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May 14, 2023

Sixth Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day

My Mother Kept a Garden - Author Unknown

*My Mother kept a garden, a garden of the heart.
She planted all the good things that gave my life its start.
She turned me to the sunshine and encouraged me to dream.
Fostering and nurturing the seeds of self-esteem.
And when the winds and rain came, she protected me enough.
But not too much because she knew I'd need to stand
up strong and tough.
Her constant good example always taught me right
from wrong.
Markers for my pathway that will last a lifetime long.
I am my Mother's garden.
I am her legacy.
And I hope today she feels the love reflected back from me.*

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Family Mass Every Sunday at 9:00AM.
Adoration Every Monday 6:00PM - 8:00PM

Daily Mass

Monday, May 15

7:00 AM Special Intention
5:30 PM † Eric Foertsch

Tuesday, May 16

7:00 AM † Frank & Roslyn De Bellis
5:30 PM † Pasqualina & Salvatore Matteo

Wednesday, May 17

7:00 AM † Antonio Rubbo, Maria Ciambrella,
& Pasquale Rubbo
5:30 PM Intentions of Ileana & Silvana Alarcon,
Terry Cain & Luis Cardenas

Ascension Thursday, May 18

7:00 AM † Elizabeth Valiante
12:10 PM † Henry Simon
5:30 PM † Natale Sposato

Friday, May 19

7:00 AM † Michael Valiante
5:30 PM Intentions of Catherine Perez

Sunday Vigil, Saturday, May 20

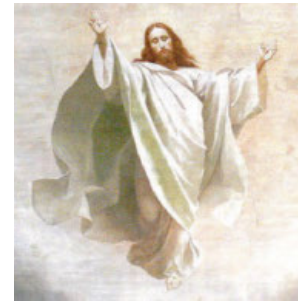
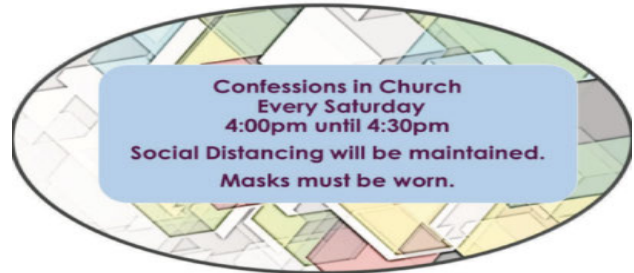
5:15 PM † For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased **Celebrant**
Fr. Ralph

Sunday, May 21

7:30 AM † Living & Deceased Members of the Fr. Ralph
Perreault & Audet Families
9:00 AM † Sarah Simso DeMaria & Fr. Ralph
Alison Vertucci
11:30 AM † Fran Carey Fr. Mirek
5:00 PM † Betty Murphy Fr. Mirek

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Due to early transmission to the printer, we do not have the collection figures in time for publication of the bulletin. We will report the collection in next week's issue.



Ascension Thursday

May 18th

Holy Day of Obligation
Mass Times

7:00am 12:10pm 5:30pm



The Sanctuary Candle burns
May 14th through May 20th in loving memory
of the Festa, Verda, & Izzo Families.



May is the Month of Mary!!
Pray the Rosary at home & in the Church
Monday - Friday: 6:30am
Monday: 7:00pm Saturday: 4:45pm

DO YOU LIKE TO KNIT OR CROCHET?

Please consider joining the Prayer Shawl Ministry. Our next meeting is **Thursday, May 25th, at 7:00pm**, in the Small Meeting Room. If you would like more information please call Vicki Remson at (203) 847-8196, or the Parish Office, or go to our website and click on Parish Life, Ministries.

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REFLECTION FROM FR. RALPH

This Sunday we celebrate the National Holiday known as Mother’s Day. The Holiday itself as it is observed today had its beginning here in the U.S. in 1868 when Ann Jarvis organized a committee of women to bring about reconciliation among families that suffered from the division caused by the Civil War.

Overtime, after her death, her daughter, Anna Jarvis continued her mother’s work to bring about “world peace,” unite mothers for causes regarding charitable works, promotion of Church attendance, and there seemed to some involvement in the Temperance Movement as well.

Mother’s Day was eventually established as a National Holiday by the U.S. Congress and President Woodrow Wilson in 1914 to honor mothers whose sons had died as a result of war. Eventually, Mother’s Day would become a National Holiday recognizing all mothers, the positive contribution they make to their families and society, and motherhood itself.

Now, according to Catholic Tradition, along the lines of revelation and scripture, motherhood involves a very profound consideration. Procreation, life, genealogy, the patriarchs, the prophets, family, the Church as our mother, and Mary as the Mother of Our Lord and God, Jesus Christ, all provide us with much to draw from so that we can be grateful for the God-given gift of motherhood.

Also, with Mary held in the highest regard as the model of sanctity, piety, wisdom, knowledge and understanding, as well as enjoying the most intimate participation in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we strive to better understand the practical application of said themes and teaching in our daily lives.

But then there are the women of our time who bear sons and daughters, who labor day in and day out, who set themselves to the numerous tasks that they both undertake and have thrust upon them, all in the midst of very complicated situations and realities in our culture, in their homes, and in their families.

Accordingly, we are grateful to our mothers in regard to something very special. Though nothing or anyone is perfect, including sometimes a mother, in spite of our flaws, mistakes, weaknesses; and even when we sometimes forget, overlook, or fail to appreciate by way of words or actions all that our mothers do for us, we can be confident that there will always be someone in the world who loves us, no matter what. So, on this Mother’s Day and always, let us strive to give due honor and respect to all mothers, living and deceased, grateful to them, and grateful to the God who gives them to us. Happy Mother’s Day!

John Ralph



Our parishioner, Rose Marie Albertson, is in need of a person to sit with her mom, Carm Pagliano, a few hours a week to give Rose Marie a little time to do other necessary things. If you can help Rose Marie get a little respite time, please call her at (203) 264-4196

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V O L U N T E E R

All that's missing is U!
**Can you: Fold a shirt?
Wash a glass?
Unpack a box?**

If yes, then we could use your help with our Annual Tag Sale! Drop-Offs begin mid-August. Drop-off dates will be announced in the coming weeks and we can use your help on any day.

Our Annual Parish Tag Sale is the largest fundraiser of the year. These funds are critical to cover our operating costs.

Please contact the Parish office by phone or email if you need more information or to volunteer.

**WE CAN'T DO IT
WITHOUT YOUR HELP!!**



**Our Giant Tag Sale will be the weekend
of September 16th & 17th**

Help Wanted

Our Food Pantry is in need of volunteers. We especially need Spanish speaking people to assist with our Spanish community. If you are interested, Please call the Food Pantry at (203) 866-1644. If no one answers, please leave a message. We will call you back!

One In Christ – The 2023 Bishop's Appeal Your gifts at work

If you have not yet responded to the Appeal, please reflect upon the importance of your support to ministry and outreach that relies upon the charity of everyone the Diocese of Bridgeport. The challenge is immediate and far-reaching, but the solution is within our reach! To make a gift, or for more information, please visit us at 2023BishopsAppeal.org, call (203) 416-1470 or scan with your phone.

We have raised 84 gifts worth \$24,776 bringing our parish to 39.45% of its \$62,800 goal. Any and all gifts are greatly appreciated. Thanks to all who gave or pledged!



SACRAMENTS

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Prayer Requests!

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Please go to the homepage of our website, click on Parish Registration and Sacramental Requests. Choose the fillable form that you need and follow the instructions at the top of the webpage. **To reserve the church for your desired wedding date, please contact the parish office at least 9 months to 1 year in advance.**

Anointing of the Sick

Please call the Rectory anytime.

Reconciliation

Saturdays: 4:00 - 4:30 PM Weekdays: By appointment



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PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS IN NEED OF PRAYER

If you would like to be added to or removed from this prayer list, please email or call the office.

Please pray for the sick of our parish that may be restored to health and that all who ASSIST and CARE for them will be given the strength to continue their Christian service. Please remember the following in your prayers:

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