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Seventh Sunday of Easter

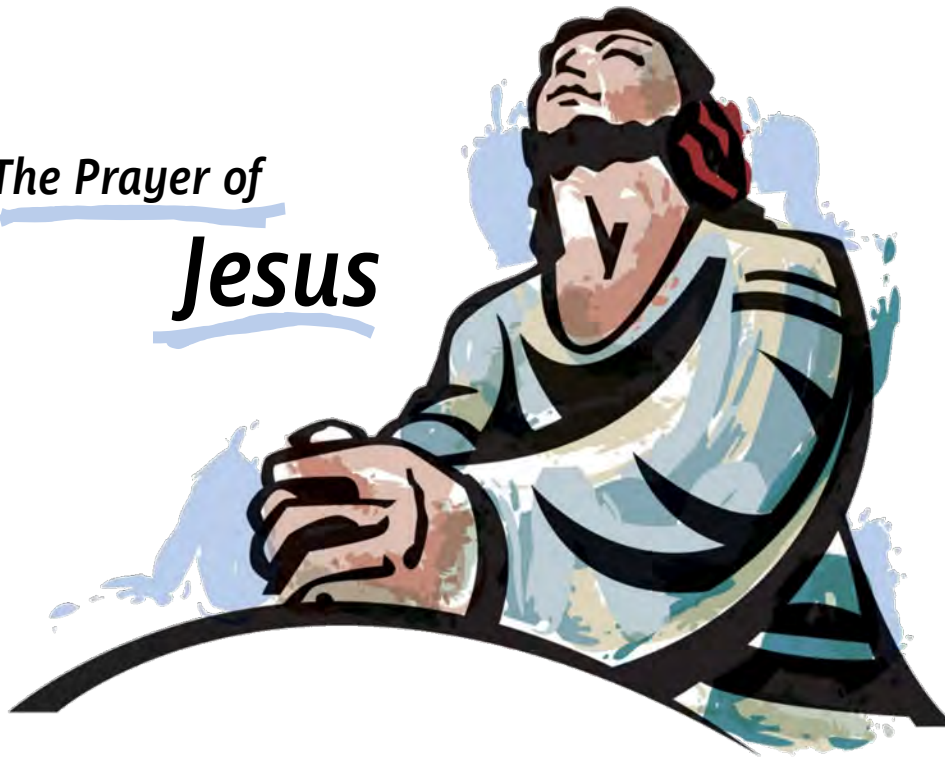
May 12, 2024



Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed saying: "Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are one. When I was with them I protected them in your name that you gave me, and I guarded them, and none of them was lost except the son of destruction, in order that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you. I speak this in the world so that they may share my joy completely. I gave them your word, and the

world hated them, because they do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. I do not ask that you take them out of the world but that you keep them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world. And I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may be consecrated in truth." — John 17:11-19

The Prayer of **Jesus**



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Saint Anastasia church

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Parish Mission Statement

To Proclaim the good news of Christ's love through our active involvement, as a Parish community, in works of Charity, Faith, Worship and Justice.

All are welcome!

NO MATTER what your present status is in the Catholic Church;
NO MATTER your family situation;
NO MATTER where you are in the practice of faith;
NO MATTER what your personal history, age, background;
NO MATTER what your self-image may be;
YOU are invited, welcomed, respected & loved at St. Anastasia

Parish Membership

All new families are welcome to the Parish and every family should be properly registered. Registration forms are available at the Rectory.

Use of the electronic giving (Faith Direct) or envelope system is required if statement of contribution is sought for tax purposes. All parishioners should use either one of the donation forms. If you move or change your address, please notify the Rectory by mail.

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms are celebrated on the third Saturday of the month (except on holidays) at 1:00 p.m.. No more than four families will be scheduled for a Baptism at one time. Please call the Rectory at 718-631-4454 or the Faith Formation Office at 718-225-5191. After the initial intake, you will be asked to go to the Rectory to pick up a checklist and handbook. You will also have to schedule a private class and will need a copy of your child's birth certificate.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Time available: Saturday 11 AM—3 PM and Sunday 2:30 PM—3 PM.
Couples must make arrangements six months prior to the selected date of their marriage and fully participate in the Pre-Cana program.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

It is the process for adults wishing to become Catholic, complete their sacramental initiation, or attain full membership in the Church. For further information, please contact Mrs. Rose Ruesing.

Liturgies

Weekend Masses

- 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass on Saturday
- Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 12 noon

Weekday Masses

- Monday thru Saturday at 8:30 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

- Saturdays from 4:00 - 4:30 PM in the Church

Holy Days and Special Liturgies

- Mass schedules for holy days are printed on Sundays before the feasts and solemnities occur. For advance information, please call the Rectory Office

Devotions

- Miraculous Medal Novena: Mondays after the 8:30 AM Daily Mass
- Rosary: Before the Daily Mass Monday - Saturday.

Reflections



Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network
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Pope's Prayer Intentions for May 2024:

For the Formation of Religious and Seminarians

We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

Reflection by James Kubicki SJ

A religious vocation, whether to the priesthood or consecrated life, is not a career, just as marriage is not a career. It's a call, the response to an inspiration from God. Yet, like a career, it involves education.

In 1990, Bishops from around the world met in a Synod to discuss the formation of priests. Afterwards, Pope St. John Paul II wrote the Apostolic Exhortation "Pastores Dabo Vobis," referring to Jeremiah 3: 15: "I will give you shepherds after my own heart."

In addition to academic and pastoral formation, priests and consecrated persons especially need spiritual and human formation. Their hearts, their deepest interiors from which flow their thoughts, words, and actions, must be conformed to be more like the Heart of Jesus which Pope Francis called "the greatest human expression of divine love." The way God chose to reveal his infinite love was through the human love of Jesus and the same will be true for today's priests and religious.

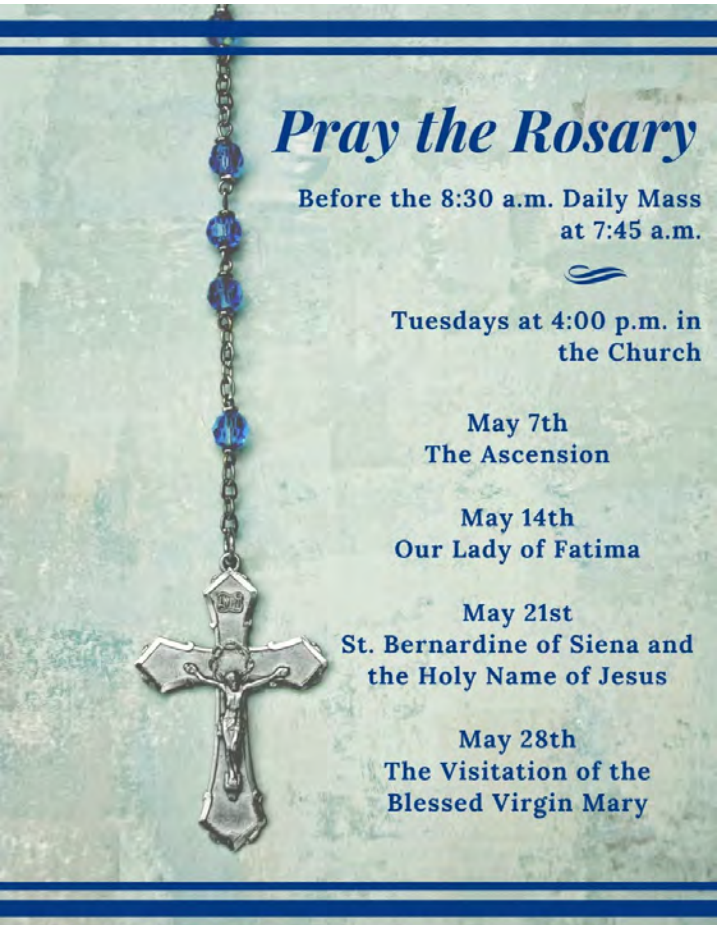
As Jesus called apostles and disciples to follow him and to form a community of love around him, so the spiritual and human formation of seminarians and religious is accomplished best in a community where individuals act against the individualism by learning to live in harmony, sacrificing personal interests for the common good.

This human, spiritual, and communitarian formation is so important that the United States Bishops have mandated an extra period of formation that precedes the academic and pastoral formation of seminarians.

Future Church leaders will be convincing witnesses to the extraordinarily Good News of God's love revealed in Jesus only in so far as their hearts become more like the Heart of Jesus, broken and pierced out of love for all God's children.

Fr. James Kubicki, SJ, serves as a spiritual director at St. Francis de Sales Seminary in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. He is a popular conference and parish mission speaker, retreat director, and the author of A Heart on Fire and A Year of Daily Offerings. Kubicki previously served as the national director of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network.

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Pray the Rosary

Before the 8:30 a.m. Daily Mass
at 7:45 a.m.

Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m. in
the Church

May 7th
The Ascension

May 14th
Our Lady of Fatima

May 21st
St. Bernardine of Siena and
the Holy Name of Jesus

May 28th
The Visitation of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

Music Ministry



Our handbells choir was so beautiful on Easter that we will play again on Pentecost Sunday, May 19 at the 10am Mass. we will have a brief practice on Sunday, May 12 immediately following the 10am Mass. New members welcome!





May 12, 2024

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11 | Eph 1:17-23 | Mk 16:15-20

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

It's easy for me to get impatient with the Lord – to wonder why he makes me wait for an answer to a prayer or, worse, why his answer may be no. However, when I look back at the lessons of the Bible, it becomes clear that God works on his timetable, not mine. That same message comes through in today's first reading. The apostles ask Jesus whether he will be restoring the kingdom to Israel, and he is clear in his answer: "It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority." And then, after saying this, he ascends to the Father. Forty days after his resurrection, Jesus has left his disciples again. But instead of leaving them to weep and mourn – as happened after his death – this time, our Lord left them with a mission. They were to "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature." They did, faithfully, and they traveled far and wide. Armed with the gift of the Holy Spirit which they received at Pentecost, they baptized countless people as they shared the Good News about Jesus and his gift of salvation.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

After Jesus gives the disciples the command to go out and preach the Gospel, he says that "whoever believes and is baptized will be saved." He offers salvation for those who believe in him. And he says that the disciples, and us, will be his witnesses in the world. Sacred tradition tells us that Andrew and Philip preached in Asia Minor while Bartholomew and Thomas spent time in India. Others are said to have gone to Palestine, Persia, and Ethiopia. All died a martyr's death – except John who had been entrusted with the care of our Blessed Mother. We are his witnesses today, and we are also commissioned to go into the world and proclaim the Gospel. Today, as we celebrate his ascension into heaven, let us allow ourselves a moment to gaze upward and behold Jesus' power and glory. Let the Ascension renew our commitment to do the work he has asked us to do, and remind us of his presence here with us in all that we do.

PRAY We know the mission Jesus has given us and we know we have the Holy Spirit to help us carry it out. For prayer this week, meditate on Paul's words to the Ephesians and ask the Lord for "a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him. May the eyes of [our] hearts be enlightened, that [we] may know what is the hope that belongs to his call."



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THURS, APRIL 25th at 5-7pm
SUN, APRIL 28th at 11am-2pm
ST. ANASTASIA PARISH CENTER
45-14 245TH ST, DOUGLASTON, NY 11362...
Additional registrations forms at St Anastasia Rectory
*** Preferred Contact**
CelebrateSummerSTA@gmail.com
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BIBLE STUDY

The Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary



Have you ever wanted to grow in your understanding and devotion to the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary?

Join Dr. Ben Akers and professors from the Augustine Institute Graduate School as they walk through these Biblical mysteries and seek to grow in understanding and love for Christ through them.

All are welcome to attend this five-week video series.
Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish Center at 7:00 PM

- APRIL 25: THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS
- MAY 2: THE ASCENSION OF JESUS
- MAY 9: PENTECOST
- MAY 16: THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY
- MAY 30: THE CORONATION OF MARY

Kindergarten Workshop!

for Parents and Their Future Kindergarteners

Discover the Journey of Student Progress!

Tuesday, May 21, 2024
Kindergarten Classrooms
Parents can choose either
Session I at 2:30 pm or Session II at 6:00 pm

Workshop Topics :

- Effective strategies for fostering reading readiness and math skills, building a strong foundation for academic growth.
- Gain insights into our comprehensive curriculum designed to support student development and success.
- Experience the excitement of STEM and enrichment education, enhancing students' learning experiences and encouraging curiosity.
- Learn about the crucial role of creating a nurturing environment where every child feels a sense of belonging and support.

Join us and bring your future kindergarteners to enjoy activities designed just for them.

For more information: contact Early Childhood Director,
Sylvia Roccia at 718.631.3153
or email sroccia@dwcaonline.org
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With Much Thanks and Many Blessings,
Jim Shea

Associated Vincentian Charities Car Program Coordinator

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Memorial Day

Little Neck, Douglaston, Hollis Hills Community
Interfaith Service
Monday, May 27th, 2024 at 10am



Hosted By:
St. Anastasia Church
45-14 245th St. Douglaston, NY 11362

Wreath Laying Ceremony

Immediately following the service, all are encouraged to attend the Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Veteran's Monument and Flag Pole at the edge of the St. Anastasia parking lot of the corner of Alameda Ave. and Northern Blvd.

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Join us for a

SWEET CELEBRATION

Let's indulge in a delightful ice cream extravaganza at this year's Little Neck-Douglaston Memorial Day Parade.



Date: Monday, May 27th

Time: 1:00-4:00pm

Location: 45-11 245th St, Douglaston, NY
(parking lot of Divine Wisdom school)

The community at the parade will receive complimentary ice cream courtesy of Daniel Gale Sotheby's International Realty.



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GOD BLESS OUR
FIRST
COMMUNICANTS

SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024



Parish Life



May Crowning May 5th, 2024

This past Sunday, May 5th, our Parish honored Mary.

At the 10am Mass, the First Communicants and their families were invited to come to Mass to crown Mary and bring her flowers.

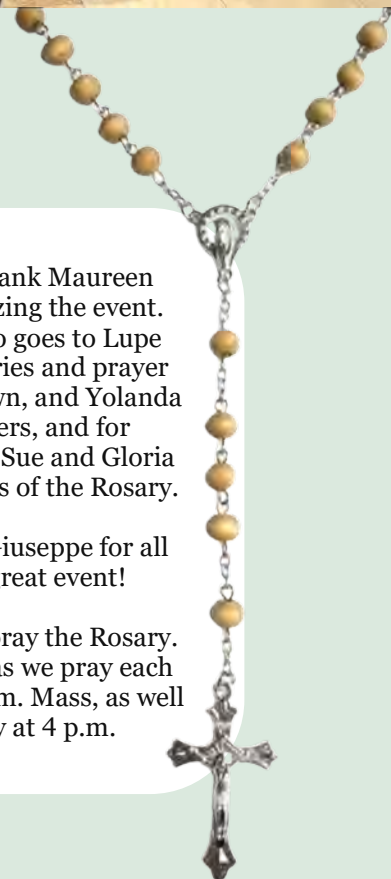
After the 12 noon Mass, parishioners gathered for the annual Rosary Rally in honor of Mary.



We would like to thank Maureen Ferguson for organizing the event. A special thanks also goes to Lupe for distributing rosaries and prayer cards, Domenica, Dawn, and Yolanda for donating flowers, and for Rosemary, Kathleen, Sue and Gloria for leading the prayers of the Rosary.

A special thanks to Giuseppe for all his help for this great event!

Please remember to pray the Rosary. You can also join us as we pray each day before the 8:30 a.m. Mass, as well as every Tuesday at 4 p.m.





Annual Catholic Appeal 2024

DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

Each year **Saint Anastasia** and the Diocese of Brooklyn engage in the **Annual Catholic Appeal** which supports Catholic programs throughout Brooklyn and Queens and affects the lives of countless individuals and families living in our neighborhoods in addition to benefiting our parish. The Annual Catholic Appeal makes possible those programs that no one parish could do alone.

Why is your participation important?

As followers of Jesus here at **Saint Anastasia**, we understand our responsibility to our parish implies a responsibility to the diocese which unites us together with the entire Catholic community as the one body of Christ.

When one part of the body does not participate, the entire body suffers and makes it harder to function. Likewise, your participation in this Appeal, over and above your regular Sunday offering, will determine the ability of **Saint Anastasia** to faithfully support the mission of Christ while also providing the needed support we receive as one parish, which is part of the larger Catholic Church.

Please join us to respond as the Church of Christ called to Communion, Participation & Mission in Brooklyn and Queens through a pledge to the **Annual Catholic Appeal** today at AnnualCatholicAppeal.org or text **DONATE** to 917-336-1255

The **Annual Catholic Appeal** seeks to raise a minimum of \$8 million to provide programs and ministries throughout the Diocese and support the local efforts of parishes like ours.

The goal for Saint Anastasia
\$107,734.

Once we exceed our goal, we will then receive 100% of all funds raised above this figure directly back to our parish.

For questions regarding the **Annual Catholic Appeal**, or to schedule an appointment to make a gift to the parish, please contact the Parish Office
718-631-4454

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Participation,
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Flushing, NY 11355
Phone: (718) 961-0295
8:00AM to 1:00PM

St Kevin RC Church
45-21 194th Street
Flushing, NY 11358
Phone: (718) 357-8888
2:00PM to 8:00PM

Saturday May 18th, 2024:

St Paul Chong Hasang RC Church
32-15 Parsons Blvd
Flushing, NY 11354
Phone: (718) 321-7676
8:00AM to 1:00PM

St. John Vianney RC Church
140-10 34th Ave
Flushing NY 11354
Phone: (718) 762-7920
2:00PM to 6:30PM

Sunday May 19th, 2024:

Sacred Heart RC Church
215-35 38th Avenue
Bayside, NY 11361
Phone: (718) 428-2200
8:00AM to 1:30PM

St Josaphat RC Church
34-32 210th Street
Flushing, NY 11361
Phone: (718) 229-1663
2:00PM to 8:00PM



For Parish schedule of their planned activities, please call the Parish or check their bulletins.

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Evenings for Prayer

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2024***Liturgical Prayer*

– Fr. Victor Hoagland, CP

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Seventh Sunday of Easter -- May 12, 2024

"Whoever drinks the water I shall give will never be thirsty." If you think the Lord may be inviting you to carry on His mission as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org

THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of May 12, 2024



Deuteronomy | Old Testament: Book Overviews | The Bible Project

Watch our overview video on the book of Deuteronomy, which breaks down the literary design of the book and its flow of thought. In Deuteronomy, Moses gives final words of wisdom and warning before the Israelites enter the promised land, challenging them to be faithful to God.



The Book Swap | Episode 1 | Benjamin Cello

It's time to read a book! Benjamin Cello, Annie Appleseed, and Miss Gretchen, the Music Teacher, go to the Bookendless Book Tower for a book swap party, hosted by Professor Wordsworth and the Bookworms. Along the way they explore classics of literature and the one Holy Book that stands above all others, the Book that can change your life forever.



Finding Fatima

Produced by the award-winning filmmakers of the highly acclaimed feature film *The 13th Day*, this powerful and in-depth documentary combines archival footage, dramatic reenactments, original interviews with Fatima experts, and stunning visuals to tell the whole story of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima.

Use "st. anastasia ny" to signup at formed.org



Love and Serve



Seventh Sunday of Easter

Today, on Mother's Day, we honor and celebrate our mothers. From the very moment of our birth, mothers nurture, teach, and protect us with wisdom and kindness. They are a constant source of guidance, leading us through life with unconditional and unwavering love and support. In St. Paul's letters, he tells people how his prayer for them is with joy and never ceases. Likewise, mothers pray unceasingly for their children.

Like the last two weeks, today's Gospel reading is taken from what is known as the Farewell Discourse, chapters 14-17 of St. John's Gospel. Jesus addressed His disciples after the Last Supper and before his arrest and crucifixion to prepare them for what was to come. Just as mothers prepare their children to go out into the world, in today's Gospel reading, Jesus prays for His disciples, asking God to prepare them for going into the world. He recognizes that the disciples will be in the world without Him and asks God to be united with them and to keep them from the evil one. He acknowledges that while the disciples are in the world, they do not belong to it. The readings offer a personal and intimate glimpse into Jesus' earthly life, His relationship with the Father, and His prayer life.

Many of us devotedly attend church, serve God faithfully, and share our faith by proclaiming the Gospel to others in words and deeds. Are we also growing our relationship with God or only staying busy serving Him? God desires to be with us always. "*Abide in Me, and I in you.*" (John 15:4). We need to tap more into the power of prayer. Here are some practical ways we can grow our prayer life:

- + Jesus prayed in public but often went away to pray alone. Find a quiet place where you can comfortably sit undistracted. Silence the phone, radio, and screens.
- + Pick a good time to pray when your attention is not diverted and you're not too tired. Begin and end every day in prayer.
- + Start by centering yourself. Repeat the Jesus Prayer multiple times to help still your mind: "*Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner.*"
- + Invite the Holy Spirit in. In the words of Saint Francis de Sales, "*Place yourself before God. Ask Him to inspire your heart.*"
- + Remember that the Holy Spirit is your Helper in life and prayer. "*In the same way, the Spirit too comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit itself intercedes with inexpressible groanings.*" (Romans 8:26).
- + Find prayers and devotions that speak to you and use them in your prayer time. Pray the Scriptures. Read a Chapter from Psalms or the Book of Wisdom. Meditate on the Word of God.
- + Listen for God's voice and words for you as you pray.

Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord.

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Bread & Wine Memorial

Dolores M. Murphy
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May 12 – 18, 2024

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions

May 2024

For the Formation of Religious and Seminarians

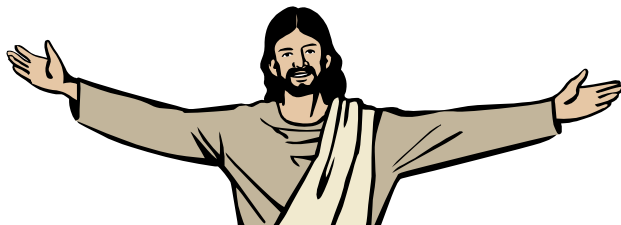
We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

Prayer Intentions

Please remember in prayers our brothers and sisters who have died.

Also remember the homebound, sick and those who have asked for our prayers:

Anthony Logerfo, Geraldine Armenio,
Ann Cavaseno, Alfina Manca, TJ McSherry,
Josephine Finocchiaro, Claire Levens, Fred Bedell,
John Dietzler, Carmela Digregorio, Eva Bedell,
Gregory Wiehl, and Jo Ann Ferrari.

**St Anastasia Parish Registration**

Visitors: Welcome!

Thank you for attending Mass with us today.

If you have not previously registered or are considering registering with our parish, please complete a **Parish Registration Form** located in the rear of the church then return it to the rectory.

Parish Family: Why Register?

If you have not already registered, it is important to do so. If and when you are asked to be a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation, you will need a letter from the parish. Letters cannot be given to those who are not registered parishioners. Please be sure to keep your information updated with the parish, especially with changes to address and phone number.

Mass Intentions

Sunday, May 12, 2024

Mother's Day - No Intentions

Mass at 5:00 p.m. Vigil,
8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 12:00 noon

Monday, May 13, 2024

8:30 a.m. Ann & Eugene Ferguson

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

8:30 a.m. Elizabeth Briguglio
Peter Real, Sr.

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

8:30 a.m. D'Souza & George Family
Christopher Wolfe

Thursday, May 16, 2024

8:30 a.m. Anne Sardelis
Daryl Neubecker

Friday, May 17, 2024

8:30 a.m. Bernadette Gambeski
Caroline & Joseph Scarapicchia

Saturday, May 18, 2024

8:30 a.m. Frank & Shirley Briguglio
Rita & Albert Guerra

Sunday, May 19, 2024

5:00 p.m. Vigil Arcangela Casagrande
John Cuniff

8:00 a.m. Robert Geiger

Noreen Niland (Living)

10:00 a.m. Rose Marie Pieper

Maryalis & Gerard Adams

12:00 noon People of St. Anastasia Parish



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