

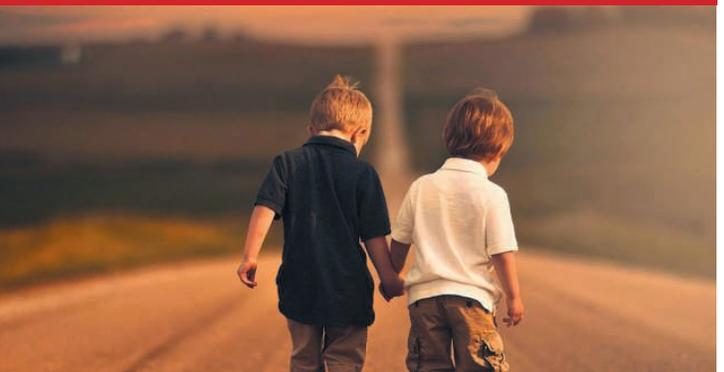
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that you are my disciples,



if you have love



for one another.”



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Mother's Day

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 8th. All Masses on Mother's Day have been set aside and are offered as a Novena of Thanksgiving for our living and deceased Mothers.

In Celebration of Mother's Day, flowers will be added to Saint Anne's altar.

Please be sure to fill out your Mother's Day Remembrance Envelopes. These will be placed on the altar on Mother's Day.

Weekly Planner

SUNDAY 4/24 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

10:00 AM CCD Mass Church

MONDAY 4/25

1:00 PM-3:00 PM St. Anne Seniors Cent Hall
3:30 PM-4:30 PM Legion of Mary Convent
6:00 PM-8:00 PM Brownie Mtg Cent Hall

TUESDAY 4/26

12:15 PM Bingo Cent Hall
4:00 PM First Communion Practice Church
7:00 PM-8:00 PM Nelson Ave Block Assoc. Cent Hall

WEDNESDAY 4/27

THURSDAY 4/28

9:30 AM-10:30 AM Holy Hour for Priests Church

FRIDAY 4/29

12:15 PM Bingo Cent Hall

SATURDAY 4/30

4:00 PM Baptism Instruction Church

SUNDAY 5/1 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

10:00 AM Baptism Church
12:00 Noon CCD Mass Church
12:00 Noon First Holy Communion Day Church
12:00 Noon MAY CROWNING Church/Cent Hall

Stewardship Report

Last Sunday's Collection: (April 17, 2016)

5.30 PM	\$649	10 AM	\$945
7 PM	\$118	12 PM	\$1,043
8 AM	\$553	Total	\$3,308

We are grateful for your contribution!

How much should I give in the collection basket each Sunday?

We ask each person working in the household to gift one hour's wage to the parish every week.

How much is one hour? Below you can find the recommended contribution based on your annual combined income:

Annual combined income	Hourly Wage (Recommended weekly donation)	Annual combined income	Hourly Wage (Recommended weekly donation)
\$75,000	\$38	\$30,000	\$15
\$50,000	\$25	\$25,000	\$12
\$40,000	\$20	\$20,000	\$10

Mass Intentions • April 25th — May 1st 2016

Monday, April 25

9 AM † Sr Mansueta Dolalas *Celia & Danny Morales*

Tuesday, April 26

9 AM † Andres Perez Solano *Carroll Family*

Wednesday, April 27

9 AM † Debbie Bari *Lina Tango*

7 PM Special Intention *OL Perpetual Help Group*

Thursday, April 28

9 AM † Christina Burke

Friday, April 29

9 AM † Dolores McNamara *Linda & John Norton*

Saturday, April 30

9 AM † Jennie Aielli *Claire Seborowski*
5:30 PM † Santa Pisani *Debbie & Denise*
7:00 PM † Silvia Denaranjo *Marquez Family*

Sunday, May 1

8 AM Novena
10 AM † Christina Burke
12 PM For All Children of First Holy Communion

Sanctuary Gifts • April 24th — 30th, 2016

Gift	In memory of	Requested By
Altar Wine	Rena Calvano	Cookie Calvano
Altar Bread	Christina Burke	Parish Intention
Sanct. Lamp	DJ Wise	
Altar Candles	Carol Savulich	Parish Intention

Sick List

Let us pray for the sick (People will remain on sick list for 2 weeks unless otherwise notified): Doreen Busacca • Kathleen Link • Orlando Basile • Marie Carlson • John Norton • Patricia Kucinski • Frank McNamara • Jennifer O'Connor • Donna Tuzzo • Matt Bolger • Lawrence Shin • Lupe Pena • Frances Kearns • Josephine Cermak Rowan • Steve & Rachel Mastin • Diane Shea • Joseph Callandrillo • Humberto Quintana • Julia Annicchiarico • Javier Vega • Jennifer Moloughney • Antoinette Maddi • Carol Jordan • Anthony Biggio • Sammy DeLeon • Shane Quinn • Alice Daly • Sadie Krieger • Dolores DelMonte • Dianne O'Sullivan • Carl Carlson • Larry Bello • Miyuki Campbell • Diane Albert • Meghan Connaughton

Ministry to the Sick

We hope to give to all the sick and aged in our parish the opportunity to receive the Eucharist. If you or someone you know can no longer get to church, and would like a Eucharistic Minister to bring you Communion, please call **St. Anne's Rectory at 201-360-0838** or email: info@sahjerseycity.com

Family Faith Formation

Please contact Rectory for more information. Please follow the Twitter channels of the parish:

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 sah_venture Faith Formation Grade 4—6
 sah_visions Faith Formation Grade 7—8

Family Faith Formation Registration:
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SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND ADDRESSING ABUSE: *The Archdiocese Addresses Victims' Concerns*

The Archdiocese takes very seriously the needs of victims who approach the Church seeking healing from abuse. In addition to offering counseling and other support services, in appropriate cases, the Archdiocese provides reasonable compensation to those victims seeking a financial settlement of their civil claim, even after the statute of limitations has lapsed. Settlements are not confidential unless requested by the victim, and may include funding for continued psychological counseling. The Archdiocese's general liability insurance coverage is the sole source of funds used to pay abuse settlements. Although the Archdiocese, parishes and schools pay premiums to purchase insurance, no parish or school assets, Archdiocesan assets or Annual Appeal or other fundraising collections are used to pay civil claims related to abuse cases.

Baptism Information

Families are asked to please contact the Rectory for further information on preparing for the sacrament of Baptism.

Sacrament of Matrimony

In accordance with archdiocesan policy, couples contemplating marriage are asked to begin the sacramental preparation program at least one year in advance of the wedding date. Please contact the Rectory for further information.

April Prayer Intentions of the Holy Father

Universal: *Small Farmers* That small farmers may receive a just reward for their precious labor.

Evangelization: *African Christians* That Christians in Africa may give witness to love and faith in Jesus Christ amid political-religious conflicts.

Sunday Readings

First Reading: **ACTS 14:21-27**
Psalm: **PS 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13**
Second Reading: **REV 21:1-5A**
Gospel: **JN 13:31-33A, 34-35**

Weekday Readings

Mon Feast of Saint Mark, Evangelist

1 PT 5:5B-14 / PS 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17 / MK 16:15-20

Tue ACTS 14:19-28 / PS 145:10-11, 12-13AB, 21 / JN 14:27-31A

Wed ACTS 15:1-6 / PS 122:1-2, 3-4AB, 4CD-5 / JN 15:1-8

Thu ACTS 15:7-21 / PS 96:1-2A, 2B-3, 10 / JN 15:9-11

Fri Memorial of Saint Catherine of Siena

ACTS 15:22-31 / PS 57:8-9, 10 AND 12 / JN 15:12-17

Sat ACTS 16:1-10 / PS 100:1B-2, 3, 5 / JN 15:18-21

OUR PARISH

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Behind True Love is Sacrifice

Today's Gospel again comes from the Gospel of John. Like last week, today we hear words spoken by Jesus before his death and Resurrection. Jesus is teaching at the Last Supper.

John's Gospel does not include an institution of the Eucharist narrative; instead, Jesus washes his disciples' feet. Immediately after, Jesus predicts his betrayal by Judas. Today's Gospel follows that prediction. It can be read as a continuing explanation of Jesus' act of washing his disciples' feet. It begins with the announcement that this is the moment when the Son of Man will be glorified. This theme continues throughout John's Passion. Jesus will be glorified in his death on the cross and in his Resurrection, and the disciples will glorify Jesus in the love they show.

What is Love – Seasoned Feelings

Ask any teenager or senior citizen, "What is love?" and their answers reflect a similar influence. Love involves feelings -- romanticized by music, literature, and media. We all yearn to recreate that intimacy based on what seems so ideal. Our deepest longings shape what defines love — fervor (passionate), flawless (perfect), and fulfillment (joy).

When we express love, we develop a strong emotional attachment, anticipating our love to be returned. What do I receive out of the relationship?

What's my level of contentment? Our feelings focus upon discovering that one individual who satisfies all our heart's desires. Sadly, what nourished and warmed our love for one season often withers and grows cold. *The course of true love never did run smooth.*

What is Love – The Cost of Giving

What is love if not costly? Real love demands sacrifice that can't be found in self-centeredness. You can give without loving, but you can never love without giving. Sacrificial love requires that we give what we value most: our hearts, minds, souls, and strength. Real love does not always follow our natural inclinations; it is not an impulse from feelings.

Love can only be understood from the actions it prompts. When we bear with the failings and weaknesses of others, divine love reveals itself (EPHESIANS 4:2). At all costs, this love compels us to give so that we alleviate the suffering of others. Instead of seeking to fulfill our emotional and physical needs (receiving), we humbly give of ourselves (1 PETER 3:8-9).

What is Love – God's Nature

In a response to, "What is Love?" it is erroneous to say "love is God." God created love, not the reverse. He deliberately chose to express His love to us — revealing the very nature of God Himself.

God Is Sacrificial — God initiated an eternal love relationship with us before we loved Him (1 JOHN 4:10).

God Is Merciful — God extended the wealth of His kindness even when we were undeserving of His love (EPHESIANS 2:4-5).

God Is Faithful — Even in the most extreme circumstances, God's love for us remains secure (ROMANS 8:35, 38-39).

God did not need to create the universe. He made that choice as an expression of His ultimate love for us. Then God created us a certain way — to experience all that perfect love was meant to be (SONG OF SONGS 4:9-10; 8:6; 1 JOHN 4:7-12).

Today's Gospel does not present a sentimental view of love. This is a type of love that is shown in service and sacrifice. It is difficult to choose to love when faced with hatred and anger. Jesus tells the disciples that all will know that they are his disciples because of the love they show for one another. This description of the early Christian community will be repeated in the Acts of the Apostles: *See how they love one another.* Christian love is the hallmark of Christianity. We see it lived in the witness of the martyrs. We see it in the example of the lives of the saints. We see it in the holy women and men who live and love daily, making small and large sacrifices for others.

Parish Access Center Assistance Funds

The Parish Access Center (PAC) still has funds available from Hudson County to help people in imminent danger of becoming homeless with back rent and security deposit. The program was designed to help families with children (17 and under) who work (not under public benefits although food stamps recipients are eligible). In addition, PAC still has funds to help "Hurricane Sandy" victims if they were approved by FEMA and received money at that time. The program was designed to help people that were affected by the storm in October 2012. *If you are, or if you know someone in need, call 201-798-9960 for further information.*

Thank You!

The Holy Name Society and the Basile Family would like to thank all who attended and/or contributed to the April 2nd Beefsteak Dinner Fundraiser. The event was a great success; your kindness is much appreciated.

SPEAKING OF TRUE LOVE...

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Michael Van Riper!



OUR CHURCH

Laudato Si'

Laudato Si' will be offered on May 14, 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM, at Benedictine Sisters, Elizabeth. Join us in reflecting on the major themes of Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'* — *Care for Our Common Home* to find practical ways to respond. *Saturday only: \$35 Lunch included. Open to all.*

Retreats

Weekend May 13-15 - Women only. \$135. Registration required. *Contact Sr Marita at 908-353-3028.*

Monastic Live-In: July 8-15 Looking for peace and balance in life? Benedictine Sisters of Saint Walburga Monastery in Elizabeth invite Catholic women over 18 to live, work, and pray with the monastic community for a week beginning Friday, July 8, 2016. Week: \$200. *For information and registration, call Sr. Mariette Thérèse 908-352-4278 X274 srmariette@aol.com.*

Vocation Discernment Retreat Is God seeking you to journey with Him in a religious community? Come listen to His call at a Vocation Discernment Retreat with the Benedictine Sisters of Elizabeth, NJ. July 22-24, 2016. *For info contact Sr Mariette Thérèse 908-352-4278 X274 or srmariette@aol.com.*

St Dominic Academy

Saint Dominic Academy, Jersey City will host its spring Open House for grades 7-12 on Tuesday, May 3, 2016 from 6:00-8:00 pm. The event will feature club and athletic demonstrations, presentations by academic departments and the administration, tours of the school and complete information about the application process. Information on the Saint Dominic Academy Summer Rising Leaders Program for girls entering fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grade can be found on the Academy's website. The deadline to register for the summer program is May 20, 2016. *Questions can be directed at any time to Andrea Apruzzese, Director of Saint Dominic Academy Admissions at 201-434-5938, ext. 14 or aapruzzese@st-dominicacad.com Saint Dominic Academy is located at 2572 Kennedy Blvd, Jersey City and has been empowering young women for leadership since 1878.*

Inner-City Children

The Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children Annual Gala will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at The Park Savoy in Florham Park. This year's honorees are Angelo Genova, Chairman of Genova Burns Law Firm and Chris Canty, NFL Player and Super Bowl XLVI Champion with NY Giants. Proceeds from the dinner will provide partial-tuition scholarships to low income students, in grades K-12, attending Catholic Schools in Bergen, Essex, Hudson and Union Counties. *For more information about the dinner, to order tickets or place a journal ad, please visit www.sficnj.org or call SFIC at 973-497-4278.*

IHA Open House

Immaculate Heart Academy will be hosting a Spring Open House on Thursday, April 28 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Join us to learn about our outstanding school, curriculum, and IHA's artistic, athletic and extracurricular programs. Members of our administration, faculty and coaching staff will be on hand to answer questions. Online preregistration is requested at www.ihanj.com. *Call 201-445-6800 for more information. IHA is located at 500 Van Emburgh Ave. Township of Washington.*

Marist HS Open house

Marist High School, Bayonne, is hosting an Open House on Wednesday, May 11 from 7:00pm – 9:00 pm. Informal presentations and tours will be available. *For more information please visit marist.org or contact Barbara Verdonck at 201-437-4545 X225.*

A Retreat For Serious Illness

GENNESARET, a retreat designed to provide a spiritual and temporal oasis for men and women suffering with a life changing illness, will be held the weekend of **May 20, 21, 22 18 2016** at the Archdiocesan Retreat Center, located in Kearny. The retreat will begin Friday at 2:15PM and end with a closing Prayer Service Sunday at 1:30 PM. There is no cost to you for the retreat. *For further information contact: Hilare Reinold 732-566-7237 — Peggy Walsh 908-499-7667 — Maire Merritt 732-670-5980 — Linda Capobianco 732-608-7277*

APRIL IS AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

A Family's Story



By **JOSEPH TROZZO**

As the father of a child with autism, I know firsthand the trials and challenges in providing care and spiritual guidance for a special needs child. My son, Julian, now 11 years old, was diagnosed with autism at 18 months. Many things changed that day for me, my wife Nancy and Julian's older sister Sophia. During this difficult time, our faith was challenged; however, our commitment to attend Sunday Mass each week gave our family the graces we needed to endure a difficult time in our family life. We faced many challenges when bringing our beautiful boy to Mass. Unfortunately, many are unable to empathize with the complexities of caring for with individuals who are on the spectrum of autism. With 1 in every 48 children being diagnosed with autism, this has become an epidemic and one that must be taken very seriously.

Families raising a child with autism require love, support and guidance. Most importantly, they want to feel a sense of acceptance within their faith community. Having individuals with special needs attend Mass benefits the individual, their family and the

wider faith community, as we celebrate human dignity and the beauty of all human life. People with special needs remind us that all are welcome to celebrate the Good News. In November 2014, Nancy and I had the pleasure of attending the 29th Pontifical Council for Health Care Workers in Rome which focused on the theme, *The Person with Autism Spectrum Disorders: Animating Hope*. This gathering aimed to bring awareness of autism to the world. The experience was outstanding. Pope Francis made an appearance and celebrated a special Mass with the participants. It was a very moving and surreal experience. Much scientific information was gathered and compiled into a booklet for further review.

Returning from the conference, I was convicted that we must work together as a community of faith, to welcome all families at Mass. This is the best place for them to receive comfort and share in the beauty and graces present in the Eucharist.

If your family has an autistic child or if you would like to know more about inclusiveness during Mass, please contact our pastoral team.

Help for Ecuador



By **DR. CAROLYN Y. WOO**
PRESIDENT & CEO CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

On April 16, 2016, a 7.8-magnitude earthquake hit Ecuador, killing at least 350 people, a number that is expected to rise as first responders reach the affected area.

Hundreds more have been injured and there are reports of widespread damage to buildings, roads and other infrastructure.

Esmeraldas and Manabí, two of the hardest hit areas, have received substantial rainfall recently, making them prone to potential landslides and complicating access. "Some of the poorest provinces are located near the coast and we expect thousands of people to need immediate help," said Tom Hollywood, CRS' Representative for South America.

Your donation will help us to provide critical supplies for families left homeless by the quake: tarps and other emergency shelter materials, means for clean water, hygiene and sanitation. Water, food and emergency shelter will be the biggest needs in the coming days.

The people of Ecuador urgently need your help. Your donation will help CRS respond immediately to families affected by this disaster.

Give now to respond to the needs of survivors in Ecuador. Thank you for your prayers and your generous support.

You can donate at tiny.cc/helpecuador

Pilgrimage sponsored by Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

Catholic Pilgrimage to Fatima/Lourdes and Paris, September 12 – 22, 2016; Daily Mass, Breakfast and Dinner Daily. Air from NY JFK. For a flyer of more info, call Cathie or Mike Milano at 1-800-773-2660



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Exams Prayer

Lord Jesus, for me and all my fellow students, may we have Your help today and all the days of these exams. May I be assured of Your friendship and the friendship of all who wish me well. Just give me a clear mind, a

reassurance that the work I've done will be enough and that I can believe in myself and my ability. If, for a moment, that belief should fail, may I depend on those I know who are praying for me. Amen

Novena of Masses For Month of May 2016

Requested for
 † Michele Fusco
 Honor of Holy Rosary
 † Eugene Salati
 † Emily Infante
 † Carole Kellett

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† Roy Maglori
 † Stella Rzeplinski
 † Stella Rzeplinski
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 † Carmela Giangola

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 Eugene Salati & Family
 Casey Gelcich
 & Nancy Salati-Gelcich
 AnnaRose Smith & Family
 Debby & John Faherty

ST. ANNE'S FESTIVAL MEETINGS

St. Anne's Festival will take place July 22,23,24, 2016! Licenses are being processed; festival meetings will take place in Centennial Hall on Tuesday evening at 7:00 PM and will be held on the following Tuesdays: May 10, June 14, June 28, July 5,12, 19. Anyone interested in participating with the Festival, please attend the meetings.



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