

Love One Another
AS I HAVE LOVED YOU. JOHN 13:34

Mass Intentions

Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 19, 2019

Saturday – May 18th –

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Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Vilma Koncz (A)

by Son, Gene

7:00PM – Charles H. Albert (B)

by Family

Sunday – May 19th –

8:30AM – Deceased Brothers and Sisters

by John and Marge Druckenmiller

10:30AM – Kathy McCloskey

by Deacon and Mrs. Jack O'Connell

Monday – May 20th – St Bernadine of Siena

8:00AM – Lawrence E. Hodge (A)

by Wife, Peggy

Tuesday – May 21st –

St Christopher Magallanes and Companions

8:00AM – Living and Dec'd Members Cihylik Family

by Mike and Louise Seng

Wednesday – May 22nd – St Rita of Cascia

6:00PM – David J. Sweeney

by Mom and Dad

Thursday – May 23rd – St John Baptiste de Rossi

8:00AM – Robert and Louisa Levine (L)

by Barry and Peggy Bozzone

Friday – May 24th – St Vincent of Lerins

8:00AM – Irene Vomero

by Mr. and Mrs. David Tarullo

Saturday – May 25th – St Bede

8:00AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Antonia Cavallucci (A)

by Maryann and Bob Cavallucci

7:00PM – Mary Hambor

by Colleen McCloskey

Sunday – May 26th –

8:30AM – Angeline Burda (A)

by Family

10:30AM – Thomas Vincent Tomasic

by Janet and Mockie Shafer

PASTOR'S CORNER

A Truly Shining Light

Amidst the 5th-grade antics of national politicians and their mouthpieces in the media, and their playing a kind of “game-of-thrones” with power that makes a fire-breathing dragon look like a firefly, we need some real hope. We need to see that the littleness of those who could harm us, the cruelty of human beings to each other, the corruption of the moral character and conscience of the nation, is not a death-sentence for the good we all long to see and to do. Such a hope, such a light is our Blessed Mother Mary.

Dante Alighieri, in *Paradiso*, Canto XXXIII, writes;

‘Thou Virgin Mother, daughter of thy Son,
Humble and high beyond all other creature,
The limit fixed of the eternal counsel,

Thou art the one who such nobility
To human nature gave, that its Creator
Did not disdain to make himself its creature.

Within thy womb rekindled was the love,
By heat of which in the eternal peace
After such wise this flower has germinated.

Here unto us thou art a noonday torch
Of charity, and below there among mortals
Thou art the living fountain-head of hope.

Lady, thou art so great, and so prevailing,
That he who wishes grace, nor runs to thee,
His aspirations without wings would fly.

Not only thy benignity gives succor
To him who asketh it, but oftentimes
Forerunneth of its own accord the asking.

In thee compassion is, in thee is pity,
In thee magnificence; in thee unites
Whate'er of goodness is in any creature.’

Mother Mary, pray for us who have recourse
to thee!

Fr. Eric.



Pray the Rosary Sundays

8:15AM and 10:15AM

OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection

\$4,424.00



NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
4:00PM	L.Ruda N.Ruda	J.Strohl	J.McAllister
7:00PM	D.Gorr A.Muschko	J. Englert	P.McCarty
8:30AM	D.Popovic M.Popovic	E.Snyder	C.Hetzel
10:30AM	D.Gair C.Gair	B.Petro	L.Bolmer



Flowers were placed on the altar last weekend in memory of **Charles H. Albert, Sr.**, for his birthday by his family.



ATTENTION GRADUATES

We will be having our yearly Graduation Mass for all graduates from high school and college **on Sunday, June 2nd, at the 8:30am Mass**, with light refreshments to follow in the church hall. If you will be graduating, please contact Annette Englert at 610-264-5748 for further information.

Thank You

Pennsylvanians for Human Life sends their appreciation and thanks to our Pastor, volunteers and parishioners for their generous response to our Mother's Day Flower Fundraiser. The proceeds, which were **\$368.00**, are used for Local Pro-Life Education.



HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

If you have a loved one who is homebound or in a care facility and unable to attend Mass, please call the rectory at 610-264-1972 to schedule a pastoral visit for Communion and a blessing.

Our Lady of Guadalupe



Juan Diego is on his way to Mass in the early morning of December 9, 1531. The morning quiet is broken by a strange music. When he investigates the sound, he comes face to face with a radiant apparition of the Virgin Mary on Tepeyac Hill, the site of a former Aztec Temple. Juan Diego is dazzled by the incredible beauty of Our Lady's appearance.

Our Lady instructs Juan Diego to visit his bishop and ask that a temple be built on the site of her appearance, so that she will have a place to hear petitions and to heal the suffering of the Mexican people.

Juan Diego approaches the Bishop who is initially very skeptical of his account. The Bishop patiently listens to Juan Diego's accounts and dismisses him. He returns to Tepeyac Hill, where Our Lady appears again. Juan Diego tells Our Lady what she already knows, that the Bishop did not believe him. She instructs him to return the next morning and ask again.

At their second meeting, the Bishop asks for a sign. Juan Diego makes a promise, saying he will return the very next morning with a sign from Our Lady. That evening, Juan Diego returns home to find his uncle, Juan Bernadino, who is suddenly terribly ill. He spends two days with his uncle, trying to save him. When it becomes apparent his uncle is about to die, he leaves to find a priest who can prepare him for death. Juan Diego sets off in a great hurry, as he is afraid his uncle will die without a last confession. On the road, Our Lady appears for a third time. Upset and afraid, Juan explains himself. Our Lady replies, "Am I not your mother?" Juan Diego asks for the sign he promised to the Bishop. Juan Diego is instructed to climb to the top of Tepeyac Hill where he will find flowers. He is to pick the flowers and keep them hidden in his tilma until he reaches the Bishop.

For the third time, Juan Diego is ushered in to see the Bishop. The skeptical cleric has waited for two days to see what sign Our Lady has for him. Juan opens his tilma, letting the roses cascade to the floor. But more than the roses, both men are astonished to see what is painted on his humble tilma - an exquisite image of Our Lady.

At the same time Our Lady is appearing to Juan Diego, and directing him to cut the flowers on Tepeyac Hill, she also appears to his uncle, Juan Bernadino who believes he is about to die. As soon as she appears, the fever stops and Juan Bernadino feels well again. She tells Juan Bernadino, she wants to be known as "Santa Maria, de Guadalupe."

Our Lady of Guadalupe did not appear again, for her mission was complete. The temple was built and remains there today, in what is now a suburb of Mexico City. Juan Diego's tilma, woven from cactus fibers, with a shelf-life of just 30 years at best, remains miraculously preserved.

On October 12, 1945, Pope Pius XII, decreed Our Lady of Guadalupe to be "Patroness of all the Americas." Her feast day is December 12th, and it is a Holy Day of Obligation in Mexico.



OFFERTORY GIFTS

Our parishioner, Robyn Berner, has volunteered her time to coordinate people for the offertory gifts for all Sunday masses. If you are having a mass said for someone and would like to take up the gifts, please call Robyn at 610-704-8622. If you do not wish to be contacted for masses you are offering, please inform the rectory by calling, 610-264-1972.

ST ELIZABETH'S CHURCH VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Only a Short Time Away!

Join us at: "ROAR" this June where we will discover that "Life is Wild & God is Good!" Imagine an African adventure that engages the whole herd. At "Roar", kids explore God's goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life. Daily adventures are **Monday to Friday, June 24th to June 28th, and start at 8:45am and end at 12:00pm**. Registration forms are available at www.sercc.org, or email at dirreled@sercc.org. All children from 4 years old to 5th grade are welcome. Cost is only \$20.00 per child or \$35.00 for a family. Early registration is recommended as we have limited supplies. Volunteers welcome! For more information call 610-266-0695 ext. 208 or dirreled@sercc.org.

Let us pray...

Lord Jesus, fill me with the fragrance of Your love and truth that I may radiate the joy and peace of the Gospel wherever I go and with whomever I meet.



UPCOMING EVENTS!

Salem U.C.C.

615 Third Street, Catty

They are having a Flea Market and Basket Raffle on **Saturday, June 1st, from 9:00am to 1:00pm**. They will have good food for eat-in or take out, and baked goods.

Their **Free Community Lunch** will be held on **Monday, June 3rd, at 11:00am**.

Saint Elizabeth Church, Fullerton

Friday, June 7th, from 6:00pm to 10:00pm, and Saturday, June 8th, from 5:00pm to 10:00pm

Come on and come all for some delicious ethnic and festival foods, drinks, and games. Friday's special is Halupkie Dinner. Friday's live entertainment is "Lo & Behold" and Saturday's is the "CHAZ Band". We welcome all our Diocesan parishes to join us!

Saint Rita of Cascia



Born of peasant stock in Roccaporena, Italy, Rita desired to remain a virgin from her youth, but her parents chose marriage for her. Fourteen years later, Rita's husband was murdered. Her prayers were answered when her two sons died rather than avenge the crime. Rita later joined the Augustinians at Cascia, where for forty years she cultivated a devotion to Christ crucified. Her emblem in art is the rose that miraculously bloomed in the winter of her death.