

Fifth Sunday of Easter – April 29, 2018



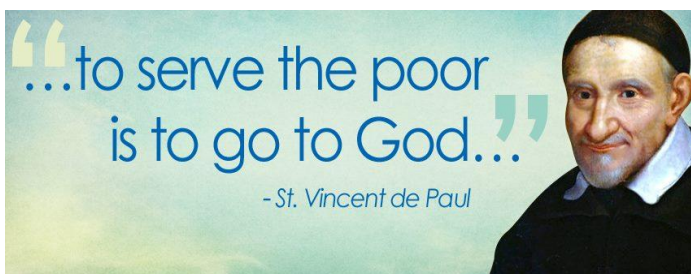
THE ENTIRE GOSPEL?

Richard Stearns, corporate executive turned apostle of the poor, once wrote, “When our churches become spiritual spas in which we retreat from the world, our salt loses its saltiness, and we are no longer able to impact our culture.” Stearns is not faulting the profound grace we receive through the Church’s prayer and liturgy, rather he is highlighting the fact that our Christian faith will grow lukewarm if we do not take this grace and move out beyond ourselves to address the suffering of others. In other words, our Catholicism can never be reduced merely to going to church, studying our faith, spending time in prayer, and avoiding serious sin. Although these are core dimensions of the love of God, we are also commanded to love our neighbor.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ calls us to serve others in our community and beyond, especially the poor, the vulnerable, the marginalized and the downtrodden. Try to imagine a world in which two billion Christians become transformed into little armies of compassion operating in every corner of the world. It would lead to a stunning transformation of a redeemed humanity and draw the entire world to Jesus Christ! Think about it, my friends. Are we truly living the entire Gospel, or only a truncated version that reduces our religion to one of only convenience and comfort?

St. Vincent dePaul, pray for us!

Fr. Tim Byerley
Pastor



The Mission of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Inspired by Gospel values, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, a Catholic lay organization, leads women and men to join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering in the tradition of its founder, Blessed Frédéric Ozanam, and patron, St. Vincent de Paul.

As a reflection of the whole family of God, members, who are known as Vincentians, are drawn from every ethnic and cultural background, age group, and economic level. Vincentians are united in an international society of charity by their spirit of poverty, humility and sharing, which is nourished by prayer and reflection, mutually supportive gatherings and adherence to a basic Rule.

Organized locally, Vincentians witness God's love by embracing all works of charity and justice. The Society collaborates with other people of good will in relieving need and addressing its causes, making no distinction in those served because, in them, Vincentians see the face of Christ.



We are truly blessed to have an active St. Vincent dePaul Society which has helped hundreds of people in our parish over the years.

If you would like more information about how you can become a member of the Society or if you are in need of assistance, please call the

St. Vincent de Paul Hotline
856-904-7397

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1. Go to the website:
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PLEASE REMEMBER!

The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty) extends from the First Sunday of Lent, February 18, 2018 to the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, May 27, 2018.

Parish Sick List



Please call the Rectory @ 856-663-1373 to add a loved one to the list. *You are kindly asked to inform the person that their name will appear in the Bulletin.*

Maria Angelini, Joan Anders, Vincent Barone, Buzzy Bianco, Joseph Bonifacio, Sr., Theresa Brown, Barbara Brownholtz, Carol Burg, Eva Burgess, Harry Burkhardt, Leafa Carruol, Matt Curley, Ray Dick, Anthony DiFranco, Rose Marie Finnegan, Melissa Gaya, Jimmy Genzano, Louis Grosso, Donna Hartman-Maglio, Bridget Hopkins, Hailey Hunt, Joe Junikka, Maryann Kearney, Alicia Kureczka, Irving Lamb, Jr., Joseph Lesniak, Agnes Marcella, Scott McDowell, Salim Mikhael, Mary Moran, Marilyn Ott, Frank Pedano, John Petrowsky, Bob Piekarski, Anna Rivera, Frances Roberts, Francis Rooney, Geraldine Rooney, Pat Shaffer, Elizabeth Shapiro, Daniel Sitzlow, Mary Ellen Stewart, Joyce Stiles, Mark Stevens, Joe Teti, Nicholas Wakeley, Alan Young, Andrea Young.

May God heal them in mind, body and spirit!

Thank you for your prayers for our sick and shut-ins.

**PLEASE call the Rectory @ 856-663-1373
when your loved one has recovered!**

**Miraculous Medal Novena
Schedule**



**Rosary @ 7:05 pm & Novena @ 7:30 pm
Every Monday of the Month**

**except the First Monday which is
reserved for the
Monthly Mass of Reconciliation @ 7:00 pm**

**Next Mass of Reconciliation is
Monday, May 7th**

Upcoming Baptismal Classes



Monday, May 21st
Monday, June 18th

Class begins at 8:00 PM in the Senior Center.

You may schedule the Baptismal date at the class.

Please call the Rectory @ 856-663-1373 to register for a class so that we have adequate materials. Godparents are welcome, if able to attend. Both parents are encouraged to attend the class and children are welcome.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL GODPARENTS

- ✓ They are Baptized Catholic having received the Sacrament of Confirmation.
- ✓ They are 16 years of age or older.
- ✓ If single, they are living a chaste life, that is, not "living together" with someone.
- ✓ If married, the marriage is recognized by the Catholic Church.
- ✓ They attend Holy Mass every weekend and Holy Days of Obligation.

Adoration Chapel



You are cordially invited to spend an hour with Our Lord!

All hours are available most especially:

Fridays ~ 9:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Saturdays ~ 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Saturdays ~ 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Saturdays ~ Midnight – 1:00 AM

Call Flora @ 665-4833 or Stacey @ 856-304-2261
 or

Ben @ 662-4338 to schedule your hour.

Intercessory Rosary Group

Meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month
 @ 3:00 PM in the Convent Chapel.

All are welcome!



Weekly Readings
Your Word is a lamp to light my path

Monday, April 29th

Fifth Sunday of Easter

First: Acts 9:26-31
 Second: 1 John 3:18-24
 Gospel: John 15:1-8

Monday, April 30th

St. Pius V, Pope

First: Acts 14:5-18
 Gospel: John 14:21-26

Tuesday, May 1st

St. Joseph the Worker

First: Acts 14:19-28
 Gospel: John 14:27-31a

Or for Memorial

First: Genesis 1:26-2:3 or
 Colossians 3:14-15, 17, 23-24
 Gospel: Matthew 13:54-58

Wednesday, May 2nd

St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

First: Acts 15:1-6
 Gospel: John 15:1-8

Thursday, May 3rd

St. Philip & St. James - Feast

First: 1 Corinthians 15:1-8
 Gospel: John 14:6-14

Friday, May 4th

First: Acts 15:22-31
 Gospel: John 15:12-17

Saturday, May 5th

First: Acts 16:1-10
 Gospel: John 15:18-21

Sunday, May 6th

Sixth Sunday of Easter

First: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48
 Second: 1 John 4:7-10
 Gospel: John 15:9-17



Parish Weekly OFFERINGS



First Collection for the weekend of
 April 21st – 22nd was **\$14,641.26.**
 Second Collection was **\$2,785.00** for a total of
\$17,426.26.

*Thank you for building up God's Kingdom
 in our Parish!*



Mass Intentions

**Mass Celebrant Code:*

TB = Fr. Tim Byerley – FK = Fr. Francis Kim – PM = Fr. Peter Muttathottil – MS = Deacon Mike Scott

Intentions:	Requested by:	*Mass Celebrant
Monday, April 30th		
6:45 AM Marie Breslin	Paul & Maureen Finnegan	TB
9:00 AM Phyllis Mignogna & Family	Estate	PM
Tuesday, May 1st		
6:45 AM Agnes Dunn	John & Karen Dunn	TB
9:00 AM Madeline Paletta	Family	FK
Wednesday, May 2nd		
6:45 AM Charles J. Schmidt	His Wife, Joyce	PM
9:00 AM Angela Rizzo	Sr. Philomena	FK
Thursday, May 3rd		
6:45 AM Stephen J. Tiver, Jr.	Family	TB
9:00 AM Anthony Guidotti	Schiavo Family	PM
Friday, May 4th		
6:45 AM Rita Acker	Her Husband, Frank	FK
9:00 AM Debra Ann Willis	Family	TB
Saturday, May 5th		
9:00 AM Purgatorial Society		FK
5:00 PM Lena Pizzotti	Dorofee Grandchildren	PM
Sunday, May 6th		
7:30 AM Christine & Joseph Iaconelli	Their Son	PM
9:00 AM Marian Pilla	Simms Family	FK/MS
10:30 AM Vincent DeRose	Family	TB
Joseph & Aniela Wojcieszek	Family	TB
Frank Schmidt, Sr.	Adam & Mary Pascale	TB
Parishioners of St. Peter Parish		TB
Deceased Pastors of St. Peter Parish		TB
7:00 PM Patricia Godwin	Irv & Fran Lamb	TB

Sanctuary Lamp in the Church

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in Memory of
Frank Schmidt, Sr.
the week of April 29th – May 5th
requested by St. Peter's Knights of Columbus.



Sanctuary Lamp in the Convent Chapel

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Holy Souls in Purgatory
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Father's **Q**uick **Q**uote "If you desire to praise
God, then live what you express. Live good lives,
and you yourself will be God's praise."
~ *Augustine of Hippo*

NOVENA OF MASSES



Mother's Day intention cards are available at all entrances of Church. **Five** Masses will be offered for enrolled Mothers beginning on Monday, May 14th through Friday, May 18th at the daily **9:00 AM Mass**. This is a beautiful way of remembering Mothers for all the beautiful things they do for us!

If you need additional cards, kindly stop by the Rectory or for more information, call the Rectory at 663-1373.

"Just In Time for Mother's Day!"



St. Peter's Altar & Rosary will be selling jewelry for gift giving on Sunday, May 6th after morning Masses in Pastors' Hall. Please stop down!!



AT ST. PETER'S - WEDNESDAY EVENINGS!

Doors open at 5:30 PM.

BINGO starts at 7:00 PM.

Admission is \$3 & includes cards for 7 regular games.

Service Dates for Bingo Teams

May 2 – Team B

May 9 – NO BINGO (Vigil of Ascension Thursday)

May 16 – Team C



Helpers are **ALWAYS** needed! We are asking for **only 1** Wednesday night a month! **PLEASE HELP!**

Call the Rectory

@ 856-663-1373 to volunteer.

Community News

Knights of Columbus



Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament will be held on Friday, May 4th at 7:00 pm in the gym. Benefits Knights of Columbus council to help fund many charitable causes throughout the year. The cost is \$35.00 per person. Beverages will be BYO. This event is open to anyone 21 years of age and older. Questions? Please call Bob at 410-336-2209.



Monday, April 30th

Super Stretch with Rossana
Senior Self Exploration

Tuesday, May 1st

Trivia with Rocky

Alla Prima Senior Portraits by Studio Incamminati

Artist: L. Connelly Dennin

Wednesday, May 2nd

Fit & Focused with Rossana

Intercessory Rosary led by the Legion of Mary

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Thursday, May 3rd

Patriotic Craft with Joyce

Friday, May 4th

"Balancing Act" with Rossana

St. Vincent dePaul Society

Dear Parishioners,



We are getting ready for our next Pantry Day and once again we need your help.

Our shelves are getting bare and we are in need of these food items: cereal, mac and

cheese, pasta, pasta sauce, brownie mix, canned beans, peanut butter, jelly, cookies, boxed mashed potatoes, tuna and canned fruit. If you cannot donate food, you can make a monetary donation in the poor boxes at the doors of the Church and we will buy the food we need.

If you or someone you know is in need of help, please call our hotline at 856-904-7397.

Thank you for your generosity to our Ministry.

School News

St. Peter School ~ Spring Open House

TODAY ~ Sunday, April 29th from 10:00 until noon

Meet our faculty and administration. Tour our beautiful school. Find out about all the great things happening here!! Check out our Facebook page at

www.facebook.com/StPeterSchoolMerchantville

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C.C.D. ~ Religious News
Important Communion Dates



May 1, 2 & 3 @ 4:30 – 5:30 PM

COMMUNION PRACTICES in Church

(Please drop off and pick up your child in the Church.)

(CCD children report directly to Church on Tuesday.)

MAY 5 @ 10:30 – 11:45 AM - Church

FIRST COMMUNION MASS

(Gather in Pastors' Hall no later than 10:00 AM.)

MAY 6 @ 3:00 PM

MAY PROCESSION

Children gather in school by 2:40 PM and wear their

First Communion clothing.

Important Confirmation Dates



Rehearsals

Tuesday, May 8 – 6:30 – 7:30 PM

Candidates only

Saturday, May 12 – 2:00 – 3:00 PM

Candidates and Sponsors

Confirmation

Monday, May 14 @ 5:00 PM

*Please pray for our First Holy Communicants
and our Confirmandi!*

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

If in this year, 2018, you are celebrating a milestone wedding anniversary of 25, 50, 60 or 70 years or more of marriage, please join us in celebrating on

Sunday, June 10, 2018

3:00 PM

Mary, Mother of Mercy Parish

Our Lady of Lourdes Church

500 Greentree Road ~ Glassboro, NJ ~ 08028



Bishop Sullivan will be the celebrant.

A light reception will follow in the Parish Hall.

Registration forms are available at the Rectory.

Registration deadline is May 18, 2018.

For more info, call the Rectory @ 856-663-1373.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Saturday, May 5th

First Holy Communion



10:30 AM



Sunday, May 6th

May Procession and May Crowning



3:00 PM



Monday, May 14th

Confirmation administered by Bishop Sullivan

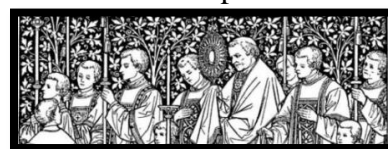


5:00 PM



Sunday, June 3rd

Feast of Corpus Christi



Outside Procession following the

10:30 AM Mass



Tuesday, June 5th – Wednesday, June 13th

Annual Solemn Novena to

Saint Anthony



7:00 PM each evening

Around the Diocese

Upcoming CAP Sessions

May Sessions

CAP Phase 1

Tuesday, May 15th @ 7:00 PM

St. Clare of Assisi ~ 140 Broad Street ~ Swedesboro

Wednesday, May 30th @ 6:00 PM

Holy Family ~ 226 Hurffville Road ~ Sewell

NO CAP PHASE 2

CAP Phase 3

Wednesday, May 23rd @ 6:00 PM

Holy Family ~ 226 Hurffville Road ~ Sewell

To attend one of these classes, please call the **CAP REGISTRATION LINE** at the Office of Child and Youth Protection @ 856-583-6165 or contact

Maryellen Schell at

maryellenschell@camdendiocese.org

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. Calls are handled by a licensed clinical social worker. In accord with state law, cases of child sexual abuse are reported to the N.J. Division of Child Protection and Permanency and law enforcement.

For information or to inquire about counseling and support services, call
1-800-964-6588

Denuncie el Abuso Sexual

Un número telefónico gratuito e independiente ha sido establecido por la Diócesis de Camden para ayudar a las personas a denunciar casos de abusos sexuales por sacerdotes, diáconos, religiosos, empleados y/o voluntarios. Las llamadas son manejadas por un trabajador social clínico licenciado. De acuerdo a la ley del estado, los abusos de menores son reportados a la División de Protección de la Infancia y la Permanencia y a la policía.

Para más información o para obtener servicios de consejería y apoyo, llame al:

1-800-964-6588

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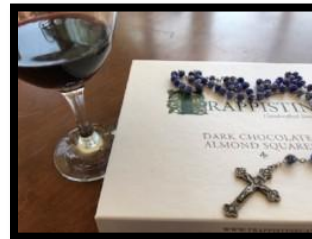
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You Are Invited!

Saturday, May 5, 7:00 PM

Wine, Chocolate and Faith Sharing



Come and enjoy fellowship, wine (or non alcoholic drinks), and chocolate as we share stories of our Faith journeys. A great time enjoying God's gifts of friendships and refreshments!

Doors open at 6:30 ~ Light Refreshments Served
Handicapped Accessible ~ Invite your friends!

Collegium Center For Faith and Culture,

301 White Horse Pike, Haddon Heights, NJ 08035

856-534-0400

Service Schedule

Extraordinary Ministers for May 5th – 6th

5:00 PM	P. Bilinsky, B. Boulger, K. Burns, D. Doyle
7:30 AM	C. Leone, P. Leone, N. Perry, M. Ralbusky
9:00 AM	M. Carlino, T. Curley, R. Curley, B. Kwiatkowski
10:30 AM	C. Aghaji, K. Bailey, M. Kenney, A. Naidas, C. Petrowsky
7:00 PM	T. Crymes, M. DiPiero, C. McCoy, D. Montes

Lectors for May 5th – 6th

5:00 PM	A. Schiavo & C. Wiley
7:30 AM	M. Callahan & T. Presenza
9:00 AM	K. O'Callaghan & J. Chevere
10:30 AM	W. Hartman & A. Marinelli
7:00 PM	C. Engime

Altar Servers for May 5th – 6th

5:00 PM	Kenneth Larsen, Bonaventure McWilliams, Ignatius McWilliams, Jordyn Rendfrey
7:30 AM	John Paul Dunphy, Sebastian DeFeo, Andrew Magno, Christian Ugarte
9:00 AM	Kelly Bleistine, Grace Blessinger, Seamus Blessinger, Bella Francesconi, Bridget Twomey
10:30 AM	Brian Clemens, Timothy Janiszewski, James Martinez, Vincenzo Spinola
7:00 PM	Jackson DiBease, Brian Dungee, Taylor Megee, Ryan O'Callaghan

Altar Servers for the Week of May 7th

Monday – Tuesday – Wednesday

9:00 AM Sebastian DeFeo, Gabe Fowler, Ronan Fowler

7:00 PM – MASS OF RECONCILIATION

Vincent Manfredonia, Michael Esimio,
Jackson DiBease, Brian Dungee

Thursday – Friday – Saturday

9:00 AM Jordyn Rendfrey & Andrew Rogers

Fifth Sunday of Easter - April 29, 2018

Reading I – Acts 9:26-31

When Saul arrived in Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple. Then Barnabas took charge of him and brought him to the apostles, and he reported to them how he had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus. He moved about freely with them in Jerusalem, and spoke out boldly in the name of the Lord. He also spoke and debated with the Hellenists, but they tried to kill him. And when the brothers learned of this, they took him down to Caesarea and sent him on his way to Tarsus.

The church throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria was at peace. It was being built up and walked in the fear of the Lord, and with the consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32

***℟.* I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.**

I will fulfill my vows before those who fear the LORD. The lowly shall eat their fill; they who seek the LORD shall praise him: "May your hearts live forever!"

***℟.* I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.**

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of the nations shall bow down before him.

***℟.* I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.**

To him alone shall bow down all who sleep in the earth; before him shall bend all who go down into the dust.

***℟.* I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.**

And to him my soul shall live; my descendants shall serve him. Let the coming generation be told of the LORD that they may proclaim to a people yet to be born the justice he has shown.

***℟.* I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.**

Reading II - 1 John 3:18-24

Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.

Now this is how we shall know that we belong to the truth and reassure our hearts before him in whatever our hearts condemn, for God is greater than our hearts and knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence in God and receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them, and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us.

Gospel - John 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples:

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me.

I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

