

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER • May 19, 2019



THE CHURCH OF SAINT MARY

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Parish Mission Statement

The Church of St. Mary, followers of Christ, are inspired by our Catholic faith to build on our traditions through the Eucharist, prayer and education. As the family of God, and with one another, we desire to live our faith in the world.

5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

“I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another.” - Jn 13:34

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

5th Sunday of Easter

I was recently reading an article about the real aspects of true love. The psychologist writing the piece said that many people hide behind the words "I love you." They can start believing that if they say it enough times, it simply becomes true.

Jesus claimed that the world would know his disciples by the fact that they loved one another. In the Church, we speak of loving one another quite frequently. I hope that someone can tell that I am a disciple of Jesus by the way I love others. However, that hope is something I have to keep in the center of my mind because I fear too often that I speak more of love than act out of love.

As Christians, we can find ourselves hiding behind our words. History, unfortunately, has shown us that our witness of action has not always been profound enough. The world will surely know whom it is we serve if we love like Jesus, we act like Jesus, and we serve others like Jesus. Our stewardship will bear witness to the transforming power of Jesus Christ, and we will bring others to him. Our love will be an instrument of our evangelization. Our words will become true, not because we said them enough, but because they are true.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 18

4:00 pm (SJ) * For the People of SJ & SM

6:00 pm (SM) * † Virginia Solinski
By Joan Pedersen

Sunday, May 19

8:30 am (SM) * † Marcella Sherrard
By Rose Ertmer

10:15 am (SJ) * † Doug Bonar
By Marie Hopkins

Monday, May 20—No Mass

Tuesday, May 21

5:00 pm (SJ) * † Msgr. John Mitchell
By Mary Connizzaro

Wednesday, May 22

8:30 am (SM) * † March Family
By Tracy Heidenreich

Thursday, May 23 •

8:30 am (SJ) * † Thomas Gable
By Bob Gable

Friday, May 24

8:30 am (SM) * † SM Purgatorial Soc. 2018

Saturday, May 25

4:00 pm (SJ) * † Don Delaney
By Knights of Columbus

6:00 pm (SM) * For the People of SM & SJ

Sunday, May 26

8:30 am (SM) * † Don Delaney
By Marilyn Gollmer

10:15 am (SJ) * † Deacon Dave Wilbricht
By Maureen Irwin Mark

*Pastor scheduled to celebrate



Respect Life Corner Word of Life

“Patients need to be able to trust their doctors to always care for their lives and never deliberately cause death... Patients facing serious illness may feel hopeless and depressed, as though their lives have lost meaning. Addressing psychological, emotional, and spiritual problems is essential to palliative care. Assisted suicide alleviates none of these problems, but gives in to them.”



Altar & Rosary Society

The Altar & Rosary Society meets on the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30pm in the church hall at the Church of St. Mary in Elizabeth, but not in December, January or February.

Knights of Columbus

Fr. Ron Conro Knights of Columbus meet the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm in the church hall at the Church of St. Mary.



Dear Friends in Christ,

“As I have loved you, so you also should love one another” (John 13:34).

When we are in difficulty and need help, it is then that we most appreciate the selfless gift of self by others to assist us in our need. Too often we feel self-sufficient, forgetting how much we need others, especially in daily life when things are going well. We can even forget how much we need God. That is one of the great dangers of living in a society where most people have a pretty good life, materially speaking. Yet even when things are going well, materially speaking, we are in need not only of material things, but spiritual goods as well, especially selfless love to be received and to be given. When we stay close to Jesus and experience the depth of his love for us, to the extent we can, we know what that love is like and are empowered to love others with that kind of love. May God help everyone to be true lovers of God and others!

Thank you for your pledges and donations to the Diocesan Appeal. If you have not yet made a pledge, please do so in the coming weeks. God will not be outdone in generosity!

Due to the Memorial Day holiday, we have to submit our bulletins for the weekend of June 2nd on this coming Wednesday, May 22nd. Please call or send any announcements for that weekend to the appropriate offices by noon on this Wednesday.

In Christ,
Fr. Dennis

Vocation Corner by Fr. Kyle Manno

As human beings we are men and women of habit. We get up and have the same morning routine every single day. When we go to the store we most likely park in the same area of the parking lot that we always park in. When we go to our favorite restaurant we probably get the same meal each time.

This is not because we are boring, but because we love what we know and God made us to be creatures of habit. Since we are indeed human being of habit then the best way to grow in our prayer life is to make it habitual. So the question today is, ‘Where is your habit of prayer in your daily life?’ Now to make to the question more specific, ‘Do you pray at least 15 minutes every single day?’

If not, then let’s start with a plan and if so, then bump it up to 20 to 25 minutes a day!!

The best thing to do to establish a prayer routine is to start small and be consistent. Put 5 minutes of prayer somewhere in your normal daily routine. Maybe right after you brush your teeth sit down and pray for those 5 minutes. Then do that every day. After a month it will just be a normal daily habit to brush and then pray! After a few weeks make that 5 minutes 10, a few weeks later 15 and there it is! After a month or so you have obtained your habit of 15 minutes of prayer!

Start today and become a person of prayer!

Stewardship Report May 11 & 12, 2019

Weekly Offering	\$1,111.00
Votive Lights	\$52.00
Diocesan Appeal Reached 50% of goal	\$1,915.00



Our Parish Community

The U.S. Senate recently failed to pass the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act, but that is not the end of the story. This bill, rooted in our most fundamental human values, is worth fighting for. It would prohibit infanticide by ensuring that a child born alive following an attempted abortion would receive the same degree of care to preserve her or his life and health as would be given to any other child born alive at the same gestational age.



Please help pregnant single mothers and make it easier for them to choose life! Leave new or slightly used items for babies and young children in the cradle in the vestibule of the church. Cash donations will be accepted too. Place money in an envelope marked Knights of Columbus in the Sunday collection.

Friends and neighbors come and enjoy a community lunch along with fun, conversation and fellowship. It will be held this month on Tuesday, May 28th from 11am to 1pm at the Elizabeth Community Bldg. ALL are welcome to join us for the FREE meal. This month the meal is hosted by Elizabeth United Methodist Church.

The Pope's monthly intention for May for Evangelization is The Mission of Laity. That the lay faithful may fulfill their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today.

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Mass Schedule *

Weekday

Monday: No Mass
Tuesday: 5:00pm (SJ)
Wednesday: 8:30am (SM)
Thursday: 8:30am (SJ)
Friday: 8:30am (SM)

Weekend:

Saturday: 4:00pm (SJ) 6:00pm (SM)
Sunday: 8:30am (SM) 10:15am (SJ)

First Thursday-8:30am-Mass, Holy Hour and Healing Service (SJ)

First Friday-8:30am-Mass, Holy Hour & Healing Service (SM)

* Subject to change during holy days.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 9-10 am (SM), 3:15-3:45 pm (SJ) or call SM's office for appointment.

Sacrament of Marriage

Engaged couples must call Fr. Morrissy to begin their preparation at least six months before their wedding date.

Sacrament of Baptism

Call Fr. Morrissy to begin preparation.

Sick or Hospitalized

Please notify Fr. Morrissy of family members who are ill or in the hospital.

Pregnant?

There are alternatives to abortion!
 If pregnant and in need of assistance, call 1-800-848-love. For local assistance, call the Freeport Pregnancy Center at 815-232-5433.

(SJ)-St. John • (SM)-St. Mary

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, May 25 at 6:00 pm (SM)

Commentator.....Joan Pedersen
 Lector.....Joan Pedersen
 EM.....Frank, Norma & Toni
 Altar Servers.....Trent
 Greeter.....Toni Mika

Sunday, May 26 at 8:30 am (SM)

Commentator.....Bennett Reese
 Lector.....Deb Reese
 EM.....Joyce, Karla & Marilyn G
 Altar Servers.....Parker & Cora
 Greeter.....Marilyn G.

Elizabeth Nursing Home-

EM.....Toni Mika

****All Parishioners and residents of the Elizabeth and Hanover areas are welcome to access the many Catholic videos and other materials available at www.formed.org. Simply go to the web site, click "Enter Code," sign in using access code 94TGXM, put in the requested information to create a personal account, and from then on just "login" with your e-mail name and a password you created.**

Readings for the Week

May 19, 2019

Sunday: Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 1]/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35
 Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16 [1ab]/Jn 14:21-26
 Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 [cf. 12]/Jn 14:27-31a
 Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/Jn 15:1-8
 Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10 [3]/Jn 15:9-11
 Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]/Jn 15:12-17
 Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5 [2a]/Jn 15:18-21
 Next Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

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