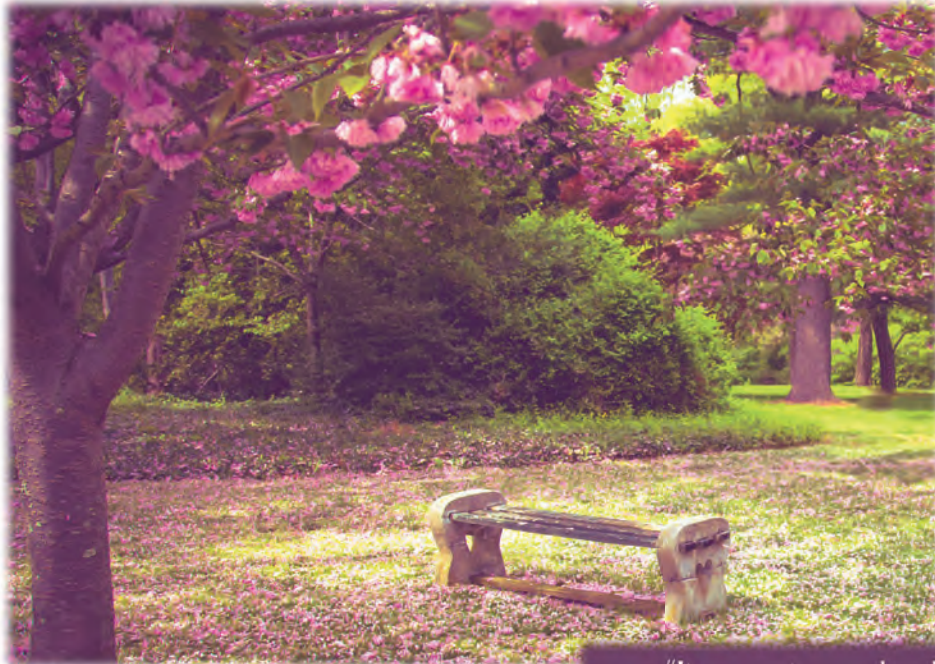


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May 9, 2021

6th Sunday
OF EASTER

"It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain." - Jn 15:16A

LOVE



Happy Mother's Day

"Love one another."

JOHN 15:17



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WEEKEND

Saturday/Sunday Vigil–4:30 p.m.
Sunday
8:00 a.m. / 10:00 a.m. / 11:30 a.m.

CONFESSION TIMES

By Appointment

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

CHURCH 31 Asbury Road Farmingdale
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Unless otherwise announced

WEEKDAY

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA Church
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Friday–9:00 a.m.

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY TO OUR BELOVED MOTHERS!

As your Pastor, I can't help but express my feelings as I had seen and experienced the overwhelming support of our parishioners when most of you stepped up to help with your treasure, time, skill, and talent. We have seen it time and time again, with the active participation and willingness to be an essential part of the parish community. The parish continues to be vibrant, thriving, warm, and welcoming because of our faithful people's kindness, generosity, and great spirit. Good things are happening since God is alive and within us to motivate, inspire and share what we have for the benefit and common good of the community. Coming from the bottom of my heart allows me to express my utmost gratitude and immense appreciation—many thanks.

Our Bishop David has received the message from the Metropolitan Archbishop, Cardinal Tobin, about the agreement of the Diocesan Bishops in the Province of Newark regarding the transfer of the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord from May 13, 2021, to Sunday, May 16, 2021, replacing the Seventh Sunday of Easter. This change, however, is only for the current year and will be evaluated at their meeting. Thursday, May 13, is now a weekday in the Sixth Week of Easter.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

On the site of a temple, two brothers once lived. The elder did not marry. The younger did and had three children. The brothers had nothing but a plot of land inherited from their father. They did not want to divide up the ground because they loved each other. Instead, they farmed it together, and when the harvest was over, they counted the sheaves and shared them equally.

One night, after the harvest, the elder brother lay down, but he could not sleep as a nagging thought disturbed him: "My brother has a wife and children to care for, while I am all alone. It isn't right that I should share equally with my brother." At midnight he got up, took some sheaves from his pile, and placed them on his brother's pile. Then he returned to his place and slept peacefully.

The same night, the younger brother was also unable to sleep. He thought, "My brother is all alone in the world. I have sons who will look after me when I am old. What will my brother do in his old age? It isn't fair of me to take an equal share of the produce of our field. So he took a few sheaves from his pile and placed them on his brother's pile.

In the morning, the brothers saw their piles were equal. Though they wondered about it, they did not say a word to each other. The same happened the next night. On the third night, as the brothers were carrying the sheaves to each other's piles, they met midway, recognized each other, and wept, for they realized what had been happening. They left their sheaves on the spot where they had met, and without a word, returned to their respective tents. God saw what the brothers had done, and he blessed the site where they met. Later, Solomon, King of Israel, built the temple on that very spot in Jerusalem.

Today's 2nd and 3rd readings have but one refrain: "Love one another." Why do Jesus and the beloved disciples of Jesus insist so much on love? Jesus is our best friend, and He wants us to have the best. And there is nothing more precious and excellent than love. Every human being desires fullness of life and joy. To be fully human and fully alive, to have absolute joy and zest in life is to know love for love is indispensable. So Jesus, who came so that we may have the fullness of life and joy, teaches us with His example what true love is and how to live well and honestly. Secondly, He commands us, almost pleads with us, to love one another as He has loved us.

As a human being, our success is to be measured by how well he/she loves. All else is mere chaff, perishable and fleeting. Love alone is enduring and eternal. Sooner or later, all of us will have to stand amid the debris and ruins of our life and assess our value and worth. Everything, except our acts of love, will collapse and crumble in the dust. Nothing can withstand the ravages of time, the vagaries of the future, and the fluctuations of value. The one, therefore, who has learned love well will have an inner strength to face God with a certain amount of serenity. The one who has failed to love has every reason to tremble. Denial of God and life after death is an attempt to escape such a painful predicament.

On the other hand, the one who has loved well will inevitably have fallen towards God. In loving well, we discover the Divine in ourselves and the other. Thus we discern the common ground of harmony that exists between us, others, and God. This triangular love affair lived with a passionate ardor that harnesses and fructifies all our human growth potential. This is what makes a person fully human and fully alive, fills one with joy, and enables one to take delight in the other, and the wholly Other, God. Hence, the insistence of Jesus the Master-psychologist, the Master of man, that we love one another as He loves us. Dear Lord, teach me to love others as You have loved us. Amen. May God bless you,

Father Angelito

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

"In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him." (Acts 10:34-35)

PSALM:

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power. (Ps 98) Or Alleluia.

SECOND READING:

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. (1 Jn 4:7)

GOSPEL:

"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." (Jn 15:12-13)

For Mass Intentions, Mass Cards and all Prayer Requests, please call the Parish Office.

"I remember my mother's prayers and they have always followed me. They have clung to me all my life."

—
Abraham Lincoln



From the first hour to the last, Jesus' life is enfolded in the nearness of his Mother.

—Romano Guardini

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REFLECT

FIRST READING

In the home of the Gentile-believer, Cornelius, Peter revealed one of the most significant insights from the early Church: "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality." Where do you see this message of unity needed today?

SECOND READING

John saw love at the very core of God's divine identity. In fact, for John, "God is love." For this reason, believers are called to love one another. How do you keep this virtue paramount in your life?

GOSPEL READING

During his farewell discourse, Jesus refers to his disciples as his "friends." How often do you think of Jesus as your "friend?"

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday · May 8

4:30 PM

† **John & Mary Kruse & daughter Maryann**

r/b June Hankel

Sunday · May 9

8:00 AM

† **Anthony Calandra**

r/b Lou & Marcia Ciccone

10:00 AM

† **Owen Thomas**

r/b Phyllis Hurley

11:30 AM

† **Ron Snyder**

r/b Ed & Maggie Lempka

Monday · May 10

9:00 AM

† **Angela Zigarelli**

r/b Aulisi Family

Tuesday · May 11

9:00 AM

† **For all our Faithful Departed**

Thursday · May 13

9:00 AM

† **George Casazza**

r/b Kay Hetherington & Laura Randazzo

Friday · May 14

9:00 AM

† **Dorothy Cherellia**

r/b Sardone Family



**Please pray for the sick,
the homebound and those
who have asked to
remember them in prayer.**

**Continually keep in prayer
all those who serve in our
Armed Forces and
all health care workers as
well as all priests of the
Diocese of Trenton.**



Mother's Day

Mass Remembrance

The names marked on the
back of the Mother's Day

Mass Remembrance

Envelope dated May 9th, will
be prayed for during the
Month of May.

"Holy Mary, Mother of
God, Pray for Us."

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 9, 2021

SUN 5/09	Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17
MON 5/10	Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 15:26—16:4a
TUE 5/11	Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [7c]/Jn 16:5-11
WED 5/12	Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15
THR 5/13	Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Jn 16:16-20 Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20
FRI 5/14	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8]/Jn 15:9-17
SAT 5/15	Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-10, 10 [8a]/Jn 16:23b-28
SUN 5/16	<i>Ascension:</i> Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20 <i>Seventh Sunday of Easter:</i> Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 [19a]/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 9, 2021

Sunday:	6th Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day
Monday:	St. Damien de Veuster, Priest
Wednesday:	Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr
Thursday:	The Ascension of the Lord [holy day in some U.S. dioceses]; Our Lady of Fatima
Friday:	St. Matthias, Apostle
Saturday:	St. Isidore; Armed Forces Day
Next Sunday:	The Ascension of the Lord; 7th Sunday of Easter; World Communications Day

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

God is love. These three simple words deserve a great deal of attention. They have the power to transform our relationship with God from something that is static and distant to one that is personal and real. We all know the power of love and how important it is to completing all of the human and divine circuits of our lives. But we do not often consider the awesome fact that it is given to us as a gift and is not simply part and parcel of the human package. God is the author of love and love itself. When we truly love another human being, it is really God being God in and through us. The love to which we are called and the love of which the Gospel speaks is a selfless love that seeks the wellbeing of not only our significant others but of all of our brothers and sisters. This love, which is of God, is a love that will endure all things and bring immeasurable joy when experienced. It is the most sincere form of friendship.



Love
one
another

— JOHN 15:17 —

May 9, 2021

PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

Heavenly Father,
from the beginning you have chosen to
entrust

the human person to mothers in a
special way.

We thank and praise you for the gift of
mothers;

for their tenderness, care, and
compassion,

for their intuition and encouragement,
for commitment and sacrifice.

Bless all mothers this day.

Keep, strengthen, and refresh them
in your loving care.

May they be blessed by our
open-hearted

love and gratitude.

Amen.

NJ BISHOPS TRANSFER
FEAST OF THE ASCENSION
CELEBRATION DATE



The celebration of the Solemn Feast of the **Ascension** of the Lord has been transferred by the bishops of New Jersey from Thursday, May 13, to Sunday, May 16, 2021, for this year only.

The **Ascension** of the Lord occurred 40 days after Easter, when Jesus, in the sight of his Apostles, ascended bodily into heaven to sit at the right hand of his father.

The **Ascension** is narrated in Mark 16:19 and in the first chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, which has a detailed account of Jesus' farewell to his apostles.



Requirements to Obtain a Sponsor Certificate/ Letters of Eligibility

The godparents, together with the parents, must be willing to help the baptized grow in love for Christ and neighbor. By word and example, the godparents will encourage the candidate to live the Christian life and fulfill faithfully the obligations connected with it (cf. Code of Canon Law, c. 872-874).

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- A sponsor must be at least 16 years of age.
- A sponsor attends Mass faithfully participating in the life and support of the Church, receiving the Eucharist, and leading a life according to the teachings of the Church.

A sponsor must be registered at St. Catherine of Siena Parish and registered for at least six (6) months prior to the request.

Note, if he/she received all his/her sacraments here at St. Catherine of Siena Parish years ago but now lives elsewhere, he/she is not a member of this parish. Rather, he/she is a member of the parish in whose territory he/she resides. This is where the sponsor certificate must be obtained.

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Matrimony

Engaged Couples should contact our parish at least one year in advance of the proposed date of marriage and before making other arrangements.

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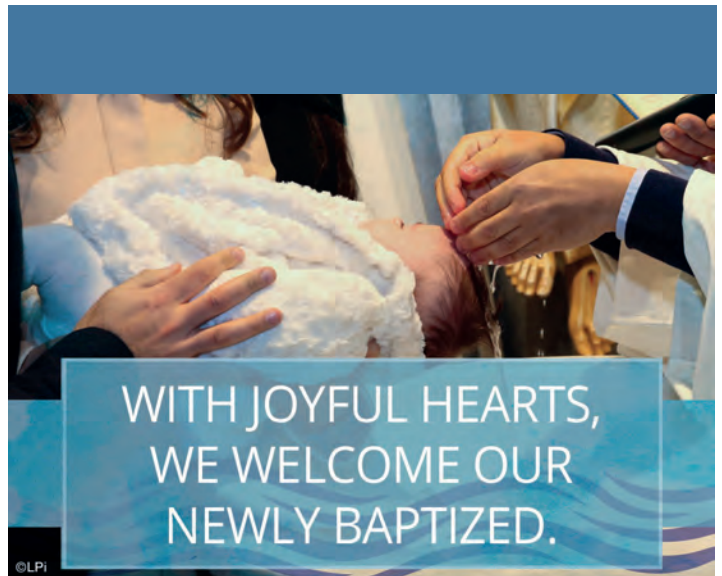
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If you are new to the area and have questions regarding Parish Registration, please call the Parish Office.



Penelope Marie Maslanek

*We ask God's blessings on this
child and the family
every day of their lives!*





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we can do great things."

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta



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