



Third Sunday of Easter 14 April 2024

To all who are tired and need rest; to all who mourn and need comfort; to all who are friendless and need friendship; to all who are discouraged and need hope; to all who sin and need a Savior; and to whomsoever will,

THIS PARISH OPENS WIDE HER DOORS IN THE NAME OF JESUS THE LORD!

SACRAMENTS

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Saturday (anticipated): 5:00 PM Sunday: 8:00 AM; 10:30 AM; 12:00PM

Monday-Saturday: 8:00 AM

Holy Days of Obligation: see inside

Penance & Reconciliation:

Monday-Thursday; Saturday: 7:30-7:50 AM Saturday afternoon: 4:00-4:30 PM

A Catholic is obliged to confess <u>serious sins</u> in kind and number to a priest. If one is conscious of having committed serious sin, Confession ought to be made before receiving the Eucharist.

<u>Baptism:</u> Please call to arrange for your child's baptism before or soon after birth. A Godparent must be a Catholic in good standing.

Anointing of the Sick:

Please call for a priest to celebrate this Sacrament of Healing and Forgiveness for someone who is seriously ill or in danger of death. <u>Do not</u> wait until the sick person is unconscious.

Matrimony:

All Catholics ought to seek to have their marriage blessed by the Church so as to live in God's good graces & receive the Eucharist. Marriage cannot validly exist between baptized persons unless it is also a sacrament (Canon 1055.2). Contact a priest about a year prior to the intended date of marriage to ensure proper preparation.

<u>Confirmation</u>: Need to complete your Sacraments of Initiation? Call Mrs. Kachnowski at 908-245-6572. She will help you prepare for confirmation. If they can do so without serious inconvenience, Catholics ought to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation before being admitted to marriage (Canon 1065).

<u>OCIA</u>: **Desire baptism?** Called to be a Catholic Christian? Contact Deacon David at 908-245-6572 and he will help you discern God's call to holiness.

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908-245-6572

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This QR Code will bring you to the **Breviary**, the Official Daily Prayer of the Church which priests and religious have vowed to pray. Laity are invited and encouraged to pray these prayers daily also.





Focus your camera on the QR Code to the left and you will have the readings for the day.



MASS INTENTIONS ANTICIPATED MASS FOR SUNDAY 5:00 PM Alfonso & Erminia DiLorenzo Grandsons, Frank & Ronald Wood **SUNDAY** April 14 Third Sunday of Easter 8:00 AM People of the Parish 10:30 AM **Domenick Petracca** Annunziata Pontoriero 12:00 PM **Carol Harding** Debbie & Joe Kachnowski **MONDAY April 15** 8:00 AM Saverio Badalucco Fr. Paul TUESDAY April 16 8:00 AM **Bob & Patsy Gaudenzi** Christine & Luis WEDNESDAY April 17 8:00 AM **Michael Caporaso** David & Linda Farrell THURSDAY April 18 8:00 AM Jason Urso Michael & Linda Bellante FRIDAY April 19 8:00 AM Jesse Fuchs Roger & Judy Fuchs SATURDAY April 20 8:00 AM **Michael Caporaso** Anne Marie & Brad Stanko ANTICIPATED MASS 5:00 PM Nandor & David Landis Love, wife and mother, Janet Landis SUNDAY April 21 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 8:00 AM John Hutchinson Loren & Chris Harms 10:30 AM Maria Rosales

Life's tragedy is that we get old too soon and wise too late.

People of the Parish

Libera Paolucci

12:00 PM

—Benjamin Franklin

Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.

—First Letter to St. Timothy 4:12

| MEETINGS | | | | | | | |
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| Finance Council | TBA | 7:00 | UPH | | | | |
| Pastoral Council | TBA | 7:00 | UPH | | | | |
| Rosary Society | May 6 | 7:00 | LPH | | | | |
| Knights of Columbus | Apr 24 | 7:00 | Loreti Hall | | | | |

Prayer List: To have someone placed on or removed from the sick list please call the Rectory. We invite you to clip out this section each Sunday. Perhaps you could put it near a prayer book, in your Bible, or in your pocket or purse. It is a good thing when we pray with and for one another. Thank you and God bless you!

Our Parish Community prays for the sick:

Patrick Ahern Jr., Sophia Alfano, Altagracia Alvarez, Kathy Barz, Fred Boyne, Brendan, Joe Caponegro, Ken Castenon, Aaron Carr, Christine Conrad, Kay Downey, Ronald Fellner, Carol Fellner Nasta, Dorothy Ford, Charles Frank, John Garofalo, Lynn Gehrmann, Linda Geiger, Fran Getchies, Harold Gibson, Bonnie Greer, Cynthia Ingman, Thomas Ingman, A.M.J., Brianna Klinger, Michael Lacey, Nancy Lanfrank, Stephanie LaFosse, Chris Lettieri, Stella LoPiccolo, Mary Ann Mansueto, Christine Marino, Janet Marino, Christine Mattingly, Chantell McDonald, Viola Meehan, Eleanor Morehouse, Artie Muller, Tanina Naccarato, Monica Quigley O'Brien, Lily Rita Procopio, Sabrina Romani, Antonio Spano, Gabrielle Spano, Debra Szajko, Tony Wargacki

Please pray for our Faithful departed & their loved ones



Prayer for Our Troops

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Special Memorial Donations

Bread for Mass given
In Loving Memory of Anthony DeMarzo
Req.by the Family

Wine for Mass given
FOR EVERYTHING IN OUR HEARTS
req.by Joe & Terri Cicalese (5)
Altar Candles given

In Loving Memory of Minnie Sena (Happy Birthday!)

Req. by sister Helen and niece Maria

Bread for Mass given
In Thanksgiving for the Help of
St. Anthony
req. by Theresa & Joe Cicalese

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday Acts 6:8-15 Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday Acts 7:51-8:1a Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday Acts 8:1b-8 Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a Jn 6:35-40 Thursday Acts 8:26-40 Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 Jn 6:44-51 Friday Acts 9:1-20 Ps 117:1bc, 2 Jn 6:52-59

Saturday Acts 9:31-42 Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 Jn 6:60-69

Sunday Acts 4:8-12 Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

For readings go to: www.usccb.org/bible/
readings/ or scan this >>>>

od's love for us is perfect love. Our love for God is imperfect. The love that God has for us is agape, the Greek word for love that implies a total self-giving to the other. Our love for God usually ranges between storge and philos. Storge (στοργή) is the Geek word that is akin to loyalty or familial love. So many of us have a loyalty to God. We are Christians and as members of the Catholic Church we identify with our Catholicism. We believe in God the Father, in Jesus Christ his Son, and in God the Holy Spirit. This is a natural love that binds relations. But this love is based on affection so is liable to 'go bad', and to be corrupted by such forces as jealousy, ambivalence and smothering [C.S. Lewis]. So when God disappoints us, we could easily reject Him or blame Him or even deny Him.

Another type of love is eros (έρως) or being in love. This is connected to sexual love but it has spiritual or moral significance too, in that it can lead to evil as well as good. A man and a woman can be attracted to one another and fall in love, which will lead to marriage and new life. Likewise it can lead to evil, n.b. Romeo and Juliet whose love lead them into a suicide, or two men who find themselves in a sexual relationship, or lovers in an abusive relationship.

A third type, philos $(\varphi \iota \lambda \iota \alpha)$, is the deep and sincere love between friends that endures. True friends share common values, interests or activities. Friendship is, "the least biological, organic, instinctive, gregarious and necessary...the least natural of loves" [C.S. Lewis] since it is not needed to preserve the species. An example of this friendship is the love of David and Jonathan in the Bible. C.S. Lewis said, "to the Ancients, Friendship seemed the happiest and most fully human of all loves; the crown of life and the school of virtue. The modern world, in comparison, ignores it" But there are imperfections in this love too. It has a potential for cliqueyness, anti-authoritarianism, and pride.

Finally there is agape $(\alpha\gamma\dot{\alpha}\pi\eta)$. This love is unconditional love, perfect love in which one loves the other for the other's sake. In life this can be found in couples who have endured the imperfections of the other loves and have matured in their love for each other, willing to give totally of themselves. As St. Paul said, "Defer to one another. Wives submit to your husbands...husbands love your wives."

When Jesus asks St. Peter the 3-fold question, "Do you love me?" we must look at the Greek. The first two times Jesus asked, "Do you love-agapé me?" Peter responds, "Yes, I love-philo you." Finally on the third attempt, Jesus said, "Do you love-phileis me?" and St. Peter said, "I love-philo you." Then Jesus told him that in time, by the end of his life, St. Peter will love-agapé Jesus when he gives his life on the cross, giving totally of himself for love of Jesus and the newly created Church. Peter's love would go from philos to agapé in a life time. So if you feel that you yet do not love Jesus enough, in time and with prayer, devotion, and great deeds, you will come to love Jesus as did the Apostles, the Blessed Mother and all the saints.

Pax Christi, Fr. Paul

¹Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Four_Loves

From the first letter of the apostle Peter 2:11-25

Christians are strangers in this world

LIVE AS FREE MEN, BUT **DO NOT USE YOUR FREEDOM AS A CLOAK FOR VICE.** IN A WORD, LIVE AS SERVANTS OF GOD. YOU MUST ESTEEM THE PERSON OF EVERY MAN. FOSTER LOVE FOR THE BROTHERS, REVERENCE FOR GOD, RESPECT FOR THE EMPEROR.

You household slaves, obey your masters with all deference, not only the good and reasonable ones but even those who are harsh. When a man can suffer injustice and endure hardship through his awareness of God's presence, this is the work of grace in him. If you do wrong and get beaten for it, what credit can you claim? But IF YOU PUT UP WITH SUFFERING FOR DOING WHAT IS RIGHT, THIS IS ACCEPTABLE IN GOD'S EYES.

Addiction Treatment Referral Program for persons suffering from acute addiction

Within 48 hours of receipt of referral, NJRC will provide linkage to and commencement of addiction treatment services to referred persons. These services will include but are not limited to linkages for intake, the creation of a personalized long-term treatment plan, detoxification, ambulatory withdrawal management, induction on Suboxone or buprenorphine or the initiation of Vivitrol, residential treatment, intensive outpatient treatment, and/or induction of Medication Assisted Treatment, as needed and appropriate. Where appropriate, court-involved persons and justice-involved veterans will also be enrolled and referred to NJRC's Orientation and additional wrap-around services, including job training and employment, mental health and medical care, transportation, and license restoration services.

To connect yourself or a loved one to addiction treatment or for any questions, please contact NJRC Chief Operating Officer Robert Carter at 732-948-5880 or rearter@njreentry.org.



How intense was your joy in this Easter season? Sharing Easter joy with a meal and the support of family and friends is a yearly celebration that most of us cherish. Some people, however,

have difficulty experiencing these joys due to their circumstances in life. Catholic Charities aims to help relieve the sufferings of many in our society through its various programs. Please help Catholic Charities continue its mission by donating your unwanted clothing, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, knickknacks, tools, toys, and children's books to the Donation Bin(s) located on the property. May the spirit of the Risen Christ resound through your generosity. Thank you.

Sanctity of Life

2024 RACHEL'S VINEYARD DATES

September 20-22, 2024
For more details, please call Cheryl Riley,
Director of the Respect Life Office

Contact the Respect Life Office for retreats by calling
973-497-4350, or e-mail:
Cheryl.Riley@rcan.org

"He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds." (Psalm 147:3)

Save your Children from "adult" websites. Protect your chastity, now!

Go to <u>Freefiltering.org</u> and learn how to block those unwanted sites from your eyes. Protect your virtue, guard your children's innocence.

It really works by blocking sites in your Wi-Fi server. Act now before your children stumble upon one more pornographic site or one more "social media" site promoting the LGBTQ+ propaganda.

STEWARDSHIP

Divine Mercy Sunday Collection: \$7348.00

Maintenance Collection: \$14,594.00

Additional Easter Giving: \$796.00

Qualified Charitable Distributions Save on Taxes!

If you are retired and are taking distributions from your traditional IRA, these distributions are considered to be <u>taxable income</u> according to the IRS and you will owe taxes on the total amount you withdraw. <u>However</u>, you can reduce your taxable income by making a charitable distribution directly from your IRA to our parish. For example, if you are taking a \$1,000 distribution and you wish to make a \$500 donation, and you are in the 20% tax bracket, your tax liability will be reduced by \$100. To learn more about this tax saving opportunity contact your financial adviser / institution.



Our parish has pledged \$15,858.01—39% of the goal to the 2024 Annual Appeal.

Each year we are invited to participate in the Annual Appeal, which is an opportunity to support essential ministries and programs of our Archdiocese. Your sacrificial support makes it possible for us to carry out the important work that we are called to do as missionary disciples of Jesus.

Please consider participating in this year's Appeal to help make a significant difference in many lives within

our Archdiocese.

Please make a gift online today by visiting **rcan.org/ sharing**, or scanning the QR code..



STITCHES

If you like to crochet or knit, consider joining our Stitches group. We meet the second Wednesday of each month in the Lower Parish Hall and work on projects for those in need.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, May 8, from 1-3pm.

Mary's Grotto from 8:15 to 1:15 every Sunday

Religious Items Gift Shoppe Location: Basement of the School of Religion Items: **Bibles, Rosaries, Statues of saints, sacramentals** and Much more

Holiday Gifts and Items: Easter and Christmas, Sacraments – baptism, first holy communion, confirmation and marriage.

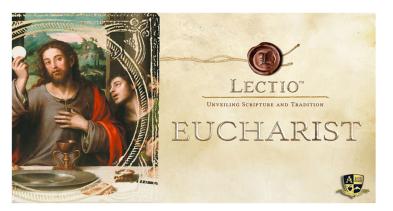
Help with ordering an item for you if it is not available in the store.

Hours may be limited during the winter months after Christmas and during the summer, but you can always make an appointment to visit and make a purchase.

| | Communion | Communion Ministers | | | |
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| | <u>April</u> | 2024 | | | |
| 5:00 PM | Nancy Malta | John Mattingly | | | |
| 8:00 AM | Marge Denci | Maryanne Mansueto | | | |
| 10:30 AM | Lisa Crosta Diane Burgos | James Kompany Steve Petruzelli | | | |
| 12:00 PM | Debbie Kachnowski | Brenda Aragon Prescott | | | |
| | <u>April 13/14</u> | <u>April 20/21</u> | | | |
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| 5:00 PM | | Gerard Taveras | | | |
| 8:00 AM | John Ballantyne | Anthony Cordero | | | |
| 10:30 AM | Diane Burgos | Sebastian Saavedra | | | |
| 12:00 PM | Debbie Kachnowski | Debbie Kachnowski | | | |
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| 5:00 PM | | | | | |
| 8:00 AM | Angelo Gernonimo Angelo Geronimo | Loretta Raczynki | | | |
| 10:30 AM | Giovani Scipioni | Alian Quintela | | | |
| 12:00 PM | William Caşaine | William Cașaine | | | |

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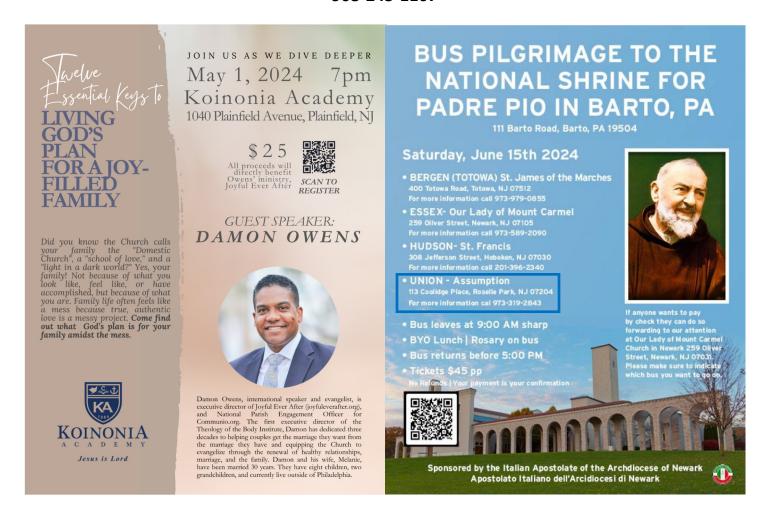
10 PART SERIES ON THE EUCHARIST BY DR. BRANT PITRE Mondays, 7:00 – 8:00 pm Lower Parish Hall April 15, 22, 29, May 6, 13, 20, June 3, 17, 24, July 1

Lectio - Eucharist: Discovering the Mass in the Bible

Acclaimed author and teacher Dr. Brant Pitre digs down to the biblical roots of the Eucharist, through its foreshadowing in the miraculous events of the Old Testament, the Gospels, and Apostolic teaching.

"The Lamb of God," "The Bread of Life," "The Body and the Blood of Christ"... these are phrases we know from the Mass. But do we understand what they mean in the greater and deeper context of Scripture and Church teaching? We'll discover firsthand how Christ's Body and Blood are an integral and wondrous part of God's plan for our salvation.

COST: FREE
REGISTRATION REQUIRED: CONTACT VIRGINIA IN THE RECTORY
908-245-1107





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Knights of Columbus Monsignor Loreti Council #3240

Tuesday, April 23, 2024 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Lower Parish Hall 113 Coolidge Place Roselle Park, NJ 07204

Walkins welcome, appointments recommended

You may make an appointment using the link below or QR code https://donor.cbsblood.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/57458

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* Donors must be enrolled to participate in recognition program

Donor Guidelines:

- * Weigh at least 110 lbs
- * Bring ID
- * Eat a meal before donation
- * Drink plenty of water before and after donation

Ann BLOOD RECIPIENT:

"I wish I could tell my donor how grateful I am for your selfless act. You may have wondered what became of your donation well, it saved my life





WANTED: COMMUNION MINISTERS & READERS

Readers for Mass: please consider this ministry. As a reader you proclaim the word of God during the celebration of Holy Mass.

Communion Ministers: please consider the awesome ministry of assisting Father in the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass and perhaps to the home bound.

Please call Father at 908-245-1107 and let him know you would like to be considered for either of these ministries.



Knight's Corner

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Knights of Columbus (Council the Church of the Assumption would invite any interested men, that wish to more about the Knights of Columbus

to fill out one of the cards located in the front of the Church and place it in the collection basket. Or go to

https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-kofc.html

to apply. Please be sure to "like" our Facebook page: Knights of Columbus - Msgr. Loreti Council #3240

Answer the call. Become a **Knight of Columbus** Proposer #3240 kofc.org/join



Baby Bottle Boom-a-Rang

KOC Msgr. Joseph F. Loreti Council 3240 would like to thank our generous parishioners for their donations to The Baby Bottle Boom-a-rang. The total donation was \$2,804.00 which will go to Raphael's Lifehouse a terrific organization helping homeless pregnant women with their babies.

NJKoC Polar Penguins

Also thank you for your donations to the Polar Bear Plunge, with your donations the NJKOCPolar Penguins team was able to raise \$65,120.00 in total for Special Olympics. The NJ KOC came in 3rd in fundraising and this happened because of You!! Heartfelt thanks for your generosity.

PRIESTLY VOCATIONS

Call 973-313-6190 or speak to one of the Priests. or contact Fr. Gino dela Rama at eugenio.delarama@rcan.org

Religious Life for Women and Men

Contact Sr. Patricia M. Wormann, O.P at Sr.Patricia.WormannO.P@rcan.org or call 973-497-4368



24th Annual Feast of St. Anthony June 6-9, 2024

A Feast to Honor our Saint Anthony doesn't just happen. It requires the service of parishioners and devotees to make things a success and have God's Blessing on our efforts. Now is the time to put your talents at the service of your parish.

Volunteers: There are many different ways to volunteer: Game Booths, Food Stand, St. Anthony Procession and Devotion, and the many **behind the scenes** work like: Security, Operations, Vendors, Publicity and Entertainment.

Call Greg Demeter at 917-664-8563 or gdemeter 07@vahoo.com No previous experience is necessary, just a willingness to be of service to the parish.

| Volunteer Form—simply fill it out and drop it in th 113 Coolidge Place, RP, NJ 07204 or call G | |
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| Name | I am available |
| Phone# | June 6 |
| Email: | June 7 |
| I am interested in: | June 8 |
| Game Booth | June 9 |
| Clean-up | |
| Set-up | a Volunia |
| Food Tent/Service | Be a the Feas |
| Vendor Committee | miov the res |
| Publicity work | o eulog and |
| Entertainment Committee | |
| I Security | |

Mother Seton Regional High School

Please join us at our **Fall Open House at 7 p.m.** on **Wednesday, April 24**, for an evening of conversation and tours.

Meet students and teachers to learn what a Catholic school education for girls can do for your daughter: academic excellence, personal growth, confidence and service to others. Sixth, seventh and eighth grade girls are welcome! Register online at www.motherseton.org.

7th & 8th grade girls are invited to spend a day with us as a Student for a Day. Register online at www.motherseton.org.

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2024 AT 7:00 PM

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Visit our website to reserve your seat or call us at 908-889-1600, ext. 302

"Roselle Catholic High School would love to have your son or daughter become part of our community! For any questions about our program or admission process, please contact Mishell Arizaga, <a href="mailto:mailto

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