which is his body."

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

Jesus told his disciples to go to the mountain in Galilee. Upon seeing the disciples, Jesus told them to go to all nations to make new disciples and spread the teachings of the Lord. Jesus also reassured them of his presence, until the end of the age.

RICE BOWL

Thank you to all who who participated in the CRS (Catholic Relief Services. We collected \$200.00. 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.

Your generosity was very much appreciated.

Religious Education Registration 2026-2027



Online Registration:

May 1st through August 1st
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

Online payment:



Sacramental Fees:

- First Communion: \$35.00
- Confirmation: \$45.00

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 together at 1PM Tuesday, May 19th. On May 26th, the Living Rosary will be prayed in your preferred language at 7:00PM.



NEWARK
PRIEST

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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!

Congratulations to Newly Ordained Priests!

There will be no 9:00AM Mass Saturday, May 23rd.

Fr. Marcin and Fr. Bernardo will be attending the Ordination of 7 of our Seminarians who will be Ordained on that Saturday at the Basicila of the Sacred Heart in Newark. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin their mission.

Annual Diaper and Toiletries Collection

Thank you to all who have donated



We will continue through the month of May collecting diapers (size 3 to 6), baby wipes, full size lotions, soaps, shampoos, as well as feminine hygiene products. Your 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. Please leave all items in the open area of the church or the Parish Office.

Any questions please contact the Parish Office.



**SENIORS
GET TOGETHER**

Our last **Senior Meeting** for this season will be this Thursday, **May 21st.**

A light lunch will be served at **12:00PM.**

Since lunch will be served, we need to prepare.

Please contact the office

to let us know you will be attending.

Sr. Eileen Smith from Mt. St. Mary's will be our Guest Speaker. Sr. will be speaking on Psalms and what they mean. This will be the last meeting, so don't miss it. There will something special for everyone.



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.

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.

Rita attempted to stop them, but both of her sons were determined to seek revenge on their slain father. Rita prayed to God, asking Him to take her sons before they lost their souls to the mortal sin of murder. 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.

Once the conflict was resolved, Rita was allowed to enter the monastery at the age of thirty-six. While at the monastery, 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.

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17 maja 2026r

Szkolna Msza św. okazji zakończenia Roku szkolnego 2025/2026

18 maja 2026r

Uroczyste zakończenie Roku Szkolnego 2025/26



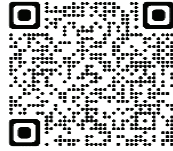
Saturday - May 30th, 2026 at 5:00PM

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 **\$21,495.00!** 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.

<p align="center">Collection for May 10th</p> <p align="center">Online...\$ 1,618.00</p> <p align="center">in Pew...\$ 6,227.00</p> <p align="center">Total....\$ 7,845.00</p>

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ROOF DONATION

Dear Brothers and Sisters,
Last week I was able to meet with the COO of our Archdiocese. We had been promised \$100,000.00 towards the damage in the school and \$50,000.00 to be applied toward the new roof of the school. The cost of the roof repair is \$73,000.00 plus additional cost to remove the gravel and old roof. We have already collected \$22,000!!! We still need additional \$30,000.00.
If you want to help, you can write on your check's memo line: Restricted – Roof. Thank you for your generosity!!!

From Fr. Marcin

Today, we celebrate Jesus' Ascension into heaven, which took place 40 days after Easter. The Gospel passage, which concludes the Gospel of Matthew, presents the moment of the Risen One's final farewell to His disciples. The scene is set in Galilee, the place where Jesus had called them to follow Him and to form the first community. Now those disciples have traversed the "fire" of the Passion and of the Resurrection; at the visit of the Risen Lord they prostrate themselves before Him, although some remain doubtful. Jesus gives this scared community the task of evangelizing the world; and He reinforces this responsibility with the command to teach and baptize in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus' Ascension into heaven constitutes the end of the mission that the Son received from the Father and the beginning of the continuation of this mission on the part of the Church. From this moment, from the moment of the Ascension, in fact, Christ's presence in the world is mediated by His disciples, by those who believe in Him and proclaim Him. This mission will last until the end of history, and every day will have the assistance of the Risen Lord, who assures: "I am with you always, to the close of the age."

His presence brings strength during persecution, comfort in tribulations, support in the difficult situations that the mission and the proclamation of the Gospel will encounter. The Ascension reminds us of Jesus' assistance and of His Spirit that gives confidence, gives certainty to our Christian witness in the world. He reveals to us the reason for the Church's existence: the Church exists to proclaim the Gospel! The true joy of the Church is proclaiming the Gospel. The Church is you and me, through the baptism that we received, and we are called to better understand that God has given us the great dignity and responsibility of proclaiming Him to the world, of making Him accessible to all mankind. This is our dignity; this is the greatest honor of each one of us, of all the baptized!

On this Feast of the Ascension, as we turn our gaze toward heaven, where Christ has ascended and sits at the right hand of the Father, we strengthen our steps on earth so as to continue our journey — our mission of witnessing to and living the Gospel in every environment — with enthusiasm and courage. However, we are well aware that this does not depend first and foremost on our strengths, on our organizational abilities or human resources. Only with the light and strength of the Holy Spirit can we effectively fulfil our mission of leading others to know and increasingly experience Jesus' tenderness.

Fr. Marcin

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