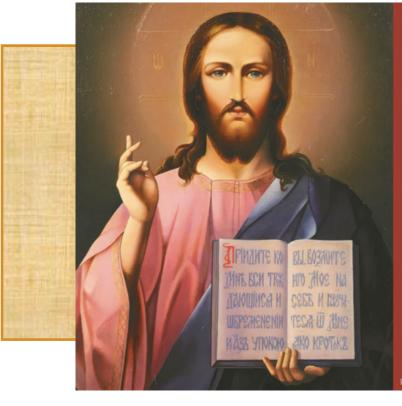
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 15, 2022



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- Jn 13:33a, 34a

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#### **PARISH OFFICE**

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Open: Monday - Friday 9AM - 4:30PM

(closed for Lunch 12 - 1PM)

#### **SERVING OUR PARISH**

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Maintenance Supervisor—Bob Biernbaum
Music Director—Kathi Getka
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Principal: Alicia Farren 609-624-1900

#### **PARISH MASS SCHEDULE**

Maris Stella Church
5012 Dune Drive
Avalon, NJ
St. Paul Church
9910 Third Avenue
Stone Harbor, NJ

Saturday: 5:00PM Saturday: 4:00PM (Confession: 4-4:30PM) (Confession: 3-3:30PM)

 Sunday:
 Sunday:

 7:30AM (no music)
 8:00AM

 9:00AM
 10:00AM

 11:00AM

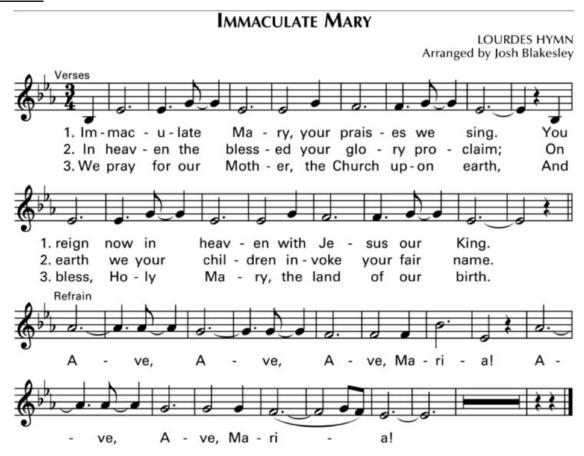
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Weekdays:Weekdays:8:00AM on8:00AM onTues., Thurs., Sat.Mon., Wed., Fri.(Confession after Sat. AM

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#### Readings & Music for May 15

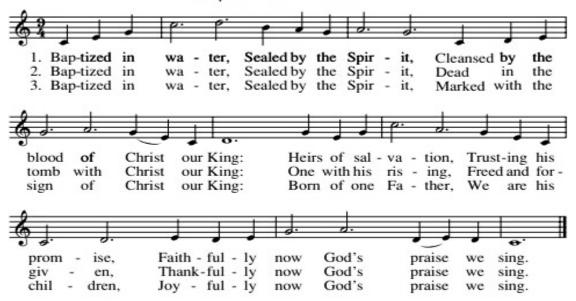
#### **GATHERING HYMN**



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#### **SPRINKLING RITE**

### Baptized in Water



#### **READING I** ACTS 14:21-27

After Paul and Barnabas had proclaimed the good news to that city and made a considerable number of disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch. They strengthened the spirits of the disciples and exhorted them to persevere in the faith, saying, "It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God." They appointed elders for them in each church and, with prayer and fasting, commended them to the Lord in whom they had put their faith. Then they traveled through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. After proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia.

From there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now accomplished. And when they arrived, they called the church together and reported what God had done with them and how He had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles. .

#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13



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#### **READING II** REV 21:1-5A

I, Then I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be His people and God Himself will always be with them as their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away."

The One who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new."

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** JN 13:34

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

I give you a new commandment, says the Lord:

love one another as I have loved you.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

#### **GOSPEL** JN 13:31-33A, 34-35

When Judas had left them, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in Him. If God is glorified in Him, God will also glorify Him in Himself, and God will glorify Him at once. My children, I will be with you only a little while longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

#### **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

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

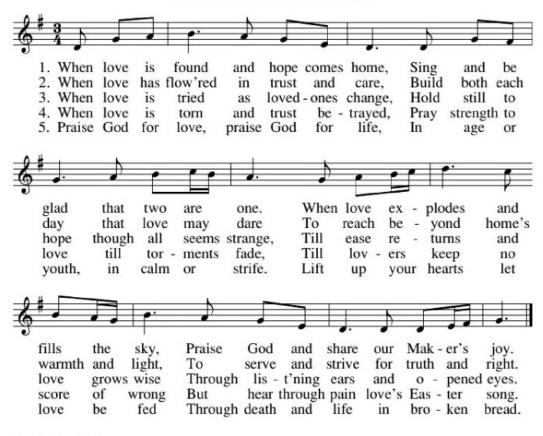
I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, consubstantial with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation He came down from heaven (*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.

#### **OFFERTORY HYMN**





Text: Brian Wren, b.1936 Tune: O WALY WALY, LM; English; harm. by Martin West, b.1929 © 1983, Hope Publishing Co.

#### **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.

#### **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.

#### **COMMUNION HYMN**

#### IN THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD



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#### **SENDING FORTH HYMN**

#### ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! LET THE HOLY ANTHEM RISE



Text: 87 87 D; Anon.; probably American, ca 1887, alt. Music: St Basil's Hymnal, 1889.

### Go in Feace 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.

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St. Brendan the Navigator Parish Mission Statement: 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.

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



#### **APRIL COLLECTIONS**

April 2/3: In Pew: \$9,562.50 Online: \$895 April 9/10: In Pew: \$10,702.50 Online: \$1,180 April 16/17: In Pew: \$39,656.50 Online: \$1,827

(Easter Weekend)

April 23/24: In Pew: \$10,258.85 Online: \$9,200

**Total in Pew**: \$70,180.35 **Total Online**: \$13,102

**Grand Total:** \$83,282.35

Thank you for your stewardship. We are most grateful.

#### 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.





## Congratulations to those from our parish who made their First Holy Communion this month!

Arielle Andryczak
Isabella Andryczak
Nicholas Burns
Liam Daly
Charlotte Deighton
Tyler Anthony Fisher
Flynn Vizzard

Please pray for them as they continue their faith formation journey.

A special thank you to Mrs. Bevan, their teacher, and Miss Krebs and Mrs. Barrett who coordinate the Prep Program.

#### **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

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

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

<b>SATURDAY</b>	, May 14	St Matthias	, Apostle
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8:00AM (MS) Maureen Corrigan by Carl & Dona Mattia

**VIGIL** 

**4:00PM (SP)** The Gleeson & McGranery Family by Family

William Ott by The Ott Family

5:00PM (MS) Frank X. Keen, Sr. by Sue & Betty Keen

Mary Macconi by Gina Macconi Maureen Corrigan by Marty & Lynda

Pagliughi

Josephine Heintzelman Sandra & John

Buccella

Margaret Petrini by Kevin & Pat Coyle Nancy Munshower by Mike & Cass

Quinn

**Intentions of Betty Keen** by Patrick & Eileen

Walsh

#### SUNDAY, MAY 15

7:30AM (MS) Barbara J. Keenan by Jack Keenan

8:00AM (STP) Loretta Musso by Peg & Margaret Bozzi

9:00AM (MS) Michael Pratt by The O'Mara's

10:00AM (STP) Graziella lacovino by The Phillips Family

11:00AM (MS) Msgr. John Frey by Joe & Carol Szabo

MONDAY, MAY 16

**8:00AM (STP)** George Bricella by The Jones Family

**TUESDAY, MAY 17** 

8:00AM (MS) Mary Ann Mackell by Family

## THURSDAY, MAY 19 8:00AM (MS) James Updyke by Daughter, Micki

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18 Saint John I, Pope and Martyr

FRIDAY, MAY 20 Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest

8:00AM (STP) Gwen DiNicola by Carol & Paul Cohen

8:00AM (STP) Tina Marie Salvesen by Terri & Joe Breslin

SATURDAY, MAY 21 Saint Christopher Magallanes,

Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

8:00AM (MS) Robert and Thelma Amses by Their Children

VIGIL

**4:00PM (SP)** Murphy-Ott Family by The Ott Family

**5:00PM (MS)** Margaret Petrucci Petrini by Sue &

Mrs. Keen

**Joseph Tipping** by Sue & Mrs. Keen

**Intentions of Sue Keen** by Patrick & Eileen

Walsh

John Primus by Mike & Cass Quinn Robert Finley by Jerry & Sandra Finley

#### SUNDAY, MAY 22

7:30AM (MS) Rita Malinowski by Mike & Cass Quinn

**8:00AM (STP)** Tina Marie Salvesen by Byron & Joann Lavan

9:00AM (MS) Mike Gillin by Bill and Sarah Burns

**10:00AM (STP)** Ronald Holmes Kemly, Sr. by The Sons of

American Legion, Squadron 331

11:00AM (MS) Paul Mitchell by John & Kathy Kuhn

#### Mass Intentions are accepted in the Parish Office.

#### South Jersey Catholic Cemeteries Memorial Day Mass Schedule

Remembering Those Who Have Served and Who Have Gone Before Us

Memorial Day Masses are held in most Catholic Cemeteries to honor those who have served our country and paid with the ultimate sacrifice. For a complete listing of locations and times, please visit SouthJerseyCatholicCemeteries.org.

"I command you: be strong and steadfast! Do not fear nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God, is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION TRAINING:

The Camden Diocese will be providing training for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion in two sessions. The first is by Zoom on May 25th, 7-9PM. The second is in person at Quinn Hall (next to St Paul Church in Stone Harbor) on May 31st also 7-9PM. Attendance at BOTH DATES is required.

Anyone interested should contact Deacon Bob Dooley at 609-287-9205.

PRAYER OF ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT FOR THE SOULS IN

**PURGATORY:** Eternal Father, I offer thee the most precious blood of thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my home and within my family. Amen.

#### 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.

<u>Let us pray for</u>: Pope Francis, Bishop Sullivan, all Priests, Deacons and Religious, for an increase in vocations, and for all those discerning a religious vocation.

<u>Let us pray for</u>: 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.

Please pray for our sick: 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

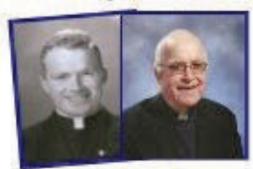
We are Live Streaming the Mass on Sundays at 9:00AM for those unable to attend Mass in person.

Please visit our website:

#### www.stbrendanavalon.org.

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

Please join us for a 60th Ordination Anniversary Celebration for Msgr. Liam Quinn Thursday, June 9, 2022



Mass of Thanksgiving St. Paul Church --- 3:00 pm **Dinner Immediately Following** The Yacht Club of Stone Harbor Cocktails 4:30 pm Dinner 5:30 pm

Hors d'oeuvres

Salad

Choice of Entree

6 oz. Filet Mignon \* Grilled Salmon\* Chicken Parmesan

Dessert Coffee/Tea Cash Bar 40.00pp

	RSVP no later	than June 2	
St. Brendan t	Please return wit he Navigator Office, 50		, Avalon, NJ 08202
Contact	Telephone	# in Party	Amt Enclosed
Filet Mignon	Grilled Salmon	Chicken Parm 10? List names on reverse side.	
want to m	ake a table of not more tha	n 10: List name:	s on reverse stae.

#### 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.

#### **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.

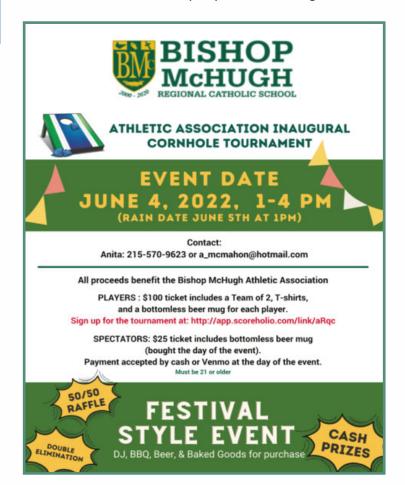


**Please Note:** In our Diocese, the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord has been permanently transferred from Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter to the following Sunday, effective this year.

# 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.



## 50 Year Reunion BONNER PRENDIE CLASS OF 1972

Looking for All Alumni - Spread the News
Date: Friday, October 21, 2022 - Cost: \$100.00
Llanerch Country Club, Havertown
Update contact info at bonnerprendie72@gmail.com and
Check out Bonner Prendie Class of 1972 reunion on
Facebook for more.



St. Brendan the Navigator is a support parish of the **FAMILY PROMISE NETWORK** of churches throughout Cape May County who offer shelter, food, and social services support within a faith-filled outreach program. As a support church, we assist with preparing dinners, social interaction with families in the program, and overnight support when the families stay at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Stone Harbor. **If you want to become a part of a hands-on outreach** to those who need to see the face of Christ through the compassionate efforts of men and women of faith, **please contact**: Peg Bozzi (609-560-1302) or Bunny Parzych (609-675-1454).

Branches, Holy Redeemer Food Bank and the Mobile Pantry are in need of the following items:

Canned Soup, Crackers, large containers of Juice, Chef Boyardee, Pasta, Spaghetti Sauce, Mac & Cheese, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Bread, Powdered & Boxed Milk, Cereal, Mayo, Tuna, Canned Fruit, Pork & Beans, Hot Dogs, Pudding, Canned Beef Stew, healthy snacks, fruit cups There are containers in all churches. Churches are open daily.

<u>Branches accepts monetary donations online at:</u> www.thebranchesoutreach.org

Holy Redeemer Food Bank accepts monetary donations: checks can be mailed to 1801 Rte 9 N, CMCH, NJ 08210

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER







Do you or someone you love need care at home? Contact the Diocese of Camden's Home & Parish Healthcare Services Resource and Referral Help Line

1 -888-26 VITALITY (1-888-268-4825)

A <u>Free and simple Gateway to Help at Home</u> for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities seeking to remain healthy, safe and secure in their homes.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES ADDICTIONS HEALING HELPLINE:** 

1-856-342-4057 - 24 hours

Leave a message, and receive a callback within 24 hours between 9AM – 4PM, Monday-Friday.

For more information contact JoAnne.Farrell@camdendiocese.org

#### It Shouldn't Hurt at Home.

If you experience any form of abuse, please know that there is help. The Catholic community cares about families experiencing violence and unhealthy relationships.

Visit <u>www.CatholicsforFamilyPeace.org</u> to learn more about this issue, how to help, who to call, and the rich Catholic teaching that supports survivors.

If you need help now, contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline, 800-799-7233 (24 hours); 800-787-3224 (TTY); www.ndvh.org to find assistance near you.

CATHEDRAL CLOTHING STORE, located at 128 Broadway Street in Camden, has reopened. Currently, they are open on Wednesdays from 10AM to 1PM. They have free clothing for children to adults for those in need. There are dress pants, suitcoats, and dresses for adults who may want to make a modest offering. Great for job interviews, weddings, and other formal occasions! If you know of anyone in need, please send them to the Cathedral Clothing Store! As the store gains in popularity, it will be open on Mondays and Fridays as well.

#### **REPORT SEXUAL ABUSE**

An independent, toll-free number has been established by the Diocese of Camden to help callers report cases of sexual abuse by priests, deacons, religious, employees and/or volunteers. For information or to inquire about counseling and support services, call 1-800-964-6588

#### From Fr. Kelly:

What does the V.F. stand for after your name?

I have been asked that question a number of time and here is the answer:

V.F. stands for Vicar Forane. A Vicar Forane is the Dean of a Deanery in a Diocese.

On July 1, 2021, I was appointed the Dean of Cape May and Cumberland Counties (Deanery 5) in the Diocese of Camden. This appointment came from our bishop, Bishop Sullivan, and the appointment is for a term of three years. The letter from Bishop stated, "while you hold the office of Dean (Vicar Forane) you are to use the postnominal letters V.F. after your name on all official letters, and after your name on the parish bulletin and parish website in order to identify that you serve in this capacity in addition to the office of pastor."

The Dean is the Bishop's representative in his Deanery (Vicariate.)

There you have it...Blessings~Fr. Kelly

#### **CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN**

Q. Who is the first native-born United States citizen to be canonized?

A. Saint Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton (1774-1821)

#### LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The resurrected Christ gives us the strength to do things we can never have imagined. Life will often give us mountains to climb, and we wonder how we will find the energy, ability, and determination to forge ahead. But, with a good dosage of faith and a fervent life of prayer we find ourselves succeeding and ascending to heights that once frightened us. What we realize after we have reached the other side is that this hardship we once saw as an obstacle has become a vehicle for something better and greater. We are stronger. The same is true with the Gospel. The prospect of loving one another may seem idealistic or unobtainable. Yet, when we risk moving beyond just looking out for or helping each other to actually LOVING each other, miracles happen. There is something wonderful that occurs with love. We see people in ways we never saw before, understanding and appreciating each other's journey. Love leads to reverence. Faith is strengthened and we move on to try again. ©LPi

#### **QUESTION OF THE WEEK**

**GOSPEL**: As Jesus discussed His impending death with the disciples, He presents them with "a new commandment: love one another." *In what ways are you challenged by this commandment?* 

#### SAINT OF THE WEEK - EXAMPLES OF OUR FAITH: Saint Bernadine of Siena | May 20

When a fire is lit to clear a field, it burns off all the dry and useless weeds and thorns. When the sun rises and darkness is dispelled, robbers, night-prowlers and burglars hide away. So when Paul's voice was raised to preach the Gospel to the nations, like a great clap of thunder in the sky, his preaching was a blazing fire carrying all before it. It was the sun rising in full glory. Infidelity was consumed by it, false beliefs fled away, and the truth appeared like a great candle lighting the whole world with its brilliant flame.

By word of mouth, by letters, by miracles, and by the example of his own life, Saint Paul bore the name of Jesus wherever he went. He praised the name of Jesus "at all times," but never more than when "bearing witness to his faith." Moreover, the Apostle did indeed carry this name "before the Gentiles and kings and the sons of Israel" as a light to

enlighten all nations. And this was his cry wherever he journeyed: "The night is passing away, the day is at hand. Let us then cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves honorably as in the day." Paul himself showed forth the burning and shining-light set upon a candlestick, everywhere proclaiming "Jesus, and Him crucified."

And so the Church, the bride of Christ strengthened by his testimony, rejoices with the psalmist, singing: "O God from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds." The psalmist exhorts her to do this, as he says: "Sing to the Lord, and bless His name, proclaim His salvation day after day." And this salvation is Jesus, her savior. — from a sermon by Saint Bernadine of Siena





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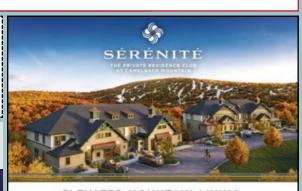
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