Saint Brendan



the Navigator

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 1, 2022

SUNDAY OF EASTER [Jesus] said to him, "Follow me." - Jn 21:19b

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Maris Stella Church 5012 Dune Drive Avalon, NJ

Saturday: 5:00PM (Confession: 4-4:30PM)

Sunday: 7:30AM (no music) 9:00AM 11:00AM

Weekdays: 8:00AM on Tues., Thurs., Sat. (Confession after Sat. AM Mass) **St. Paul Church** 9910 Third Avenue Stone Harbor, NJ

Saturday: 4:00PM (Confession: 3-3:30PM)

Sunday: 8:00AM 10:00AM

Weekdays: 8:00AM on Mon., Wed., Fri.

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Readings & Music for May 1

GATHERING HYMN

ALL ARE WELCOME



Third Sunday of Easter

SPRINKLING RITE



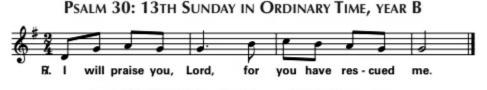
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READING I ACTS 5:27-32, 40B-41

When the captain and the court officers had brought the apostles in and made them stand before the Sanhedrin, the high priest questioned them, "We gave you strict orders, did we not, to stop teaching in that name? Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and want to bring this man's blood upon us." But Peter and the apostles said in reply, "We must obey God rather than men. The God of our ancestors raised Jesus, though you had Him killed by hanging Him on a tree. God exalted Him at his right hand as leader and savior to grant Israel repentance and forgiveness of sins. We are witnesses of these things, as is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey Him."

The Sanhedrin ordered the apostles to stop speaking in the name of Jesus, and dismissed them. So they left the presence of the Sanhedrin, rejoicing that they had been found worthy to suffer dishonor for the sake of the name.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13



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READING II REV 5:11-14

I, John, looked and heard the voices of many angels who surrounded the throne and the living creatures and the elders. They were countless in number, and they cried out in a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches, wisdom and strength, honor and glory and blessing." Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, everything in the universe, cry out: "To the one who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor, glory and might, forever and ever." The four living creatures answered, "Amen," and the elders fell down and worshiped.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION JN 20:29

R. Alleluia, alleluia.Christ is risen, creator of all;He has shown pity on all people.R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL JN 21:1-19

- On At that time, Jesus revealed Himself again to His disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. He revealed Himself in this way. Together were Simon Peter, Thomas called Didymus, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, Zebedee's sons, and two others of His disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We also will come with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. When it was already dawn, Jesus was standing on the shore; but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, have you caught anything to eat?" They answered Him, "No." So He said to them, "Cast the net over the right side of the boat and you will find something." So they cast it, and were not able to pull it in because of the number of fish. So the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord." When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he tucked in his garment, for he was lightly clad, and jumped into the sea. The other disciples came in the boat, for they were not far from shore, only about a hundred yards, dragging the net with the fish. When they climbed out on shore, they saw a charcoal fire with fish on it and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you just caught." So Simon Peter went over and dragged the net ashore full of one hundred fifty-three large fish. Even though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come, have breakfast." And none of the disciples dared to ask Him, "Who are you?" because they realized it was the Lord. Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish. This was now the third time Jesus was revealed to His disciples after being raised from the dead.
- When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love Me more than these?" Simon Peter answered Him, "Yes, Lord, You know that I love You." Jesus said to him, "Feed My lambs." He then said to Simon Peter a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love Me?" Simon Peter answered Him, "Yes, Lord, You know that I love You." Jesus said to him, "Tend My sheep." Jesus said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love Me?" Peter was distressed that Jesus had said to him a third time, "Do you love Me?" and he said to Him, "Lord, You know everything; You know that I love You." Jesus said to him, "Feed My sheep. Amen, amen, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to dress yourself and go where you wanted; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." He said this signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God. And when He had said this, He said to him, "Follow Me."

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

- I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, consubstantial with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation He came down from heaven (*all bow*) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate, He suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and His kingdom will have no end.
- I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.
- I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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<u>St. Brendan the Navigator Parish Mission Statement</u>: Our Catholic community in Avalon and Stone Harbor, NJ is committed to implementing, following, and spreading the teachings of Jesus Christ. We also invite, welcome, and encourage each member of our community and visitors to actively participate with us in our Catholic Faith. Our community joyfully joins in celebrating the Eucharist and the sacraments, recognizing God in one another, and serving those in need. We remember and believe that we are all brothers and sisters, the children of our all-loving heavenly Father.

Cestreo Gabaráin

OFFERTORY HYMN

PESCADOR DE HOMBRES/LORD, YOU HAVE COME

Estrolas/Verses Τù lla, 1. has. ve - ni - doa lao - ni 2. Tù 16 sa bes bien que ten. goç. $\mathbf{2}_{i}$ Τù ne - ce - si - tas mis. ma. nos. 4. Tù, pes - ca - dor de o-tros 3 gos, 1. Lord, you have come to the. 500 shore, Lord, 2600 my goods, my pos -505 sions; Lord, take . my hands and di *sect* them. 4. Lord, 25 drift. on. the W/a ters, 1. ng has bus n -03 do. nia sa-bios nia 005; 2.1 ēn. **TD** bar 021 no hay o no nies pa das, que a o - tros des - can - se, 3. mi can - san cio 4. an - sia e - ter **D**(2) dē al - mas que es-pe - ran, 1. nei - ther search-ing for the rich nor the wise, 2. in i my : boat you find no pow- er, no wealth. 3. Help me spend my-self in seek-ing the lost, 4. of my rest-less heart, be therest ing place 1. tán só - lo quie - res. que ÿ0 58 te ga. 2. tan só " lo re , des mi tra ba 💡 jo. Υ. 3. a - mor que quie - ra se - guir a - man - do. 4. a. mi. go bue no, lla mas. que a ... si THE. 1. de - sir - ing I should fol - low. on - hythát. 2. Will you ac. copt, then, my nots and la . bor? 3. re-turn-ing love for the love you gave me. my life's com. pan _ ion, my friend and ref . uge. Estribilio/Refrain 10.0 Se__ me has mi . ra . do a los fior, O, jos, O. Lord, with your eyes set up - on ITTER, - do. has di - cho mi nom - bre, . 500 - n - en you have spo-ken my name; gent - ly डाम्मे ing_{i+} na. he. de - ja - do mi bar em 10 **FO** Câ. T longed I have found by the wa aUfor ter, jun - to a bus-ca - ré o tro mar. ti, at your side, will seek oth- or shores.

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COMMUNION HYMN

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart



Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I Love You above all things, And I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You Sacramentally, come at least Spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

An Act of "Spiritual Communion," where we unite ourselves to God through prayer, is a beautiful way to express to God our desire to be united with Him when we are unable to complete that union in the reception of Holy Communion.

Third Sunday of Easter

SENDING FORTH HYMN

ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! HYMN TO JOY AI le lu ia! AI le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and 1. -2. Now the i - ron Christ from death to bars are bro-ken, 3. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to glad - ness, 1. voic es raise; Sing to God of hymn а life is born, Glo - rious life, life im and mor - tal, God on high; Al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior, 1. Sing God hymn of praise. He who on the to а 2. On res - ur Christ has tri-umphed, this rec - tion morn; -3. Who has the Al - le - lu - ia won vic to - ry; 1. cross as Sav - ior For the world's sal - va-tion bled, Je - sus 2. and we By his con-quer might - y en - ter-prise, We with 3. to the Spir - it, Font of love and sanc-ti - ty; Al - le of Glo-ry, Now Christ, the King is ris - en from the dead. 2. him to life e - ter - nal By his res - ur - rec - tion rise. 3. lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! To the Tri - une Maj - es - ty.

> Text: 87 87 D; Christopher Wordsworth, 1872, alt. Music: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827; adapt. by Edward Hodges, 1796-1867.

Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord.



Prayer to Saint Michael

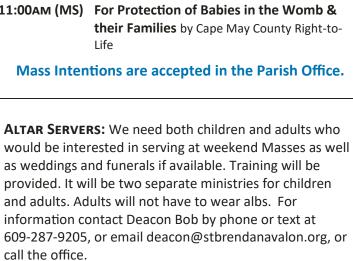
Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

St. Brendan the Navígator Parísh

MASS INTENTIONS

MARIS STELLA CHURCH (MS), Avalon; ST PAUL CHURCH (SP), Stone Harbor; SACRED HEART CHURCH (SH), Avalon ٦Г

SATURDAY, APRIL 30 Saint Pius V, Pope		WEDNESDAY, MAY 4	
8:00AM (MS)	Maureen Maguire by Maria Johnson of the	8:00AM (STP)	Peggie O'Neill by Family
	Legion of Mary	THURSDAY, MAY 5	
VIGIL		8:00AM (MS)	In Loving Memory of Mary Wolfington
4:00рм (SP)	Mary Eggly by Deacon Bob & Michelle Dooley		by The Children
5:00рм (MS)	Rose Wells by Sue & Betty Keen	FRIDAY, MAY	<u>6</u>
	For the Intentions of Charles Gallagher by	8:00AM (STP)	Special Intentions
	John & Sis Kirk For Louise & Frank McLaughlin on the	SATURDAY, MAY 7	
	Anniversary of their Wedding by Children	8:00AM (MS)	Maureen Maguire by Mary and Dick Shea
	& Grandchildren	VIGIL	
SUNDAY, MAY 1		4:00рм (SP)	The Jones and Rook Family
7:30AM (MS)	Rev. Msgr. John Frey by Marty & Lynda Pagliughi	5:00PM (MS)	Peter Kuhn by John and Kathy Kuhn
8:00AM (STP)	Anthony Hickman by Deacon Bob & Michelle		Rose Wells by John and Carol MacFeat Scott Spaulding by Peg and George Kern
	Dooley		Joe Tipping by Joe and Terri Breslin
9:00AM (MS)	Patricia M. Corcoran by Albert Delia & Lillian Nicolette	SUNDAY, MA	
10:00AM (STP)	Joseph & Graziella lacovino by The lacovino		
	Family	7:30AM (MS)	Rev. Msgr. John Frey by Pat and Tori Daly
11:00AM (MS)	o <i>i i i</i>	8:00AM (STP)	Tina Salvesen by Mom
	Pagliughi	9:00AM (MS)	Jay Erkert by Carol and John MacFeat
MONDAY, MAY 2 St Athanasius, Doctor of the Church		10:00AM (STP) 11:00AM (MS)	Graziella lacovino by The Andruczyk Family For Protection of Babies in the Womb &
8:00AM (STP)	Rosemary and Frank McCabe by Bunny Parzych		their Families by Cape May County Right-to-
TUESDAY, MAY 3 Sts Philip and James, Apostles			Life
		Mass Intentions are accepted in the Parish Office.	
8:00AM (MS)	James Mackell, Sr. by Family		



BECOMING FULLY CATHOLIC

If you or someone you know is not fully initiated in the Catholic Church (Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation), or a family member or friend has questions about becoming a Catholic, please contact Deacon Bob at 609-287-9205 or email deacon@stbrendanavalon.org or call Fr. Kelly at the office.



Third Sunday of Easter

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IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

- Let us pray for: the unborn and their parents, the sick and the dying, the poor and the lonely, those persecuted for their faith, and all the faithful departed - especially those with no one else to pray for them.
- Let us pray for: Pope Francis, Bishop Sullivan, all Priests, Deacons and Religious, for an increase in vocations, and for all those discerning a religious vocation.
- Let us pray for: all first responders, and medical staffs as they selflessly put others before themselves.
- Let us pray for: those serving in the military, their families, and our country.

<u>Please pray for our sick</u>: Anthony Abbonizio, Rachel Walters Kahly, Weston Carmen, Roseann Giliberti, John Risley, Patty Boyd Bennett, Gary Bevan, Henry Hilt, Betty Keen, Bill Burns (SH), Pat Williams, Theresa Polak, Michelle Vidal, Sis Hilkert

Let us pray for our deceased

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Lord hear our prayers.

Names will remain on the sick list for 3 months, and on the list of the deceased for 1 month.

* Please call or email the parish office to include the name of your loved one. Call 609-967-3746 or email frontdesk@stbrendanavalon.org. *

"We have loved them during life; let us not abandon them in death, until we have conducted them by our prayers into the house of the Lord." -St. Ambrose

One must never forget the infinite graces that flow from the Sacrifice of the Mass which benefit one's soul. Masses can be offered for: * a person who is deceased * a living person who is sick or suffering * on the occasion of a person's birthday, anniversary, or other special occasion * in thanksgiving * for a prayer intention



The Sanctuary Candle and Altar Flowers



may be in memory of a loved one or for a special intention. Please call the parish office at 609-967-3746.

PARISH REGISTRATION:

Welcome new parishioners! We are blessed to have you share in this Eucharist Celebration. We invite you to become part of our parish family. Please contact the parish office to register with us.

BAPTISM:

Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.

Also, please note that **all parents who are scheduling Baptism for their child/children must attend a Baptismal Prep class if this is the first child they are having baptized.** The prep class is held each month for baptisms the following month. The classes are held on the 3rd Monday of the month at 7PM in Quinn Hall (St. Paul) in Stone Harbor. Classes will be instructed by Deacon Charlie Devlin. Please register for the class by calling the Parish Office 609-967-3746.

MARRIAGE:

Contact the Parish Office for availability and information. The common policy set by the Bishops of the Province of New Jersey requires a one year preparation for marriage.

DEVOTIONS

ADORATION

St. Paul Church: Wednesday evenings, 6-7PM and First Friday 8:30AM - NOON

ROSARY GROUP

Maris Stella Church: Tuesday evenings, 7PM The ROSARY is prayed before each daily Mass.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Maris Stella Church: Tuesday after Mass St. Paul Church: Wednesday after Mass

OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

St. Paul Church: Daily 9AM - 4PM Sacred Heart Church: Daily 9AM - 3PM

Maris Stella Church: Saturday Only, 9AM - 3PM

We are Live Streaming the Mass on Sundays at 9:00AM for those unable to attend Mass in person. Please visit our website:

www.stbrendanavalon.org.

Additionally, a recording of this Mass can be found on our website throughout the day.

St. Brendan the Navigator Parish

DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE FAMILY RECIPE?

St. Brendan the Navigator is compiling a Parish CookBook and we would love to include your family's favorite recipe(s). Recipes are due by May 16th. Recipes can be mailed to the office, emailed to: datamanager@stbrendanavalon.org subject: recipe, or dropped off in the Recipe Box in gathering space of St. Paul or Maris Stella.

You can also pre-order your copies of SBN Parish Cookbook by email or phone. Cost is expected to be \$15 per book.

For more information call Michelle 609-830-2206 or email datamanager@stbrendanavalon.org.

DEAR DRESSMAKERS SAVE THE DATE!

SATURDAY, MAY 14TH, QUINN HALL 9:30-11:30am

Following this long winter, you are welcome to bring the lovely dresses you've made to Quinn Hall on Saturday morning, May 14. We're looking forward to seeing you AND all the beautiful dresses you've created for the little girls who will be so happy to have a new dress!

If that date is not convenient for you, you may bring your dresses to one of our Wednesday afternoon meetings in Quinn Hall from 1-3PM OR simply drop them by the Parish Office on Dune Drive in Avalon. Thank you for your time and effort in this labor of love!





GIVE A GIFT OF HOPE

Our mission has been on hold since the start of 2020 which affected us and the Catholic families back in Bethlehem badly because 70% of the Catholics in Bethlehem rely on Olive Wood sales, Pilgrimage and Tourism. Many of our families don't have enough to put food on the table anymore, we have zero support from the government, and all our missionaries have been unable to work since March 2020.

Bring Your Gift List!

We will display the carvings after the scheduled Masses on April 30 & May 1.

In these terrible times nothing can comfort our hearts more than the word of God and Prayers. A piece from the Holy Land will make a great gift for you or your loved ones during this time of healing.

America needs Fatima National Public Rosary

May 14 at Noon

at the Grotto in front of Maris Stella Church

Join us for the Rosary -

for peace in Ukraine and the world in these troubling times.

> Rain or Shine! (We will go into the church if it rains.)

The book for the 2022 season of Seven Mile Island University is:

UNDOING THE KNOTS—FIVE GENERATIONS OF AMERICAN CATHOLIC ANTI-BLACKNESS by Maureen H. O'Connell, Beacon Press, 2022, ISBN -13: 978-0-8070-1665-7.

Facilitated by Father Jack Baron, those interested in participating will gather at Maris Stella Church from 7:30-9:00PM on Wednesday July 20, 27, and August 3.

May 1, 2022

AVALON GARDEN CLUB ANNUAL PLANT AND BAKE SALE Avalon Greenhouse- 39 Street (between Dune and Ocean) Saturday, April 30th 8AM-3PM Sunday, May 1st, 10AM-1PM Cash or check only Rain or Shine

BISHOP MCHUGH REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL 18TH ANNUAL GOLF EVENT

at the Prestigious Union League National Golf Club

Dinner on **May 12** at **5PM** Dinner Tickets \$150/pp, include 2HR open bar and dinner

Please contact Tamara Brown for sponsorship or golfer information, as well as for dinner tickets at: 609-231-4787 or tbrown@bishopmchugh.com



BLUE MASS

On Monday, **May 16** at 7PM there will be a special Mass at Our Lady of Pompeii Church, 4680 Dante Ave., Vineland to honor all law enforcement officers. All police officers, canine officers, retired officers, and relatives & friends of officers who have served and have answered the final call are invited. Refreshments in Rosary Hall will follow the Mass. Join in honoring the men and women who work to keep us and our communities safe. Call the Parish office at 856-691-7526 to register.



Non Stop Round trip flights from Newark-Milan. Round trip transfers to Newark airport. Double Occ. Single Supplement \$675. More information is available by contacting Gail Licata of FANTASY TRAVEL Call: (609)314-1032 or Email: glicata@fantasytraveInet.com.

St. Brendan the Navigator Parish

Ask the Parish Council a question or address any issue you have: parishcouncil@stbrendanavalon.org



MARCH COLLECTIONS

March 5/6:	in pew: \$10,626.50	online giving: **			
March 12/13:	in pew: \$6,513.59	online giving: **			
March 19/20:	in pew: \$8,237.50	online giving: **			
March 26/27:	in pew: \$8,074.85	online giving: \$1,730			
		(new system)			
Total in Pew: \$33,182.35.35 Total Online: \$1,730					
Grand Total: \$35,182.35					
Thank you for your stewardship. We are most grateful.					

** Not available

We're happy that online giving is back up and running!

We have exciting news!

St Brendan the Navigator recently updated our online giving services to better serve our parishioners. We are providing this option in addition to cash or check donations. You can still give through traditional methods, but now you can make recurring or one-time gifts online with a credit/debit card or electronic check, text a donation right from your phone or through our QR codes.

These programs are beneficial to you, in that you do not need to worry about having cash or check on hand at Mass of if you are away on vacation and it benefits the Parish by reducing the time needed to process donations and run financial reports.

To give online through our new platform, visit our giving page:

https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stbrendanavalon. You can give through text message by sending "Give" to 609-928-8020!

You can also make a donation using this QR code. Simply grab your cell phone, open up the camera and highlight the QR code. You can make

your donation right from your phone.

If you have questions or need any assistance, please contact the parish office at 609-967-3746.



A STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"...Peter was distressed that Jesus had said to him a third time, 'Do you love Me?' and he said to Him, 'Lord, you know everything; You know that I love You.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.'" (John 21:17)

How often do you actually say the words "I love you" to Jesus, to family members, or to friends? We are made to be in relationship with God and each other. Sincerely telling someone that you love them is the best gift you can give them because it comes from your heart. You are giving them the gift of yourself. We all crave love. Live your Stewardship by telling someone you love them every day.

COMPASSIONATE CARE OUTREACH

Monies that our parish receives from the 1100 Raffle Proceeds as well as House of Charity are used for our Compassionate Care Outreach.

The following recipients (all from Cape May County, except one *) have benefitted from YOUR GENEROSITY. Thank you for living a life of staggering generosity and helping so many.

No act of kindness ever goes unnoticed by God :-)

Compassionate Care Recipients: Bishop McHugh Regional School, Wildwood Catholic Academy, Prayers and Squares, C.A.R.A, Covenant House of NJ, Family Promise, Friends in Need, Good Counsel Home, Habitat for Humanity, Holy Redeemer Food Bank, Right to Life, Sacred Heart Parish Camden Food Bank*, Branches, Hope Pregnancy, Villa Maria By the Sea, Volunteers in Medicine, Saint Casimir Food Pantry, Catholic Radio Station

Thank you again and thank you to our parish Compassionate Care Committee: Sue Keen, Joan Piotrowski, Rosemary Mancinelli, Carol Matt, and Fr. Kelly



WHAT WE BELIEVE - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Are Catholics allowed to donate their organs?

The Yes, Catholics are allowed to donate their organs. In fact, the Catechism of the Catholic Church praises this practice when it notes that, "Organ donation after death is a noble and meritorious act and is to be encouraged as an expression of generous solidarity" (no. 2296).

The Church has a series of guidelines for health care providers called The Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Services. This document helps us see organ donation as an act of charity, but it also reminds us that we have to be sure that donations of organs by living donors do not "sacrifice or seriously impair any essential bodily function and the anticipated benefit to the recipient is proportionate to the harm to the donor" (no. 30); trained medical professionals can help to make this assessment. In the case of organ donation at the end of life, we must be sure of the intentions of the donor or of their proxy are always respected, and that the dignity of the human body is always respected.

In the end, we can look to Pope Saint John Paul II and his encyclical Evangelium Vitae, where he noted that organ donation is a beautiful act of expressing the culture of life, when "performed in an ethically acceptable manner, with a view to offering a chance of health or even of life itself to the sick who sometimes have no other hope" (no. 86). ©LPi

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: Who were Dismas and Gestas?

Answer: The criminals crucified with Jesus.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

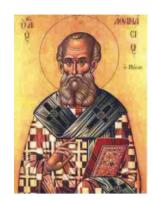
What prevents us from seeing the Lord? Maybe we are not used to seeing Jesus in the ordinary, everyday events of our lives. Maybe we expect some kind of startling, extraordinary revelation to occur that definitely and unmistakably sends a signal that God wants our attention. We don't expect a visit from Jesus while we are having breakfast, doing the dishes, running after the kids, negotiating a deal at work, or taking a shower! Sometimes when God simply stands on the shore of our lives casually looking for us, we don't recognize Him. Did we ever stop and think that God is really and truly interested in the routine, run of the mill events of our lives? So, "what did you do today?" God may ask. Maybe we don't think that God is concerned about such things, or we are so consumed with life's demands that we give it little if any thought. Perhaps we are determined to achieve our own success, desire to control things ourselves or not really sure what God cares about. God is there. One day, out of the blue, God will get our attention and ask, "Do you love me?" ©LPi

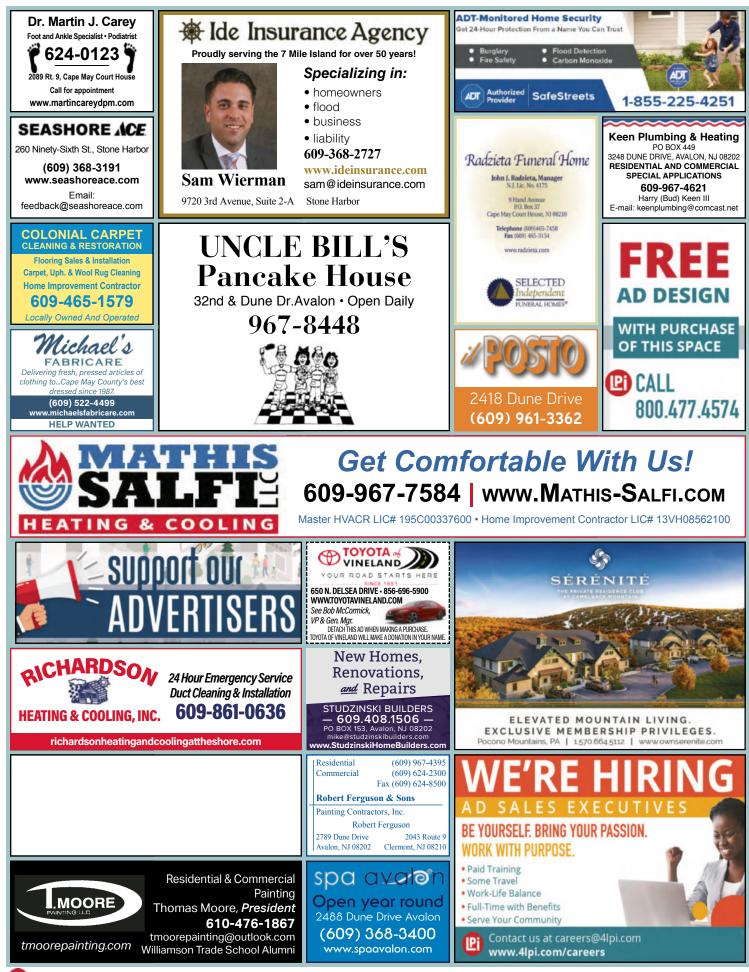
QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

- FIRST READING: The apostles faced trial and even persecution from the religious leaders of Jerusalem (the Sanhedrin) for bearing witness to Jesus' resurrection. Why do you think some people are threatened by the good news of Jesus risen from the dead?
- SECOND READING: John sees a vision of heaven in which all of the created order is worshipping Jesus as the slain and risen "Lamb." What images of heaven bring you comfort?
- **GOSPEL**: The resurrected Jesus appeared to seven of His disciples while they were fishing on the Sea of Tiberias. In doing so, Jesus comes to strengthen Peter for his upcoming leadership role. *What gives you strength in your faith journey?*

SAINT OF THE WEEK – EXAMPLES OF OUR FAITH: St. Athanaius | May 2

The Word of God, incorporeal, incorruptible, and immaterial, entered our world. Out of His loving-kindness for us He came to us, and we see this in the way He revealed Himself openly to us. Taking pity on mankind's weakness, and moved by our corruption, He could not stand aside and see death have the mastery over us. He did not want creation to perish and His Father's work in fashioning man to be in vain. He therefore took to Himself a body, no different from our own, for He did not wish simply to be in a body or only to be seen. By dying for others, He immediately banished death for all mankind. The corruption of death no longer holds any power over mankind, thanks to the Word, who has come to dwell among us through His one body. – from a talk by Saint Athanaius





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