

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 13, 2018

† MASS INTENTIONS †

Sat.	5/12	4:00 PM	Thomas Chuckra, Jr. by His Wife Mary Fran
Sun.	5/13	7:30 AM	Terry M. Schiavone, Sr. by His Wife Joyce
		10:30 AM	For the People
Mon.	5/14	7:00 PM	Alice (Dougherty) and Matthew Gallagher and the Deceased Members of Their Families by Joseph and Thelma Gallagher
Tue.	5/15	7:00 AM	M/M John A. Ravina and Son Albert by M/M Daniel Sarosky
Wed.	5/16	7:00 AM	NO MASS
Thur.	5/17	7:00 AM	Nancy Hartzel by Sally and Janet
Fri.	5/18	7:00 AM	Joseph Troell, Sr. by Gloria
Sat.	5/19	4:00 PM	Pentecost Vigil Elsie Norman & Cheryl Kleckner by Marla and Family
Sun.	5/20	7:30 AM	Pentecost Sunday John B. Capozzelli by His Family
		10:30 AM	Pentecost Sunday For the People



Last Weekend:

Sunday \$4,112.66; Dues \$696.00; Care and Education of Priests \$733.33; Easter \$17.00; Ascension \$84.00; Catholic Communications \$27.00; Catholic Home Mission \$39.00; Poor Box \$171.57

CANDLES ON THE ALTAR are in Memory of the Deceased Members of the Petrusky Family by Gloria.



PENTECOST SUNDAY IS NEXT SUNDAY,
 May 20th. In honor of the Holy Spirit, we are
 asking everyone to **WEAR RED** on this day. Let's
 set our hearts afire in welcome of the Holy Spirit!



There will be a Youth Teen Meeting **next Sunday** from 12:00 to 1:30 PM in St. Patrick's parish.



FOOD PANTRY donation for May is coffee. The next distribution will be Tuesday, May 22nd. Volunteers are needed to help unload the truck at 1 PM. Packing bags is at 1:30 PM and distribution is 3:30 PM.

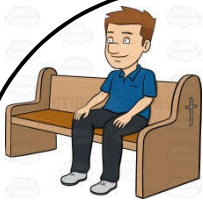


HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL THE MOTHERS, STEPMOTHERS, GRANDMOTHERS, GODMOTHERS, FOSTER MOTHERS, AND MOTHERS-TO-BE IN OUR PARISH FAMILY. GOD'S BLESSINGS ON YOU FOR ALL YOU DO FOR OUR CHILDREN.





I wasn't the best athlete growing up. Our neighborhood game was kick-ball. I loved the game, but not the team-picking. Inevitably I was the last one picked. You know the feeling; many of you have been there. This weekend's gospel is about Jesus "picking" His Apostles to carry on His work. It was not easy to be picked for this job. At that time it could mean death if you were a disciple of Jesus. You might say that they did not WANT to be picked because of the danger. But they WERE picked and did a great job of carrying on the tradition of Jesus and His church. YOU were picked! From the first moment of your baptism and through all your other sacraments, you were picked FIRST by God to carry on the traditions of His church. Now that has to feel good!



A VIEW FROM THE PEW, MYSTICAL ROSE

The Litany of Mary is a powerful prayer written in the Middle Ages. In it are many names attributed to Mary, one is the "Mystical Rose." Laura Hensley of EpicPew explains "Mary has shown us that the rose is Her favorite flower, through the mysterious roses that Juan Diego picked before giving him Her image on his tilma (cloak)." St. Juan Diego was born in 1474 a native to Mexico. He became the first Roman Catholic indigenous saint from the Americas. Juan and his wife converted to Catholicism and were among the first to be baptized in the region. Juan was known for his devotion to the Blessed Mother, and while on his way to church, she appeared to him requesting that he ask the bishop to build a chapel in her honor. Juan approached the bishop, but he doubted his story. Mary appeared a second time and again he confronted the bishop, this time the bishop requested proof. The Virgin Mary appeared a third time, Juan explained what transpired and the Blessed Mother told him she would provide proof the next day. Unfortunately, Juan's sick uncle required care and he missed the meeting with Mary. Embarrassed, but needing a priest for his uncle, he set out and did not want to face Mary. Mary was persistent and found Juan anyway. Juan explained the situation and Mary asked him "am I not here, I who am your mother?" She cured his uncle and provided proof of the apparition. Mary asked him to climb a hill and collect flowers growing there. He obeyed and found many flowers blooming in December on the rocky land. He collected them in his cloak and presented them to the Blessed Mother who arranged the flowers within the cloak and told him to present it to the bishop. The bishop opened it and found a miraculous imprinted image of the Virgin Mary on the inside of the flower-filled cloak. This cloak from 1531 remains perfectly preserved at the "Basilica of Guadalupe" and has become one of the most visited Catholic shrines. Mary, The Mystical Rose!



LET'S CRUISE! There will be an informational meeting with representatives from Boscov's Travel on Friday, May 18th at 6:00 PM in the parish hall at Immaculate Conception. This is a great opportunity to get all your questions answered. **ALL ABOARD!** See you at the meeting!

PARISH HAPPENINGS



OUR ANNUAL OLD-FASHIONED SUNDAY AFTERNOON CHURCH PICNIC will be held **Sunday, June 10th**, in the public park. Mass begins at 12:00 PM and the picnic begins immediately after. **Please let us know what you are bringing and how many are coming. Please call the parish office at 570-636-3035 or drop your forms into the collection basket.**

THESE ARE THE DONATIONS WE HAVE SO FAR:

Hot Foods:

Halushki (2 crock pots), Potatoes with Bacon, Butter, and Onions, Steak and Mushrooms, Pierogis

Salads:

Macaroni Salad, Cucumber Salad; Broccoli Salad; Fruit Salad

Side Dishes:

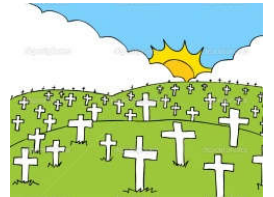
6 dozen Deviled Eggs; 2 lb. Tri-Colored Pasta; Spinach Dip

Desserts:

Peanut Butter Tandy Cake; Lemon Supreme Cake; Devil's Food Cake; Banana Cake; Chocolate Peanut Butter Fudge, 6 lb. Peanut Butter Fudge; Apple Pie; Blueberry Pie; Sheet Cake



PARISH CEMETARIES - Volunteers for the parish cemeteries ask parishioners to please remove all decorations as soon as possible from family plots in order to prepare for the upcoming summer season.



A CHARISMATIC MASS AND HEALING SERVICE will be held, Thursday, May 17th, at 7:00 PM. Fr. John Campoli will preside, and light refreshments will be served afterwards in Room 3. Any questions, please call Arlene at 570-788-3643.



PARISH CLEAN UP AND SPRUCE UP will take place on **SATURDAY, MAY 19th** from 10:00 AM till Noon. Please bring your rakes, shovels, gloves, bulldozers, backhoes, and front-end loaders (I'm thinking of some very big projects)! Thanks in advance for your help!!!



PARISH BUS TRIP to see the play "Nunsense" at the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse, Hampton, NJ on Tuesday, July 10th. Cost is \$80 and includes lunch. Call Mary Lloyd 570-578-6720 for reservations. Money is due with reservation.

Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Parish Altar Server Meeting



Dear Parishioner,

There will be a short VERY IMPORTANT information meeting for all current servers, those who would like to become an altar server and for ALL parents. The meeting will be held on Saturday, May 26th at 10:30 AM in the Parish Center.

Altar Servers assist the parish community in celebrating the sacred Liturgy as we worship God. Serving is an act of faith. Servers offer themselves, as Jesus did, for the benefit of others. Altar Serving is more than what we do in church: it is a reflection of the way that we live at home and at school. It is a privilege to serve at the table of the Lord.

Servers need to understand the aspects of the celebration of the liturgy. As leaders, it is important to understand the principles and duties of an Altar Server. We will also arrange for a short training session at his meeting for all Altar Servers (current and new).

Please let me know if you have any questions or will be unable to attend by calling the parish office at (570) 636-3035.

Blessings,

Father Mike and Deacon Jim Rebarchick

Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Parish

ALTAR SERVER PERMISSION SLIP

To be completed by parent/guardian and Altar Server

Altar Server's Name: _____
Last First M.I.

Address: _____
Street City
Zip

Altar Server's Home Phone Number: _____

School Attended: _____ Grade: _____

Email Address: _____

I, _____ wish to serve in the Ministry of Altar Server. I understand by signing this form that I am committed to doing my very best in this most important ministry. I agree to attend all required training sessions for Altar Servers. I also agree that regular participation in Mass is very important for this ministry. I agree to arrive promptly, dress properly, and serve reverently when I am assigned to serve.

Altar Server's Signature

Date

PARENT COMMITMENT FORM

As parent/guardian of _____, I understand that he/she has requested to serve in the Ministry of Altar Server. I also understand that his/her ability to fulfill the commitments associated with this ministry depends heavily on my support. I agree to take responsibility that he/she is able to serve on the assigned dates and times. I also agree that continued growth and formation in the Catholic Faith is essential to my child's effectiveness in this ministry.

Which Mass would you like your child to serve at: Please circle –

Saturday at 4:00 PM

Sunday at 7:30 AM

Sunday at 10:30 AM

Parent's/Guardians Signature

Date

Please return the completed Consent Form at this meeting or to the Parish office.