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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 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 (7. Rocznicą),
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

Monday – May 25... Blessed Virgin Mary Mother of the Church

9:00AM...+Joseph Caraldo,
req. Karole and Eddie Lechowski

Tuesday – May 26... St. Philip Neri

9:00AM...+ Mona Conte, req. Angela and Elisa

Wednesday – May 27... St. Augustine

9:00AM...+ Frank Morano, req.
Armond and Anna Maria Apisa

Thursday – May 28... Weekday

9:00AM...Blessings for our Senior Group
for a safe and healthy summer

Friday – May 29... St. Paul VI

9:00AM...+Antonio and Lucia Simeone,
71st Wedding Anniv. in Heaven, req. Family

Saturday – May 30... Weekday

9:00AM ...+ Frank Apisa, req. Parish Family
5:00PM... Confirmation

Sunday – May 31...Most Holy Trinity

9:00AM...+ Frank Morano, req. Marietta DeMair
10:30AM...Błogosławieństwo Boże dla Agnieszki Zalińskiej
i dla Anny Kazimierskiej, z okazji jej 50. Urodzin
...+ Lucyna Watroba (2. Rocznicą)
12:00 Noon..All our recently confirmed
1:30 PM...+ People of the Parish

The Office Will be closed Monday, May 26th



THE TABERNACLE CANDLE will burn this week for Our Parish 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 **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 **Frank Apisa and Joseph Caraldo.**

STEWARDSHIP

Pentecost Sunday

"To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good."
1 CORINTHIANS 12:7

To receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit you must open your heart and invite Him in! Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your thoughts, words and actions every day! Be grateful for all the gifts God has given you! Regardless of our individual circumstances, God has given all of us many blessings. What we do with those gifts is our gift back to God! By generously sharing everything we have and everything we are, we become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered" and our lives truly reflect God's light, love and mercy.

Domingo de Pentecostés

"A cada uno se le da la manifestación del Espíritu para el bien común."
1 CORINTIOS 12:7

¡Para recibir los dones del Espíritu Santo debe abrir su corazón e invitarlo a entrar en él! ¡Pídale al Espíritu Santo que guíe sus pensamientos, palabras y obras cada día! ¡Sea agradecido por todos los dones que Dios le ha dado! Independientemente de nuestras circunstancias individuales, Dios nos ha dado a todos muchas bendiciones. ¡Lo que hacemos con estos dones es nuestro regalo de vuelta a Dios! Al compartir generosamente todo lo que tenemos y lo que somos, nos transformamos en más "centrados en Dios" y menos "egocéntricos" y nuestras vidas reflejarán verdaderamente la luz, el amor y la misericordia de Dios.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

On the feast of Pentecost, the disciples were gathered together when suddenly tongues of fire rested upon them, and they were filled with the Holy Spirit. They began to speak in many tongues; those who heard them were filled with amazement.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

Paul tells the Corinthians that each possesses different gifts and performs different ministries, but each works for the common good in Christ Jesus.

Gospel: Jn 20:19-23

Jesus appears to the apostles after his resurrection and bestows upon them the power to forgive sins.

Religious Education Registration 2026-2027



Online Registration:

May 1st through August 1st
www.bestchurch.net

In-person Registration:

May 26th, August 31st &
September 8th from 9am-3pm.

Parish office- 1232 George St.

Registrations received after September 8th 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



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

Summer Schedule!!!
Starting June 6th, our Masses will be as follows:

Sundays:
 9:00AM English
 10:30AM Polish
 12:15PM Spanish

Saturdays:
 No Mass at 9:00AM
 5:00PM English



NEWARK PRIEST

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!

Congratulations to Newly Ordained Priests!

On Saturday Fr. Marcin and Fr. Bernardo attended the the Basicila of the Sacred Heart in Newark where 7 of our Seminarians were ordained. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin their mission.

ROSARY SOCIETY

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



The Living Rosary will be prayed on May 26th at 7:00PM. We will include one decade in Polish, Spanish and Latin in respect of our parish diversity.

The last Rosary Meeting for this season will be the **POT LUCK dinner on Thursday, June 4th, in the Parish office at 6:00PM.** If you are interested in becoming a Rosarian, you are invited to attend the dinner for more information.



Philip Neri was a sign of contradiction, combining popularity with piety against the background of a corrupt Rome and a disinterested clergy: the whole post-Renaissance malaise.

At an early age, Philip abandoned the chance to become a businessman, moved to Rome from Florence, and devoted his life and individuality to God. After three years of philosophy and theology studies, he gave up any thought of ordination. The next 13 years were spent in a vocation unusual at the time—that of a layperson actively engaged in prayer and the apostolate.

As the Council of Trent (1545-63) was reforming the Church on a doctrinal level, Philip Neri’s appealing personality was winning him friends from all levels of society, from beggars to cardinals. He rapidly gathered around himself a group of laypersons won over by his audacious spirituality. Initially, they met as an informal prayer and discussion group, and also served poor people in Rome.

At the urging of his confessor, Philip Neri was ordained a priest and soon became an outstanding confessor himself, gifted with the knack of piercing the pretenses and illusions of others, though always in a charitable manner and often with a joke. He arranged talks, discussions, and prayers for his penitents in a room above the church. He sometimes led “excursions” to other churches, often with music and a picnic on the way.

Some of Philip’s followers became priests and lived together in community. This was the beginning of the Oratory, the religious institute he founded. A feature of their life was a daily afternoon service of four informal talks, with vernacular hymns and prayers. Giovanni Palestrina was one of Philip’s followers, and composed music for the services. The Oratory was finally approved after suffering through a period of accusations of being an assembly of heretics, where laypersons preached and sang vernacular hymns!

Philip’s advice was sought by many of the prominent figures of his day. He is one of the influential figures of the Counter-Reformation, mainly for converting to personal holiness many of the influential people within the Church itself. His characteristic virtues were humility and gaiety.

After spending a day hearing confessions and receiving visitors, Philip Neri suffered a hemorrhage and died on the feast of Corpus Christi in 1595. He was beatified in 1615 and canonized in 1622.

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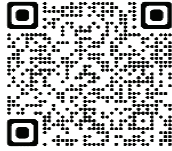
We will continue through the month of May collecting diapers (size 3 to 6), baby wipes, full size lotions, soaps, shampoos, as well as feminine hygiene products. Your donations will be distributed to United Families in Plainfield and to the Plainfield Star Fish Food Bank. Donations of any type and amount are appreciated. Please leave all items in the open area of the church or the Parish Office. Any questions please contact the Parish Office.

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 **\$22,170.00!** 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 May 17th

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Total....\$ 4,060.00

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ROOF DONATION

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We had received \$100,000.00 from Archdiocese as a reimbursement for the water damage from last Summer (total \$254,000.00).

We will receive \$50,000.00 for the new roof of the school that needs to be replaced this summer.

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 what took place in the Upper Room takes place anew in our midst. Like a mighty wind that overtakes us, like a crash that startles us, like a fire that illuminates us, the gift of the Holy Spirit descends upon us.

As we heard in the first reading, the Spirit accomplished something extraordinary in the lives of the Apostles. Following Jesus' death, they had retreated behind closed doors, in fear and sadness. Now they receive a new way of seeing things, an interior understanding that helps them to interpret the events that occurred and to experience intimately the presence of the Risen Lord. The Holy Spirit overcomes their fear, shatters their inner chains, heals their wounds, anoints them with strength and grants them the courage to go out to all and to proclaim God's mighty works.

The Spirit opens borders, first of all, in our hearts. He is the Gift that opens our lives to love. His presence breaks down our hardness of heart, our narrowness of mind, our selfishness, the fears that enchain us and the narcissism that makes us think only of ourselves. The Holy Spirit comes to challenge us.

The Spirit of God allows us to find a new way of approaching and experiencing life. He puts us in touch with our inmost self; beneath all the masks we wear. He leads us to an encounter with the Lord by teaching us to experience the joy that is His gift. He convinces us, as we just heard in Jesus' words, that only by abiding in love, will we receive the strength to remain faithful to His word and to let it transform us.

The Spirit also opens borders in our relationship with others. Jesus tells us that this Gift is the love between Him and the Father that comes to dwell within us. We then become capable of opening our hearts to our brothers and sisters, overcoming our rigidity, moving beyond our fear of those who are different, and mastering the passions that stir within. The Spirit also transforms those deeper, hidden dangers that disturb our relationships, like suspicion, prejudice or the desire to manipulate others.

Finally, the Spirit also opens borders between people. At Pentecost, the Apostles spoke the languages of those they met, and the confusion of Babel was finally resolved by the harmony brought about by the Spirit. Whenever God's "breath" unites our hearts and makes us view others as our brothers and sisters, differences no longer become an occasion for division and conflict but rather a shared patrimony from which we can all draw, and which sets us all on the journey together, in fraternity.

Brothers and sisters, Pentecost renews the Church and the world! May the strong wind of the Spirit come upon us and within us, open the borders of our hearts, grant us the grace of encounter with God, enlarge the horizons of our love and sustain our efforts to build a world in which peace reigns.

Fr. Marcin

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