

# OUR LADY OF FATIMA CHURCH

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**Physical Address/Church:** 501 New Market Road, Piscataway, New Jersey 08854

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## **HOLY MASS**

**APRIL 21, 2024**

### **Weekend**

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 7:00, 9:00, 11:00, 1:00 pm & 5:00 pm

### **Weekdays**

Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 7:00 & 9:00 am

Tuesday & Thursday: 7:00 am & 7:00 pm

Saturday: 9:00 am

### **Holy Days of Obligation**

7:00 pm (Vigil); 7:00, 9:00 am; 12:00 & 7:00 pm

## **PENANCE & RECONCILIATION**

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:50 pm

Tuesday & Thursday: 6:00 - 6:50 pm

## **DEVOTIONS**

### **Holy Rosary**

Monday, Wednesday & Friday after the 9:00 am Mass

### **Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Novena**

Tuesday: 6:50 pm

### **Saint Joseph Novena**

Thursday: 6:50 pm

### **Immaculate Heart of Mary (First Saturday) Rosary**

Every 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month after the 9:00 am Mass

### **BAPTISM – Infants**

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month at 3:00 pm.

Parents should schedule their child's Baptism and attend the Prep Class as early in the pregnancy as possible.

### **RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)**

Non-Catholics interested in becoming Roman Catholic and Catholics seeking to complete their initiation into the Church are invited to enroll in the RCIA – a religious formation program which introduces and explains the Catholic Faith to adults while preparing them to receive the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist).

### **CONFIRMATION – Adults**

Catholics, ages 14 and older, who need to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation should enroll in the *Adult Confirmation Program*.

### **HOLY MATRIMONY**

Couples should contact the Parish Office at least one year prior to the proposed wedding date. Either the bride or groom should be a registered parishioner.



### **GODPARENT/SPONSOR ELIGIBILITY**

Those individuals seeking to become a godparent or sponsor in the Catholic Church must obtain from their parish a letter of eligibility. To receive such a letter one must fulfill the following conditions in the Diocese of Metuchen: Be at least 14 years of age, be a fully initiated member of the Church (having received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist), if married, be in a valid Catholic marriage, be registered with a parish (for at least 6 months) and be actively practicing the faith (regularly attending Sunday Mass while living a life of Christian virtue and charity).

### **PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK / HOMEBOUND**

The sick, homebound and those scheduled for surgery are invited to call the parish office in order to make arrangements to receive Holy Communion and/or the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Although the Sacrament of Anointing may be administered at any time during a serious illness, family members should not wait until the patient is in critical condition or unconscious before contacting a priest.

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES – Children**

Sunday: 10:15 – 11:30 am (Grades 1 – 6)

Wednesday: 4:15 – 5:30 pm (Grades 1- 6)

Wednesday: 6:15 – 7:30 pm (Grades 7 & 8)

### **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Parish Office is open Monday—Friday, 9:00 am - 9:00 pm

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## **EXPOSITION AND ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Perpetual (24 hours a day, 7 days a week) in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel located in the Parish Center.

# Parish Directory

## PARISH CLERGY

<b>Pastor</b>	Very Rev. Arlindo Paul Da Silva	Ext. 101
<b>Parochial Vicar</b>	Rev. Robert V. Meyers	Ext. 116
<b>Parochial Vicar</b>	Rev. Robert Pinnisi	Ext. 118
<b>In Residence</b>	Rev. David Chalackal, C.M.I.	
<b>Deacons</b>	Dcn. Larry Reilly	
	Dcn. Bill Rider	Ext. 113
<b>Acolyte</b>	Jacinto Fernandes	

## PARISH STAFF

\* Volunteer Staff Member

<b>Secretarial:</b>	Connie Cannata, <i>Administrative Assistant</i> Natalie Mueller, <i>Administrative Assistant</i> *Muriel Bronovicki, <i>Evening Receptionist</i> *Amy Gutierrez, <i>Evening Receptionist</i> *Katie Ippoliti, <i>Evening Receptionist</i> *Betty Lockwood, <i>Evening Receptionist</i> *Evelyn Nuguid, <i>Evening Receptionist</i>	Ext. 104 Ext. 107 Ext. 104 Ext. 104 Ext. 104 Ext. 104 Ext. 104
<b>Business:</b>	Jim Whelan, <i>Business/Property Manager</i> *Ed Lyons, <i>Event/Facilities Manager</i> Ralph DeLillo, <i>Bookkeeper</i>	Ext. 112 or <a href="mailto:jwhelan@olfparish.org">jwhelan@olfparish.org</a> 732-642-6748 Ext. 103
<b>Communications:</b>	*Cathy Horn, <i>Bulletin/Website Manager</i> *Melissa Seader, <i>Facebook Manager</i>	Ext. 117 <a href="mailto:czhorn.nj@gmail.com">czhorn.nj@gmail.com</a> 908-812-1892 848-565-7010 <a href="mailto:mseader@olfparish.org">mseader@olfparish.org</a>
<b>Maintenance:</b>	Luis Lopez, <i>Maintenance Director</i> Ricardo Lopez, <i>Custodian</i> Marga Bower, <i>Church Sacristan</i> Aurora Sardo, <i>Rectory Manager</i> Maria Cabrera, <i>Rectory Assistant</i>	Ext. 114 or <a href="mailto:llopez@olfparish.org">llopez@olfparish.org</a> Ext. 114 732-310-3191 732-968-5556 732-968-5556
<b>Religious Education (CCD):</b>	Jodie D'Angiolillo, <i>PCL</i>	Ext. 105 <a href="mailto:jdangiolillo@olfparish.org">jdangiolillo@olfparish.org</a>
<b>Sacred Music:</b>	Jean Lyons, <i>Director</i>	Ext. 111 <a href="mailto:jlyons@olfparish.org">jlyons@olfparish.org</a> 732-642-6747
<b>Stewardship:</b>	*Roberta Maurer, <i>Director</i>	Ext. 110 or 732-245-9124

## PARISH MINISTRIES & APOSTOLATES

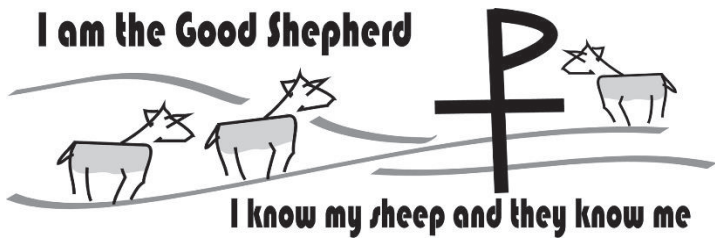
Adult Confirmation Program	Bill Fennelly	732-754-4214
Altar Servers (Youth)	Mario Fabella	848-219-5911
Altar Servers (Adult Men)	Al Tuttle	732-648-5188
Baby Showers	Madge Heeney	732-748-8845
Baptism Preparation Classes (" <i>Pre-Jordan</i> ")	Connie Cannata	732-968-5555
Bible Study	Marie Reilly	732-968-5555
Blessed Mother Birthday Celebration	Cathy Culpepper	732-895-2388
Blood Drives - KoC	Harry Buttito	732-207-8193
Blue Army ( <i>World Apostolate of Fatima</i> )	Marie Reilly	732-968-5555
Candlelight Procession Committee	Irene Russo	732-752-0547
Cantors	Jean Lyons	Ext. 111 <a href="mailto:jlyons@olfparish.org">jlyons@olfparish.org</a> 732-642-6747
Choir (Adult)	Jean Lyons	Ext. 111 <a href="mailto:jlyons@olfparish.org">jlyons@olfparish.org</a> 732-642-6747
Choir (Children's)	Vanessa McGowan	<a href="mailto:vmcgowan@pway.org">vmcgowan@pway.org</a>
Choir (Filipino)	Noel Gendrano	908-421-6644
Choir (Youth)	Binky Idioma	732-688-0355
Christian Seder Supper	Keith & Jill Venturella	732-261-9251
Church Decorating Committee	Marie Reilly	732-968-5555

Church Renovation Committee	Fr. Paul Da Silva	732-968-5555
Clothing Collection (for Catholic Charities)	Luis Lopez	Ext. 114 or <a href="mailto:llopez@olfparish.org">llopez@olfparish.org</a>
Collection Counters ( <i>St. Matthew Counters</i> )	Ralph DeLillo	Ext. 103
Concords (Separated or Divorced)	Lucy McDonald	732-968-4093
Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary	Sue Ellen Bibby	732-649-9304
Corpus Christi Procession Committee	Irene Russo	732-752-0547
Courage	Ed Lyons	732-642-6748
Divine Mercy Conference	Max Gutierrez	732-925-7788
Dominican Rosary Pilgrimage	Sue Ellen Bibby	732-649-9304
EnCourage	Jean Lyons	732-642-6747
Eucharistic Guardians	Gerry Aboyme	732-266-4145
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Arlene Sroczyński	732-563-0449
Filipino American Association	Veronica Klein	732-763-6357
Fishes & Loaves Café	Arlene Sroczyński	732-563-0449
Food Collection (for FISH – local Food Pantry)	Al Tuttle	732-648-5188
FORMED	Sharon Strack	732-752-4979
Heritage Day Committee	Roberta Maurer	732-245-9124 or Ext. 110
Hispanic Rosary Society	Luz Lopez	732-598-7528
Holy Eucharist Course for Adults	Scott Culver	732-968-5555
Holy Hour for the Dying – Thursday Afternoon	Rosemarie O'Brien	908-753-7486
Holy Hour for the Dying – Wednesday Evening	Michael Dolan	732-718-3553
Holy Trinity Charismatic Prayer Group	Cesar Jose	732-968-7882
Instrumentalists	Jean Lyons	Ext. 111 <a href="mailto:jlyons@olfparish.org">jlyons@olfparish.org</a> 732-642-6747
Jr. Legion of Mary	Ming Estrada	732-261-1316
Knights of Columbus – Council 2544	Tom Baffuto	<a href="mailto:koc2544_dunellen@yahoo.com">koc2544_dunellen@yahoo.com</a>
Lazarus Ministry	Sharon Strack	732-752-4979
Lectors	Pat Jacob	<a href="mailto:trinbago1961@gmail.com">trinbago1961@gmail.com</a>
Legion of Mary	Kathy Skiba	732-885-9375
Lenten Soup Suppers	Jill Venturella	732-261-9251
Marriage Celebration Day	Sue Ellen Bibby	732-649-9304
May Crowning	Jodie D'Angiolillo	Ext. 105 <a href="mailto:jdangiolillo@olfparish.org">jdangiolillo@olfparish.org</a>
National Eucharistic Revival	Anne Houston	973-479-6467 <a href="mailto:ahouston511@gmail.com">ahouston511@gmail.com</a>
New Parishioner Welcome	Roberta Maurer	732-245-9124 or Ext. 110
Newsletter	Bob Niemeyer	<a href="mailto:olf.piscataway.newsletter@gmail.com">olf.piscataway.newsletter@gmail.com</a>
Operation Rice Bowl	Arlene Sroczyński	732-563-0449
Our Lady of Fatima Traveling Statue	Kathy Skiba	732-885-9375
Our Lady of Guadalupe Traveling Image	Ming Estrada	732-261-1316
Parish Finance Council	Jim Whelan	<a href="mailto:jwhelan@olfparish.org">jwhelan@olfparish.org</a>
Parish History/Heritage Committee	Cynthia Harris	732-968-5555
Pastoral Council	Fr. Paul Da Silva	732-968-5555
Picnic	Luis Lopez	Ext. 114 or <a href="mailto:llopez@olfparish.org">llopez@olfparish.org</a>
RCIA ( <i>Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults</i> )	Bill Fennelly	732-754-4214
RCIC ( <i>Rite of Christian Initiation of Children</i> )	Jodie D'Angiolillo	Ext. 105 <a href="mailto:jdangiolillo@olfparish.org">jdangiolillo@olfparish.org</a>
Respect Life	VACANT	
Rosary Apostolate	Cathy Culpepper	732-895-2388
Rosary Makers Guild	Sharon Strack	732-752-4979
Rosary Society	Jean DeLillo	732-968-6429
Sextons	Deacon Bill Rider	Ext. 113
St. Jane de Chantal Ministry to Mothers	Anne Houston	973-479-6467 <a href="mailto:ahouston511@gmail.com">ahouston511@gmail.com</a>
Stewardship Fair	Roberta Maurer	732-245-9124
Toy Drive	Keith & Jill Venturella	732-261-9251
Ushers	Al Tuttle	732-648-5188
Vocations Committee	VACANT	
Youth Athletics	Charlene Bressler	Ext. 115
Youth Group (High School)	Dcn. Lou Pizzigoni	908-346-1531

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
 April 21, 2024 † Fourth Sunday of Easter – Good Shepherd Sunday



	<b>MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2024</b>
<b>7:00 AM</b>	For the Needs of Angelica Fernandes (B'day) <i>r/o Mom &amp; Dad</i>
<b>9:00 AM</b>	† Eileen Walsh <i>r/o Robert &amp; Carol Stepien</i>
	<b>TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2024</b> <b>Saint George, Martyr; Saint Adalbert, Bishop, Martyr</b>
<b>7:00 AM</b>	For the Needs of Rev. Louis Mattina (B'day) <i>r/o Maurer Family</i>
<b>7:00 PM</b>	For the Needs of Father Lou (Birthday)
	<b>WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2024</b> <b>Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest, Martyr</b>
<b>7:00 AM</b>	† Irene Neumuller <i>r/o Roth Family</i>
<b>9:00 AM</b>	† Dennis Bibby Jr. <i>r/o Wife, Sue Ellen</i>
	<b>THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2024</b> <b>Saint Mark, Evangelist</b>
<b>7:00 AM</b>	† Salvatore & Lucia <i>r/o Grandchildren</i>
<b>7:00 PM</b>	† Marianne Agostino <i>r/o Cannata Family</i>
	<b>FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2024</b>
<b>7:00 AM</b>	For the Needs of Jessica Fernandes (Birthday) <i>r/o Mom &amp; Dad</i>
<b>9:00 AM</b>	† Helen Cortese <i>r/o Family</i>
	<b>SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024</b>
<b>9:00 AM</b>	† Emma Albertha Avila Sanchez (1 <sup>st</sup> Ann.) <i>r/o Maria Torres Avila</i>
<b>5:00 PM</b>	† Thomas A. Tylicki <i>r/o Richard &amp; Barbara Klimkiewicz</i>
	<b>SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>
<b>7:00 AM</b>	† Jadwiga Walczak <i>r/o John &amp; Connie Smentkowski</i>
<b>9:00 AM</b>	For the Needs of Maribel Czahor <i>r/o Mom &amp; Dad</i>
<b>11:00 AM</b>	† Marlene Treffinger <i>r/o Lynn &amp; Gary Guthreau</i>
<b>1:00 PM</b>	† Olga Marin <i>r/o Luz &amp; Luis Lopez &amp; Family</i>
	† William Dennis <i>r/o Sarah Verbeke</i>
	† Eileen Keenan <i>r/o George &amp; Roberta Maurer</i>
	† David Watson <i>r/o Mom, Barbara Watson</i>
<b>5:00 PM</b>	For the People of the Parish



**PRAY FOR OUR SICK  
RELATIVES & FRIENDS**

Catherine Herrle, Suzanne Hanselmann, Freddy Monzeglio, Beverly Copeland, Edward Waga, Anthony Polis, Rosalito Lim, Nolan Richardson, Patrick Croat, Christina Viso, William Richardson, Patricia Villanueva, Antonia Sibel, Rosemary Melick, Lorenzo Di Andrea, Bridie O'Donnell, Rosario Zavala, Bertha Aguilar, Gladys Gonzalez, Jean Cesare, Rosalie Maimone, Amanda Amezozhu, Tony Palio, Zenaida Mabanag, Fe Aurellado, Stephen & Elaine Shepherd, Barbara Aszuka, Michelle Moorhead, Nancy Van Ness, Jacqueline Scherer, James Leung, Carole Herrle, Donald Alaburda, Vinny Catania, Erin McCaskill, Balbina Palacios, Gerald Scarloss, Rose McMahan, Eddie Henry, Mary Totten, Richard Weidmann Sr., Tina Pima, Eric Waga, James Colucci, Mary Giordano, Grace Piepoli, Mary Meyers, Ronald Arreza, Father Paul Da Silva, Michael Champion, Hilda Annani, Adeline Delaney, John Barry, Cathy Sloomaker, Betty Schick, Richard Casey, Donna Socci, Dorothy Ihe, Robin Blum, Sam Vail, Jessica Hurley, James Rupeikis, Tina Pena, Chris Waryn, Eileen Kaplan, JoJo Galante, Chiping Shih, Teresa Navarro, Raquel Iglesias, Carol Haskin, Claire Brennan, Sebastiana McCaffrey, Eileen Stambo, Margaret Lyman, Cyndi Drake, Tonia M. Reisner, Ida Pampani, Gerry Darrow, Joseph Lubrano, Lynda Pasko, Joseph Bono, Tony Abano, Barbara Ketterer, AnnaMarie Stolz, Marge Arnone, Linda Koeffler, Alain Diaz, Christina Daub, Cathy Horn, Darlene Ferrara, Roberta Maurer, Judy & Sandy DiLeo, Joyce Hanselmann, Sue Ellen Michi, Abigail Marzan, Mary Dieli

*Please Note: Names may be placed on the sick list by calling the Parish Office. A name is only added to the sick list if called in by a family member.*

**OUTDOOR WAY OF THE CROSS**



All are invited to pray at our Outdoor Way of the Cross located on the Great Lawn next to Van Winkle Place.



★★★ IN PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO SERVE ★★★

SPC Laura Bozzay – Corpus Christi Army Depot  
SSGT Kristoffer Engel – Barksdale AFB, Bossier City, LA  
LT COL Chad Fitzgerald – Okinawa, Japan  
Airmen Cyril Maximus Gutierrez – McGuire AFB, NJ  
SSGT Eric Kerr – 193rd Special Operations Wing, Harrisburg, PA  
WO1 Kevin-Michael Kho – Fort Carson, Colorado Springs, CO  
Chaplain, LT COL Louis A. Mattina - 514<sup>th</sup> Air Mobility Wing, JBMDL, NJ  
LT Vincent Moscatello – Norfolk, VA  
SSGT Kenneth W. Pine – Keesler AFB, Biloxi, MS  
SPC Jack Sutter – Ft. Drum, NY  
SPC Ryan Sutter – Schofield Barracks, HI

**Please Pray For Our Priests**

*This week we especially remember:*

Pope Francis  
Bishop James F. Checchio  
Bishop Emeritus Paul G. Bootkoski  
Very Rev. Arlindo Paul Da Silva  
Rev. Robert Meyers  
Rev. Robert Pinnisi  
Rev. David Chalackal CMI  
Msgr. Richard Lyons  
Rev. John Fredy Triana-Beltran, CO  
Rev. Wojciech Kusek, CSsR  
Rev. Paulus Marandi, CMF  
Rev. John Alvarado

**SANCTUARY LAMPS BURNING THIS WEEK**

**Sanctuary Lamp in the Church**

For the Needs of Jessica & Angelica Fernandes  
*r/o Mom & Dad*

**Sanctuary Lamp in the Chapel**

† Paul Goceljak *r/o Family*

**Votive Candles in the Chapel**

For the Needs of Father Paul *r/o Luis Lopez & Family*  
For the Needs of Luis Lopez *r/o Luz Lopez & Family*  
For the Needs of Alice Farinhas *r/o Luis Lopez & Family*  
For the Needs of Nicole Aubourg *r/o Luis Lopez & Family*

**Good Shepherd Sunday  
World Day of Prayer for Vocations**

Today the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for vocations to the priesthood and religious life? Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead. Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister. Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call.

*Save the Date*

**Corpus Christi Procession June 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Countdown: 6 More Weeks!**

We invite all parishioners to join in our **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Corpus Christi Procession** which marks the closing of Phase 2 of the National Eucharistic Revival on **Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3:00 pm.**

**Can you volunteer to help carry the canopy that will cover Our Blessed Lord as we process along the route?** If you would like to volunteer, please call the parish office and leave your name and phone number.

**Can you donate flowers?** We will need a lot of flower petals to strew before Jesus in the monstrance as we process and proclaim Him as our King in this very special and public manner. Flowers from your garden or from a store would be appreciated. Please bring flowers to the parish center any time Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup> & June 1<sup>st</sup>. Monetary donations are also welcome and may be placed in the collection basket.



**CALL TO ORDERS**

The Church of Metuchen joyfully announces that Bishop Checchio has called five men to be ordained to the priesthood on **June 8, 2024**, including **Rev. Mr. Larrydom Jr. K. Magdasoc** and **Rev. Mr. Dawid J. Malik**. Bishop Checchio will ordain these men to the priesthood for service in the Church of Metuchen in the Cathedral of Saint Francis of Assisi, Metuchen. Please pray in a special way for these men and for all their intentions as they prepare to serve the People of God in our local Church of Metuchen.



**ORDINATION TO THE SACRED DIACONATE**

We are happy to announce that **Jacinto Fernandes**, a parishioner of our parish, will be ordained as a permanent deacon on **Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>** by Bishop Checchio at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen. We congratulate him on his upcoming ordination and wish him God's blessing.

Everyone is invited to join us on **Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am Mass** when Jacinto will serve and preach as a Deacon for the first time! Following Mass all are invited to a reception in the cafeteria.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



Please pray for the children in our parish who are preparing to receive the sacrament of First Holy Communion on **Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>**.

## NEXT HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

### *Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Thursday, August 15, 2024

## HOLY ROSARY



Every Sunday the Holy Rosary is recited immediately following the 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00 pm and 5:00 pm Masses. Pope Benedict XVI has said that the Rosary brings “...*peace and reconciliation. It contains within itself the healing power of the Most Holy Name of Jesus, invoked with faith and love at the center of each “Hail Mary.”* All are encouraged to join us in prayer.

## MOTHER’S DAY SPIRITUAL BOUQUET CARDS



We have beautiful Mother’s Day Spiritual Bouquet cards available in the Parish Office. Stop in to pick one up for your Mom, Grandmother, Aunt or someone special in your life. ***Mother’s Day is Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>***.

## May Crowning

Our Annual May Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary will take place on Mother’s Day, **Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>** at the **11:00 am Mass** *All children are invited to participate!*



## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

### Pray for Vocations

As Catholics, we firmly believe that God has a plan for our lives! He calls some to marriage, some to the priesthood, and others to religious life or to live as generous single people. Fully living our own vocations—and teaching young people how to discern God’s call—is a serious duty, but also a joyful one. During this week, please encourage the young people in your life—children, grandchildren, students, and friends—to be open if God calls them to priesthood or religious life.

## Events for the Week

### MEETING ROOM KEY

*BFM* Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney Rm.  
*EC* Education Center/School  
*PC* Parish Center  
*RCAG* Rec Center Auditorium/Gym  
*RCC* Rec Center Cafeteria  
*SJC* St. Joseph Cottolengo Rm.  
*SLR* St. Lorenzo Ruiz Rm.  
*SMC* St. Margaret of Castello Rm.

### SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024

**Children’s Choir Sings:** 9:00 am (*Church*)  
**RCIA – Teens:** 9:15 – 10:45 am (*EC*)  
**RCIA – Adults:** 9:15 – 10:45 am (*EC*)  
**CCD:** 10:15 – 11:30 am (*EC*)  
**Adult Choir Sings:** 11:00 am (*Church*)  
**Filipino American Association Line Dancing :** 1:00 pm (*RCC*)  
**JABL Hoops:** 1:00 – 3:00 pm (*RCAG*)  
**Kalahi Basketball:** 6:00 – 10:30 pm (*RCAG*)

### MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2024

**Adult Confirmation Class:** 7:00 pm (*via Zoom*)  
**JABL Hoops:** 7:30 – 9:30 pm (*RCAG*)

### TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2024

**Legion of Mary:** 7:45 – 8:45 pm (*BFM*)  
**Nothing But Nets Basketball:** 6:00 – 8:00 pm (*RCAG*)  
**Kinilaw Basketball:** 8:30 – 10:30 pm (*RCAG*)

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2024

**Children’s Choir Rehearsal:** 3:45 pm (*Church*)  
**CCD (Gr. 1-6):** 4:15 - 5:30 pm (*EC*)  
**CCD (Gr. 7-8):** 6:15 - 7:30 pm (*EC*)  
**Holy Hour for the Dying:** 8:00 – 9:00 pm (*SJC*)  
**Men’s Basketball:** 6:30 - 8:30 pm (*RCAG*)  
**MNB Hoops:** 9:00 - 11:00 pm (*RCAG*)

### THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2024

**Holy Hour for the Dying:** 3:00 – 4:00 pm (*Church*)  
**Adult Choir Rehearsal:** 7:30 – 8:30 pm (*Church*)  
**JABL Hoops:** 7:30 – 9:30 pm (*RCAG*)

### FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2024

**Nothing But Nets Basketball:** 6:00 – 8:00 pm (*RCAG*)  
**Consoling the Heart of Mary:** 7:00 – 8:00 pm (*PC*)  
**Hispanic Rosary Society:** 7:30 pm (*SJC*) *\*new time\**  
**Kinilaw Basketball:** 8:30 – 10:30 pm (*RCAG*)

### SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024

**First Holy Communion Prep Day:** 10:00 am – 1:00 pm (*RCC*)  
**Men’s Saturday Basketball:** 11:00 am – 1:00 pm (*RCAG*)  
**Kalahi Basketball JABL Hoops:** 4:00 – 10:30 pm (*RCAG*)

### SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024

**RCIA – Teens:** 9:15 – 10:45 am (*EC*)  
**RCIA – Adults:** 9:15 – 10:45 am (*EC*)  
**CCD:** 10:15 – 11:30 am (*EC*)  
**Adult Choir Sings:** 11:00 am (*Church*)  
**JABL Hoops:** 1:00 – 3:00 pm (*RCAG*)  
**Kalahi Basketball:** 6:00 – 10:30 pm (*RCAG*)

## Save the Date

### GIFTS FROM BETHLEHEM

Mother's Day weekend, May 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup>, **Gifts From Bethlehem** will be visiting our parish providing the opportunity to purchase beautiful olive wood woodcarvings handmade in Bethlehem - surprise Mom with a special gift!

### Life Choices, Inc.

Joan Fasanello of Life Choices, Inc. will be speaking after Masses the weekend of April 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> about the amazing achievements of the past 25 years – all made possible by donors like you. Imagine all the heroic women Life Choices has been honored to help – and all the amazing, beautiful children! Kindly give Joan your generous attention next weekend, and please pick up a baby bottle on the way out of church and fill it with whatever donation you can.

Would you like to learn more? Check out their new website for devotional and educational purposes [www.Redeemerinthewomb.com](http://www.Redeemerinthewomb.com)

### 2024 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

**STAY WITH US, LORD: Renew our Hearts and Send Us on Mission**

Thank you to all who have given so generously to the 2024 Bishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not made a pledge, there is still time to participate. Mail your gift to: Diocese of Metuchen Bishop's Annual Appeal, PO Box 4000, Metuchen, NJ 08840-4000 or give online at <https://diometuchen.org/BAA>.

You can find the link to the Bishop's Appeal video by going to <https://diometuchen.org/BAA>.

To date total pledges and money received is \$59,503, which is 66.86% of our \$89,000 goal. Of that, \$51,530 has been received by the Diocese.

### WE ARE A TITHING PARISH

Rooted in Sacred Scripture, tithing is God's plan for giving. Those who tithe give the first 10% of their weekly income to God. This is usually 5% to their parish church and 5% to other charitable causes.

#### Fourth Sunday of Easter

#### Stewards Listen

*"I am the good shepherd...and I lay down my life for the sheep...and they will heed my voice."*

- JOHN 10:14-16

When you pray, do you only ask Jesus for the things that you want? Do you ever ask Jesus what He wants from his **Steward**? How do you listen for His response? Many times, Jesus responds in "quiet whispers" that are not so obvious. So, take time every day, in silence, to actively listen for His voice.

Sunday, April 7, 2024 - \$ 11,648

Sunday, March 26, 2023 - \$ 12,475

### INCOME & EXPENSES April 2 - April 8, 2024

Church, Parish Center, Rectory & Education Rec Center

#### INCOME:

Regular Mass Collections .....	\$ 11,648
Easter Collection .....	\$ 1,401
Easter On-line Giving .....	<u>3,123</u>
Total Easter Collection .....	4,524
Donations .....	533
All Other Income.....	<u>3,541</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME.....</b>	<b>\$ 20,246</b>

#### EXPENSE:

Utilities .....	5,503
Office Supplies .....	2,527
All Other Expenses .....	<u>2,026</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE .....</b>	<b>\$ 10,056</b>
<b>INCOME OVER EXPENSE .....</b>	<b>\$ 10,190</b>

### CHURCH RENOVATION FUND - As of April 8, 2024

Remaining Money from Phase 1 .....	\$ 322,924
Received 1/1/19 – 12/31/23 .....	1,697,987
Less Expenses (1/1/19 – 12/31/23) .....	(60,367)
Total Funds Available as of 12/31/23 .....	\$ 1,960,544
Received since 1/1/24:	
Received last week .....	15,369
Received this week .....	465
Bequest .....	<u>184,290</u>
Total Received 2024 .....	200,124
Less Expenses in 2024 .....	<u>(4,904)</u>
Net Received in 2024 .....	<u>195,220</u>
Reno Fund Balance available for Phase 2....	<b>\$ 2,155,764</b>



We thank all our parishioners and donors for so generously supporting the renovation of our church. Please continue to pray to St. Anne, on whose intercession we rely.

### ONLINE GIVING SIGN-UP

Parish Giving

—SIGN UP FOR ELECTRONIC GIVING—



We are pleased to offer parishioners the convenience to make your weekly contributions to our church online. Simply go to our website [www.olfparish.org](http://www.olfparish.org), click the **ONLINE GIVING** button on the top right side of the screen, and be brought right to the **Parish Giving** website for our parish. Or just scan this QR code and reach the site instantly. Create your personal account and join the many others who enjoy the ease and convenience of online giving.



PLEASE REGISTER WITH US

*Welcome!*

We welcome and invite all Catholics who live in the area to register with our parish. Only those parishioners who have been registered for at least six months may qualify to receive a certificate of eligibility to become a Godparent and/or Sponsor. Everyone who turns 18 years of age should register as an adult, even if they live with their parents today. Call our Parish Office at 732-968-5555.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



Sponsoring altar flowers, sanctuary lamps or votive candles are always a welcome gift, a means of thanksgiving, or a special way to remember an important event of life or death. They may be sponsored in honor of a loved one, living or deceased. Sponsorships are available on a weekly basis. Candle sponsorships are \$10; flowers for the main altar are \$125, and flowers for the side altars are \$75. Call our Parish Office at 732-968-5555 to arrange your sponsorship.

LOST & FOUND

If you believe you may have left anything behind in the church, please visit our Lost & Found in the parish center or inquire about the item by calling 732-968-5555, Ext. 104 or 107 to speak with one of our administrative assistants.

SCAM ALERT

Be advised that no priest, parish employee, or member of any parish committee will ever email or call you requesting you to purchase gift cards. Father Paul will never email or call any parishioner presenting an emergency situation asking for gift cards or cash to be sent immediately. If you receive such a message, report this to the parish office – this is a scam!

*Office of Catechesis*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION GRADES 1-8

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Our 2023-2024 Religious Education classes for students in grades 1-8 are held:

Sunday Classes

10:15 – 11:30 am for Grades 1 – 6

Wednesday classes

4:15 – 5:30 pm Grades 1-6  
6:15 – 7:30 pm Grades 7 & 8

Registration for the 2024-25 school year begins Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. The bulletin April 27/28 will have more info.



**We are so proud of our 5th grade CCD class that performed a live Stations of the Cross play during Lent.**

RCIA – RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is a religious formation program which introduces and explains the Catholic Faith to adults while preparing them to receive the Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. This program available to unbaptized persons, baptized Christians from other faiths, and Catholics who have not received Confirmation and First Eucharist. If you are a non-Catholic interested in becoming Roman Catholic, or a Catholic seeking to complete your initiation into the Church, we invite you to enroll in the RCIA. To join us for an RCIA inquiry session please contact Bill Fennelly at 732-754-4214 or email [bufennelly@gmail.com](mailto:bufennelly@gmail.com). There is no commitment to join the program when you attend an inquiry session.

*Area News*

**Petros Young Adult Group  
First Friday Holy Hour & Social**

Interested in learning more about the Priesthood? Come and join us each month for a Holy Hour and Social at St. Peter's Catholic Church, 94 Somerset Street, New Brunswick, NJ. This event is held the **First Friday of the month at 7:30 pm** and is open to all Young Adults. Learn more at [www.stpeternewbrunswick.org](http://www.stpeternewbrunswick.org)

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Catholic men over the age of 18 are invited to join the Knights of Columbus Council 2544. Scan this QR code and complete the short online form, and you will be contacted shortly by our Membership Director.





**FISH – CALL FOR ASSISTANCE OR TO VOLUNTEER!**

Fish, Inc. Dunellen Area is the local Christian service organization providing food, clothing, and other seasonal assistance to those in need in our community. Follow [www.fishdunellenarea.org/](http://www.fishdunellenarea.org/) for up-to-date information: To provide a monetary donation, please mail a check to Fish, Inc. at P.O. Box 8565, Piscataway, NJ, 08855. They are also accepting donations of gift cards from Stop & Shop, ShopRite, Aldi, Superfood Fresh in Middlesex, Target, and Walmart.



**PASTORAL CARE FOR PEOPLE WITH SAME-SEX ATTRACTION**

**Ministry for those experiencing Same-Sex-Attractions (SSA):** *Courage* is support for Catholic men and women who experience SSA and desire to live chaste lives following the teachings of the Catholic Church. *Encourage* helps loved ones of those with SSA. *Courage* contacts: 732-562-2476 ([couragecnj@gmail.com](mailto:couragecnj@gmail.com)). *Encourage* Hotline: 609-642-6935. All calls are strictly confidential. Also visit: [www.everlastinghills.org](http://www.everlastinghills.org) to view the documentary *Desire of the Everlasting Hills*. Go to: [couragerc.org](http://couragerc.org) for more info.

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**HEALING THE WHOLE PERSON RETREAT**

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**When: September 19-21, 2024** - There are two separate events to attend and attendees are encouraged to participate in both:

- Day of Equipping: September 20 (all day)
- Healing the Whole Person: Sept. 19 - 20 (evening only) and Sept. 21 (all day)

**Where: The Metuchen Cathedral**

This is an incredible event and we are expecting it to sell out quickly, so be sure to register as soon as registration opens on June 17, 2024 at [www.jpilhealingcenter.org](http://www.jpilhealingcenter.org) or email [jpiretreatmetuchennj@gmail.com](mailto:jpiretreatmetuchennj@gmail.com) for more information.

**Word of Life**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter - April 21, 2024**

"Suicidal individuals—with or without a terminal illness—typically do not want to die; they want to escape what they perceive to be an intolerable situation, and they inaccurately believe that suicide is their only way out. The patient requesting assisted suicide is often asking, 'Does anyone want me to be alive, or care enough to talk me out of this request and support me through this difficult time?'"

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Every Suicide is Tragic"  
[usccb.org/every-suicide-tragic](http://usccb.org/every-suicide-tragic)

# NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

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Welcome to this special section of the bulletin dedicated to the National Eucharistic Revival! As our parish continues to observe the second phase of this historic event, we are pleased to provide this dedicated space to weekly information on matters pertaining to the Revival. In addition to announcements regarding special activities and events, this section provides a regular listing of resources, catechesis and directives which are intended to help foster a deeper devotion and a greater understanding of the Holy Eucharist. We invite you to look over this section each week for new and updated content and we pray that as you do so, you will grow in your appreciation and love for Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament.



### **The First National Eucharistic Congress in 83 years July 17-21, 2023 | Indianapolis, Indiana**

This is a pivotal moment in both American history and the legacy of the Catholic Church. We are expecting tens of thousands of pilgrims – but space is limited. Jesus Christ will be there. Will you?

***Ticket, travel & accomodation packages are now available from the diocese but they are limited!*** If you wish to attend, you should act now before the seats are gone. You may contact Anne Houston at 973-479-6467 or the Office of Evangelization & Communication at the Diocese of Metuchen.

## OFFICIAL PRAYERS NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

O SACRED BANQUET, in which Christ is received, the memory of His Passion is renewed, the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory is given to us.

MY GOD, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love Thee! I beg pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love Thee.

O MOST HOLY TRINITY, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore Thee profoundly. I offer Thee the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifference by which He is offended. By the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg the conversion of poor sinners.



## NATIONAL Eucharistic Pilgrimage

The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage has publicly launched!

The NEP (<https://www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org/>) will consist of four cross-country Eucharistic processions, collectively traversing the entire continental United States over a two-month period, beginning during the feast of Pentecost, May 17-19, 2024.

The pilgrimage is being organized by the National Eucharistic Revival campaign in conjunction with Modern Catholic Pilgrim, a Catholic nonprofit dedicated to deepening the faith across



the country through pilgrimages. Along the way, the pilgrims will make stops in major US cities, churches, Catholic colleges, and holy sites. Parishes along the routes will host Mass, adoration, devotions, praise and workshop, lectures on the Eucharist, and more.

The Seton Route, which will begin in New Haven, Connecticut, will be passing through the Diocese of Metuchen on May 27-29, 2024. The four pilgrimage processions will ultimately converge in Indianapolis on July 16, 2024, to participate in the National Eucharistic Congress. Adam Carlisle, Secretary of Evangelization and Communication, will be helping to organize our diocese's involvement. If anyone is interested in assisting with this important event, please feel free to contact Adam Carlisle at [acarlisle@diometuchen.org](mailto:acarlisle@diometuchen.org).

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## PERPETUAL ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



Our parish offers Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 24/7 in our Eucharistic Adoration Chapel located in the Parish Center. We are very blessed to be the only parish in the Diocese of Metuchen to offer Perpetual Adoration. We welcome and encourage you to regularly visit our chapel and to invite others as well.

## EUCCHARISTIC GUARDIANS



We are always in need of more Eucharistic Guardians. Eucharistic Guardians dedicate themselves to an hour of silent prayer each week in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. They make Perpetual Adoration possible by assuring that Jesus is never left alone.

For more information or to sign up, please call the Parish Office or Gerry Aboyme at 732-266-4145.

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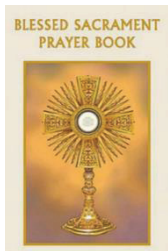
## RESOURCES

### TO HELP FOSTER DEVOTION TO THE HOLY EUCHARIST

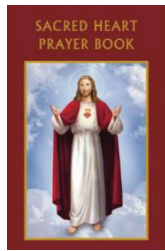
The following items are available at the Parish Center:

#### 7 Secrets of the Eucharist Book and Study Guide

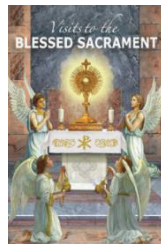
The 4-week parish workshop based on Vinny Flynn's book *7 Secrets of the Eucharist* recently concluded, and we have a limited supply of extra books and study guides available for sale at the parish center for \$10 each.



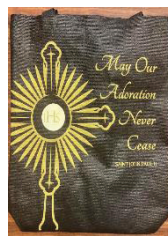
BLESSED SACRAMENT PRAYER BOOK - \$8.00



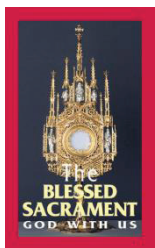
SACRED HEART PRAYER BOOK - \$8.00



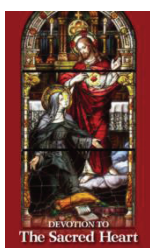
VISITS TO THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - \$8.00



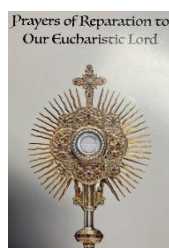
TOTE BAG - \$2.00



THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - GOD IS WITH US - \$5.00



DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART - \$5.00



PRAYERS OF REPARATION TO OUR EUCHARISTIC LORD - \$2.00



MONSTRANCE LAPEL PIN - \$2.00

### **THE MYSTERY OF THE EUCHARIST IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH**

is the 2021 United States Catholic Conference of Bishops document on the Eucharist – the doctrinal source text for the National Eucharistic Revival. To read the document, visit the Bishop's Conference Official Website at: [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org).

## EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

### Pilgrimage Passport

June 2023 – June 2024



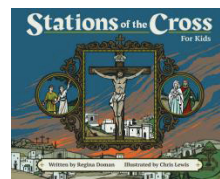
The children in the religious education program here at Our Lady of Fatima Church are engaging in the Year of Eucharistic

Revival by making a pilgrimage to various chapels, shrines and holy sites within the surrounding area to visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. They have each received a little "passport" to take with them and to get stamped as they complete their visit to each site. If you would like to participate in this spiritual pilgrimage as well, pick up a passport at the main entrance to the church. We hope many children will partake in this wonderful experience visiting Jesus! Additional information can be found on our parish website [www.olfparish.org](http://www.olfparish.org).

### RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN - *Pick of the Week*

## Stations of the Cross for Kids

By Regina Doman



This fully illustrated version of the traditional Stations of the Cross contains new meditations by children's author Regina Doman (Angel in the Waters) along with:

- Scripture verses that point to each station,
- Traditional prayers attributed to St. Francis of Assisi and St. Alphonsus Ligouri,
- Lyrics to the traditional hymn "Stabat Mater" (At the Cross Her Station Keeping) in both Latin and English,
- A feature that gives historical and scriptural lessons concerning the tradition of walking the Way of the Cross
- A final prayer that ties the stations to Eucharistic adoration throughout the liturgical year.
- Detailed pictures compliment the text and allow the reader to follow Christ and his Mother as they make their way through the streets of Jerusalem on the way to Calvary..

This item may be purchased on AMAZON or on the Catholic Company website (<https://www.catholiccompany.com/stations-of-cross-kids-1132737/>)

**"We should commit ourselves to 'eucharistic coherence,' that is, we should be conscious that people cannot receive holy communion and at the same time act or speak against the commandments, in particular when abortions, euthanasia, and other serious crimes against life and family are facilitated. This responsibility applies particularly to legislators, governors, and health professionals."**

– Pope Francis

**O Sisters, if we would only comprehend the fact that while the Eucharistic Species remain within us, Jesus is there and working in us inseparably with the Father and the Holy Spirit and therefore the whole Holy Trinity is there.**

– St. Magdalena de Pazzi



## Learn more about the Sacred Liturgy and the Holy Eucharist on **FORMED**

*This week, we recommend the following Series:*

### **Metanoia: A Journey With Christ Into Conversion**



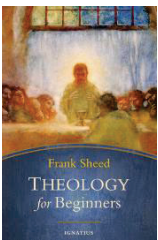
**METANOIA** - and believe in the Gospel. In the Gospel of Mark, the first words of Jesus are an invitation to metanoia, to repent, to change, to be converted. This series is beautifully filmed on location in the Holy Land, highlighting sacred places such as the Sea of Galilee, the River Jordan, the desert of Temptations, and many of the holy sites in Jerusalem.

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## **BOOKS ON THE HOLY EUCHARIST**

*Pick of the Week*

### **Theology for Beginners By Frank Sheed**



The acclaimed Catholic writer and apologist Frank Sheed presents one of the most clear and outstanding explanations of the central doctrines of the Christian faith ever written. He starts with a compelling case of good reasons for anyone to study theology, and the wonderful rewards that accompany such a pursuit.

After explaining how God is Spirit, Sheed examines God's infinity and man's creation from nothing. He then covers in depth such key doctrines as the Trinity, the Fall, the Incarnation and Redemption, the Mystical Body, Grace and the Sacraments, and the Last Things. For those to whom these doctrines seem formidable, Sheed brings a fresh approach with lucid and carefully reasoned prose. His beautiful insights and clear explanations will help stir our minds to the inspiring truth of the spiritual realities at the center of human existence.

This book is published by *Ignatius Press* and may be purchased at most religious book stores and on [AMAZON.COM](http://AMAZON.COM).

### **Eucharistic Theology by Fr. John A. Hardon, S.J.**

In the sixteenth century, theories concerning the Holy Eucharist ranged from complete symbolism to some kind of spiritual presence. To meet this challenge to the Catholic faith, the Council of Trent defined the Real Presence in a series of four canons:

1. The Church condemned "anyone who denies that the body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore the *whole Christ* is truly, really, and substantially contained in the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, but says that Christ is present in the sacrament only as a sign, or figure, or by his power."

### **The "Whole Christ"**

The expression "whole Christ" means that Christ is present in the "fullness of his divine and human natures"; it means that he is present under the sacramental appearances with the "totality of his divine attributes as well as human properties." How such is possible is part of theological speculation, but the fact is a matter of faith.

2. Some adversaries of the day were ready to admit a Real Presence, even a corporeal one, but claimed that Christ was present along with the elements of bread and wine. Not so, the Council held, as though "the substance of bread and wine remains in the holy sacrament of the Eucharist together with the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ." This would be to deny "that wonderful and extraordinary change of the whole substance of bread" into Christ's Body and whole substance of the wine into his Blood, while only the species of bread and wine remain, a change that the Catholic Church has fittingly called transubstantiation.

3. The Church answered the question whether Christ was present entirely under the form of bread alone or wine alone, or was he present only under the forms of bread and wine together. The Council affirmed that "in the venerable sacrament of the Eucharist the whole Christ is contained under each species and under each and every portion of either species when it is divided up." In the sixteenth century, the strong insistence that the chalice be given to everyone occasioned this definition, which was also the doctrinal foundation for receiving only under the form of bread.

4. Another theory held that the Real Presence is to be identified with the liturgical action. The Church declared that one cannot say that the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ are "present only in the use of the sacrament while it is being received, and not before or after, and that the true Body of the Lord does not remain in the consecrated hosts or particles. that are left over after Communion." This definition of the Council of Trent implies that Christ is present in the Eucharist really and objectively. His presence does not depend on the people's faith, piety or devotion.

Given the fact of Christ's presence as long as the species remain, it was only logical for the Church to worship the Blessed Sacrament as it would the presence of Jesus himself. As a result, he is to be adored "in the sacrament of the Eucharist with the worship of *latria*, including the external worship." Concretely this means that the Blessed Sacrament is to be "honored with extraordinary festive celebrations" and "solemnly carried from place to place" and "is to be publicly exposed for the people's adoration."

...As Presence, Christ confers grace on a sinful world just because he is in the tabernacle. As Sacrifice, Christ pours down his blessings of mercy on the whole human race every time that Mass is offered. And as Communion, he feeds our souls with his love, so that we might love him in return.

Our spiritual life will grow and our apostolates will flourish, on one condition: that we center our lives on the Eucharist. Why? Because the Eucharist is Jesus Christ living on earth, in our midst, today.

# EUCCHARISTIC SAINTS

## ST. BROTHER ANDRÉ BESSETTE

### WHO CALLED HIMSELF ST. JOSEPH'S LITTLE DOG



Br. Andre Bessette called himself St. Joseph's little dog. He was born in Saint-Gregoire d'Iberville Quebec, Canada, August 9, 1845, and raised in a devout French Catholic family. By the time Br. Andre was twelve, both of his parents had died, and he was sent to live and work with relatives. Br. Andre's father was a carpenter like St. Joseph and his mother had a great devotion to St. Joseph which she passed on to little Andre, who was a sickly child. Br. Andre "had already often thought of Saint Joseph watching over the Child Jesus and he had made up his mind to imitate this saintly Workman, for he also was to watch over the Infant God Whom he carried at all times in his soul by divine grace and Whom he received with such deep piety in Holy Communion".

Br. Andre faced many challenges, especially as he tried to become a Holy Cross Brother. He grew in holiness and received the great gifts of compassion for the sick and healing, through the intercession of St. Joseph. He wanted to build a Shrine to St. Joseph on Mt. Royal across from the college where he worked as a doorkeeper, in Montreal, Quebec. He began with poor health, little education and no money and even his own Brothers said it was impossible. Still, Br. Andre placed total faith in God and the assistance of St. Joseph. A medal of St. Joseph was buried in the ground, where Br. Andre wished to build the Shrine, and countless prayers were offered. Miracles happened. A small Church was built, then a larger one. When the walls stood and there was no money for a roof, Br. Andre placed a statue of St. Joseph in the middle and said that the Saint would provide his own shelter; with Br. Andre's help and hard work he did. St. Joseph's home kept growing!

Br. Andre led weekly Stations of the Cross and a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration in the small chapel. His love of the Holy Eucharist was impregnated with a love for the sufferings of the Master; the Holy Hour which he inaugurated at the Oratory [of St. Joseph] every Friday evening was followed by the Way of the Cross. So great was Br. Andre's love for the Blessed Sacrament that he often spent his nights in prayer before Jesus. Br. Andre's bedroom, in which he cared for the sick and dying throughout the night, overlooked the chapel. Br. Andre cut out a window in his room so he could look at the tabernacle and pray to Him day and night.

Br. Andre spent hours in Eucharistic Adoration. Some of his quotes are below:

- "What would your wife say if you were a whole month without showing her any marks of affection? She would say that you do not love her. You would cause trouble in your home. Well, when you do not receive Communion God says to Himself that you do not love Him. And there is trouble in your soul."
- "If you ate only one meal a week would you survive? It is the same for your soul. Nourish it with the Blessed Sacrament."
- "Receive the Holy Communion often. Our Lord cannot refuse you anything when He is there in your heart. You will find strength and solace in this act".
- "O Holy angels, make me see God on the altar as you see Him in heaven."

It is often said that a dog is a man's best friend. Br. Andre, St. Joseph's little dog, certainly deserves the title of his best friend. Sometimes it was as if he was speaking with St. Joseph, said those who saw him in prayer. Br. Andre's advice to those wanting cures was simple: "Rub yourself with the blessed medal [of St. Joseph] and with St. Joseph's oil. Make a novena". Br. Andre encouraged novenas of Holy Communions, the Sacrament of Confession and the Stations of the Cross.

Br. Andre died on January 6, 1937, on the Feast of the Epiphany. A million people traveled to Montreal in the cold and snow to pay their respects to Br. Andre. Above all, Br. Andre desired for people to grow close to God and be healed. He was willing to offer up any sacrifice for the conversion of one soul. Br. Andre cared deeply about the sick, poor and suffering of the world. Today, when visiting the St. Joseph's Oratory, it is amazing to see the thousands of crutches and braces left behind by those who were cured. People continue to pray, through the intercession of St. Joseph and Br. Andre, for their many needs. In the words of Br. Andre: "Seldom have I met someone who has come to the shrine and left without consolation, without feeling better about life." "Place yourself in God's hands. He will not abandon you." Yearly, over two million people visit St. Joseph's Oratory in Montreal, the largest shrine in the world to St. Joseph. Br. Andre is entombed there.

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## Gospel Today

Fourth Sunday of Easter | John 10: 11-18

*Jesus is the Good Shepherd who will give up His life for us, His flock.*

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### THE LOST SHEEP

These sheep are lost, but when they hear the voice of Jesus, they find their way.

I HEAR THE GOOD NEWS



I believe

I HEAR THE GOSPEL



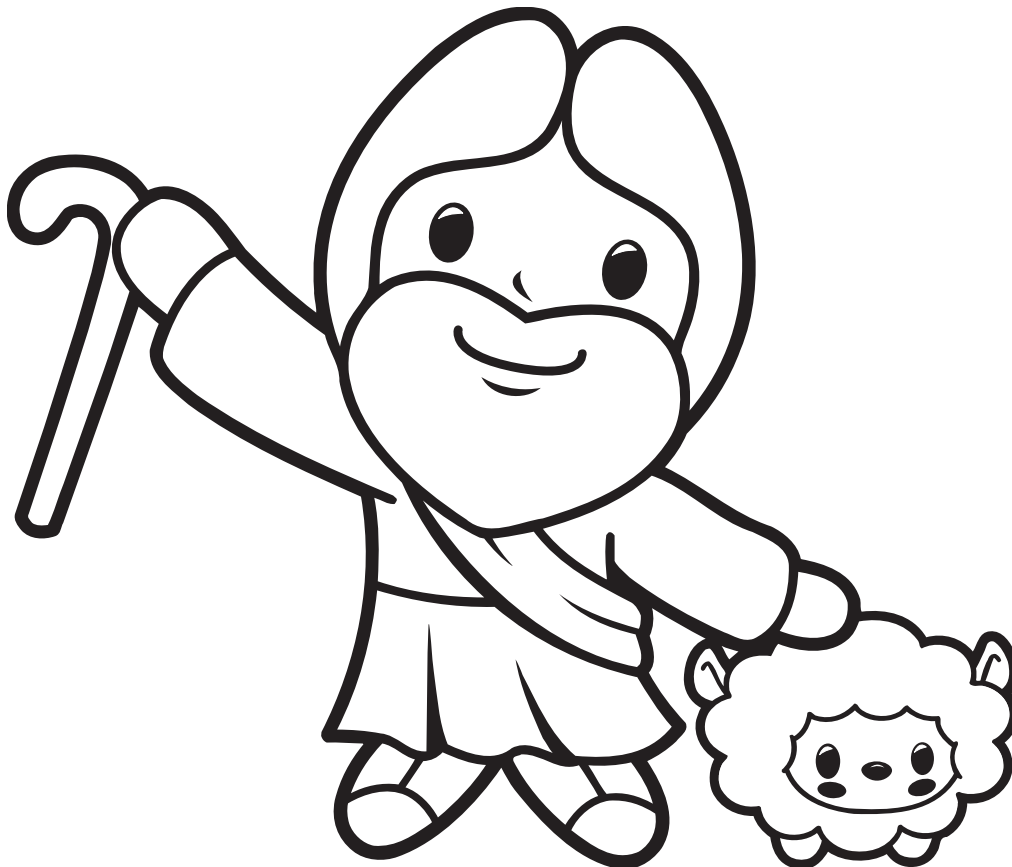
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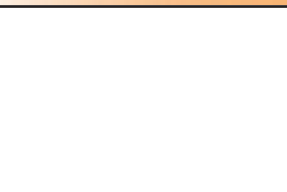
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