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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 3, 2015

Welcome our Newly Confirmed!

The Newly Confirmed Young Adults

<i>Phil Amiths</i>	<i>Christopher Devito</i>	<i>Meghan Mackle</i>	<i>James Quinn</i>
<i>Dylan Anderson</i>	<i>Anthony Fiala</i>	<i>Jessica Marx</i>	<i>Christopher Rodriguez</i>
<i>Alexa Rae Arcuti</i>	<i>Wesley Gardner</i>	<i>John McAloon</i>	<i>Noah Roselli</i>
<i>Jordan Cacio</i>	<i>Daniel Gizzo</i>	<i>Cullen McCormack</i>	<i>Christian Rovito</i>
<i>Daniel Caraballo</i>	<i>John Halligan</i>	<i>Ellie McCreesh</i>	<i>Brian Savage</i>
<i>Kyle Conca</i>	<i>Nicholas Harabedian</i>	<i>Alexia Morgan</i>	<i>Saira Somnay</i>
<i>Hailey Conklin</i>	<i>Lauren Holden</i>	<i>Dillon Muratovic</i>	<i>Emily Soto</i>
<i>Isabella Costa</i>	<i>Dennis Kirby</i>	<i>Corey Panzer</i>	<i>Leigha Stuiso</i>
<i>Joseph D'Alessio</i>	<i>Thomas Lees</i>	<i>Michael Paoello</i>	<i>Daniella Swan</i>
<i>Samantha Da Costa Lobo</i>	<i>James Lemma</i>	<i>Alyssa Perez</i>	<i>Brian Tulud</i>
<i>Frank DeMaio</i>	<i>Devin Lemongello</i>	<i>Scott Pfefferle</i>	<i>Sabrina Vasquez</i>
<i>Erik DeOliveira</i>	<i>Francesca Lentini</i>	<i>Megan Proctor</i>	<i>Taylor Waddleton</i>
<i>Sean Devine</i>	<i>Maria Lopomo</i>	<i>Sean Proctor</i>	<i>Kenneth Yanes</i>

The Newly Confirmed Adults

<i>Dennis Caporaso</i>	<i>Rachel Porcaro</i>	<i>Nicholas Reda</i>
<i>Karlo Josue Sandi Jimenez</i>	<i>Francisco Rabelo</i>	<i>Ivan Rivera</i>
<i>Emily Ann Pepe</i>	<i>Traida Rabelo</i>	

Weekly Mass Schedule

Unless otherwise noted, all weekday Masses will be held in the Parish Center Chapel

Saturday, May 2

5:30 PM Intentions of Confirmandi

Sunday, May 3

7:30 AM Intentions of Vincent DePaul, Jr.
(Birthday)

9:00 AM Paul P. Caffrey †

10:30 AM George and Dolly Berbary †

12:00 PM The Families of the Confirmation Recipients

Monday, May 4

7:30 AM James J. Orlando †

12:10 PM Joanne Stile †

Tuesday, May 5

7:30 AM Michael Sancilio †

12:10 PM Rev. Gerard Lombardo †

Wednesday, May 6

7:30 AM Intentions of Jennie Cappello
(Birthday)

12:10 PM Nancy Aversano †

Thursday, May 7

7:30 AM John Kenney †

12:10 PM Elizabeth and William Cox †

Friday, May 8

7:30 AM Andy and Marion King †

12:10 PM Thomas Lavin †

Saturday, May 9

8:00 AM Rev. Thomas McLaughlin †

5:30 PM George and Mary Kuruc †

Sunday, May 10

7:30 AM For all Mothers

9:00 AM For all Mothers

10:30 AM For all Mothers

12:00 PM For all Mothers

National Day of Prayer – May 7th

Thursday, May 7th is the National Day of Prayer. People of all faiths are invited to spend some special time in prayer for our world, our country, and our leaders. The Nutley Clergy Fellowship will hold a short prayer service at 12 NOON at the flagpole in front of Nutley Town Hall. All are invited. Whether it is here or at home or any place you find some time, let us lift our prayers to God for our communities, our country, and our world.

Hosts for each Mass have been donated by the
Rosary Society



Chapel Lamp in Memory of
Helen Nicole †



RCIA



Adults who wish to receive Baptism, First Communion or Confirmation should call the Religious Education office (973-667-8239) or see Fr. Trinidad for information. The RCIA program helps those who may want to become a practicing Catholic or return to practicing the Faith.

Save the Date

Fr. Tom Nicastro

celebrates his

25th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood

Saturday, May 30th at 5:30 PM

Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving

followed by a

Reception in Msgr. Walsh Hall

Congratulations

St. Mary's Knights of Columbus #2346 is pleased to announce:

Jessica Caraballo is the 2nd place statewide winner in the Knights of Columbus 2015 - Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest, Ages 11-14.

Our Council and St. Mary's Parish Community congratulate you!

Church Office Open to Serve YOU!

In case you are not aware...in the back of the Church we have an office! Liz is able to help you register as a parishioner and set you up if you would like envelopes! Also, she has the mass book available for you to be able to schedule a mass for a family member. This is a beautiful way to remember a loved one or celebrate a special occasion. The office is open Saturdays 2:30 PM to 6:30 PM and Sundays 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM. Please let Liz know how we can help you!

On May 17, 2015 at 4:00 PM St. Mary's Church, in partnership with the Nutley Department of Public Affairs, will be holding the second annual

Service for Military Veterans

The service will last approximately 30 minutes. Please join us and show your support for Nutley's veterans. This would be a great way for the families of veterans to celebrate the holiday.



St. Mary's Care Kitchen Team

St. Mary's Care Kitchen Team is gearing up to host the community care kitchen at Vincent United Methodist Church on Saturday May 23rd. We are considering the idea of creating a Memorial Day barbecue. If you would like to be part of the team that day or are able to obtain donations of food items prior to the event please contact Tish Palumbo at tish_palumbo@hotmail.com or call the parish center.

SUPER 50-50

The prize is currently at \$10,500!

Super 50-50 Tickets

Super 50-50 raffle books will be available after every Mass in the Vestibule through May 31st.

Need a Sacrament? Confirmation? First Communion? Do you want to become Catholic? If so, RCIA is for you. Begins Fall 2015. Sign-up Now!

What is RCIA?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a restoration of an ancient process for incorporating unbaptized persons into Jesus Christ through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. The process was restored after the Second Vatican Council, but did not become widely available in the United States until late in the 1980s. The local Catholic bishop determines how RCIA will be administered in the parishes under his care.

Who needs to attend RCIA?

People who have not received the sacrament of Baptism must attend RCIA for an extended period — ideally, a year. The length of the process depends greatly on your readiness for the reception of the Sacraments.

What's the cutoff date for joining RCIA?

Currently, RCIA starts in September and runs through the Easter Season. Unbaptized persons who have had no previous religious instruction should join as early as possible, and are encouraged to take more than the standard period. If such people join late, they may be asked to wait until Easter of the following year. For other people, the "cutoff date" depends on your faith level and readiness to receive the sacraments. Please talk to the RCIA director.

When do you meet?

RCIA at Saint Mary's is flexible to meet the needs of our parishioners. As a general practice, unbaptized attend the beginning of the Noon Mass together, and then are dismissed immediately after the homily. Baptized attend Monday evening sessions from 7:00pm to 8:30pm twice a month.

My schedule doesn't permit me to attend your sessions. What should I do?

There are a couple of options. We may be able to arrange catechesis in a private setting with a qualified parishioner. Also, other parishes meet at different times, and you may prefer to attend one of them. We can provide information on when and where other parishes in the area offer instruction.

How old should a person be to attend RCIA?

Technically, old enough to understand what is being taught. For children of catechetical age (ages 7 to 14), we can provide catechists for their grade level. Older teens (age 15 or above) would join the adult group if they're able.

What texts do you use and how do I get them?

We use the Scriptures, the Catechism of the Catholic Church and the Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. If you have a Bible of your own, please bring it. We would like you to own a Catholic edition of Scripture, so we will provide it. We also provide the Catechism. Both are free of charge. The Compendium will be available for those who request it. We provide other materials — a syllabus of subjects covered, handouts, and occasionally printed materials, as well. We also provide a notebook for your handouts.

Pope Francis announces a Holy Year of Mercy!

In the words of Pope Francis:

Dear brothers and sisters, I have often thought of how the Church may render more clear her mission to be a witness to mercy; and we have to make this journey. It is a journey, which begins with spiritual conversion. Therefore, I have decided to announce an Extraordinary Jubilee, which has at its center the mercy of God. It will be a Holy Year of Mercy. We want to live in the light of the word of the Lord: "Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful" (cf. Lk 6:36). And this especially applies to confessors! So much mercy!

This Holy Year will commence on the next Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, December 8th, 2015, and will conclude on Sunday, 20 November 2016, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe and living face of the Father's mercy. I entrust the organization of this Jubilee to the Pontifical Council for Promoting the New Evangelization, in order that it may come to life as a new step on the Church's journey in her mission to bring the Gospel of mercy to each person.

I am confident that the whole Church, which is in such need of mercy for we are sinners, will be able to find in this Jubilee the joy of rediscovering and rendering fruitful God's mercy, with which we are all called to give comfort to every man and every woman of our time. Do not forget that God forgives all, and God forgives always. Let us never tire of asking forgiveness. Let us henceforth entrust this Year to the Mother of Mercy, that she turn her gaze upon us and watch over our journey: our penitential journey, our year-long journey with an open heart, to receive the indulgence of God, to receive the mercy of God.

In conjunction with this 'Holy Year of Mercy' you may have noticed the 'Divine Mercy' Shrine located in the right front of our beautiful church here at Saint Mary's.

The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us — all of us. And, he wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy. The Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC:

A - Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

B - Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

C - Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.

This message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God's mercy. Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to The Divine Mercy had begun to spread.

Pope John Paul II actively promoted the devotion. On April 30, 2000, the Canonization of Faustina Kowalska took place and the Sunday after Easter was officially designated as the Sunday of the Divine Mercy. On April 22, 2001, which was one year after establishing Divine Mercy Sunday, Pope John Paul II re-emphasized its message in the resurrection context of Easter:

Jesus said to St. Faustina one day: "Humanity will never find peace until it turns with trust to Divine Mercy". Divine Mercy! This is the Easter gift that the Church receives from the risen Christ and offers to humanity."

The devotion to Divine Mercy Sunday grew rapidly after its designation by Pope John Paul II and is now widely celebrated by Catholics. The Divine Mercy image, displayed in the right front of our church, is surrounded by the images of Saint Faustina and Saint Pope John Paul II.

As the Church prepares for the beginning of the 'Holy Year of Mercy', try to spend some time to learn more about the mercy of God, learning to trust in Jesus, and learning to live life as merciful to others, as Christ is merciful to all of us.



Celebration of Confirmation

At our Baptism, the Holy Spirit was given to each of us to free us from sin, make us sons and daughters of God and to give us new life in Christ. In Confirmation, our hearts are imprinted with a permanent seal that marks us forever as Christians and we are given the strength and gifts needed to be true witnesses of Jesus Christ. Jesus promised his disciples and all of us that the Holy Spirit would be sent forth from the Father to be our Helper and Guide, so that we would not be alone in our journey.

When we open our hearts to the Holy Spirit, we allow the gifts of wisdom, understanding, right judgment, courage, knowledge, reverence and wonder and awe in God's presence to fill our hearts.

The Holy Spirit then dwells within us to give us wisdom to know where God is leading us, understanding to know how to use our gifts to help others, right judgment so that we can always choose what is good, courage so that we may have strength to live out our faith, knowledge that we may truly know God in our lives, reverence so that we may respect and honor all that comes from God, and wonder and awe so that we may always recognize the greatness of God and all that He has done for us.

Strengthened by these gifts we can fulfill our potential as sons and daughters of God and to act as witnesses of Christ. As our Helper and Guide, the Holy Spirit guides us to the Way that Jesus calls us to, helps us to recognize the Truth of Christ in a world that can be confusing, and leads us in the right direction so that we may have Life and have it more abundantly.

This weekend in our parish, we are witnesses to the presence of the Holy Spirit who will fill the hearts of our 52 young people and 8 adults in the Sacrament of Confirmation.

We pray that they may remain connected by the Holy Spirit to the True Vine, Jesus Christ, who nourishes us by His own Body and Blood and allows us to grow as true disciples who bear His love to all.

As we celebrate with them let us pray:

**Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.**

Liturgical Notes

Come Holy Spirit

Today we celebrate the 5th Sunday of Easter. As we move towards the end of the Easter season our scripture readings point to the coming feast of Pentecost.

Today's first reading, taken from the Acts of the Apostles speaks of the growth of the early church, which comes from the help, or "consolation" of the Holy Spirit. (You can preview today's readings by turning to page 159 in the hymnal.)

The church and our parish will grow this weekend as 8 adults and 52 teens receive the sacrament of confirmation. At the 5:30 PM and 12 NOON we will gather by singing "One Spirit, One Church (#421). I like this song because it honors both old and new as it combines the traditional hymn "Come Holy Ghost" with a more contemporary refrain.

At 10:30 AM our wonderful children's choir will lead us in singing several of the songs they have sung throughout the Easter season. Working with these children has energizes and inspires me. I am confident that their beautiful voices will inspire you as well.

Peace,
Bruce

P.S.: Welcome and congratulations to our confirmande, their families and friends.



Holy Father's Prayer Intention

We pray that, rejecting the culture of indifference; we may care for our neighbors who suffer, especially the sick and the poor. We also pray that Mary's intercession may help Christians in secularized cultures be ready to proclaim Jesus.



2016 Mass Book Opening

The 2016 Mass Book
will open on

Sunday, June 7th

You will be able to book Masses
on that day in the Parish Center
Conference Room from 8 a.m.
to 1 p.m.

Parish Collections:

The April 26th Collection was \$8713.00. We thank you for your generous donations! Parish Giving Donation Cards are available in the back of the Church. Those who use Parish Giving may wish to place them in the collection baskets during the collection.

To Everything there is a season and a time for every purpose...

A Time of War and Peace...

We pray that our troops serving our country may be protected by the Holy Spirit, know the prayers of a grateful nation, and be brought home safely to their families. We pray especially for Patrick Connors, Collin Keating, Mark Nostro, Douglas Reiman and James Zaremba.

A Time to Heal...

For all those who are sick or suffering especially all those listed on our webpage at <http://stmarysnutley.org/PrayerPage.shtml>.

A Time to Die...

For all those who have entered into eternal life this Easter season especially Patricia E. Riggin †, Mildred Tortorello † and James De Rosa †

A Time to Seek...

For all seminarians on the road to priesthood, especially: Diego Navarro

A Time to Love...

For all those entering into the Sacrament of Marriage, especially: Stephanie Petine and Jonathan Stickers

A Time to be Born...

For all those entering into the Faith through Baptism, especially: Savannah Elizabeth Aiello, Ashley Soccol, Logan Rodrigues and Javier Paulino

Parish Business Hours

Mon.-Fri. 9 AM-4 PM
Parish Center
Saturday 3 PM-7 PM
Church Vestibule
Sunday 9 AM-1 PM
Church Vestibule

Readings for the Week of May 3, 2015

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11
Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
Sunday: Acts 10:25-36, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1-4; 1 Jn 4:7-10 or 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 15:9-17 or Jn 17:11b-19

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Confessions

Saturdays, 4:30 to 5:15 or by appointment

Novenas

- Miraculous Medal: Mon., 12:00 PM before Mass
- Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Weds., 7:00 PM
- Devotion to the Divine Mercy: Thurs., 7:00 PM in chapel

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

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Baptisms

Baptisms are the third Sunday of each month, at 1:30 PM. Please call at least a month in advance to make arrangements. Baptismal prep classes will now be held on Saturday, the week before Baptisms (the second Sunday of the month), at 1:00 PM in the Parish Center

Parish Membership

Parishioners should register and should inform the Parish Center when moving from the parish.

Good Shepherd Academy (973-667-2049)

Our Catholic grade school sponsored by the Archdiocese of Newark. Sr. Jane Feltz, Principal www.gsanutley.org

Religious Vocations

If you think you may have a vocation, speak to one of our priests, or call the Archdiocesan Vocations Office (973-497-4366).

Care of the Sick

Communion will be brought to any parishioner confined to home, upon request; those who are seriously ill, or weak from the burden of years, should request the Anointing of the Sick. Urgent calls will be attended immediately.

Marriage

Contact a priest to make arrangements. The Bishops have directed that the normal preparation time is a year or more.