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**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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**MASS INTENTIONS****SUNDAY, MAY 6, 2012**

- 7:30 PARISH INTENTIONS  
9:00 CARMELA MILLIE BENVENUTO BY SON  
10:30 WALTER HARVEY BY HARVEY FAMILY  
12:00 ADOLF, STELLA, FRANK & FELIX BUGIELSKI BY MARTHA BRUCE

**MONDAY, MAY 7, 2012**

- 9:00 KORNETKA FAMILY BY FAMILY

**TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2012**

- 9:00 ARTHUR MASSARELLI, MR. & MRS. O. MASSARELLI, VIRGINIA GENITO BY DOROTHY GENITO

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 2012**

- 9:00 MABEL & ANDREW BONDESEN BY FAMILY

**THURSDAY, MAY 10, 2012**

- 9:00 NORMA LEE BY LEE FAMILY

**FRIDAY, MAY 11, 2012**

- 9:00 FR. JAMES P. GRIFFIN BY SKOGLUND FAMILY

**SATURDAY, MAY 12, 2012**

- 9:00 FRANCIS M. COTTER BY REICHERT FAMILY  
5:30 PHILIP NAZZARO BY NAZZARO FAMILY

**SUNDAY, MAY 13, 2012**

- 7:30 PARISH INTENTIONS  
9:00 ANNA VIGLIOTTI BY FAMILY  
10:30 MARGARET LEITNER BY FAMILY  
12:00 VIRGINIA GENITO BY DAUGHTER, DOROTHY GENITO

**HYMNS FOR THIS WEEKEND**  
**05/06/12: Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**Entrance Chant:** Christ, the Lord, Is Risen Again  
BB12167

**Presentation and Preparation of the Gifts:**  
We Have Been Told (Haas, David ) BB12519

**Communion Chant:** Jesus, Bread of Life  
#220 Missalette

**Communion Chant 2:** I Received the Living God  
#242 Missalette

**Sending Forth:** God's Blessing Sends Us Forth  
#307 Missalette

**BAPTISMS**

On April 29, 2012

*Haley Ann*, daughter of David & Lisa Albright  
*Jack Anthony*, son of John & Sarah Ferrara  
*Katherine Isabella*, daughter of Jesus & Marisol Gomez  
*Emma*, daughter of Kola & Nikoleta Lulgjuraj

**Welcome, New Children of God!**

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**MAY 6, 2012**

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**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER****First Reading: Acts 9:26-31**

Paul the Apostle came to Jerusalem, where the other disciples were afraid of him. Then they learned that the Lord had spoken to Paul and he had preached openly in Damascus. When they learned that someone wanted to kill him, they protected him because they fully believed he had converted.

**Second Reading: I John 3:18-24**

John clearly states that we must love one another. All people who believe in Jesus Christ can show their faith only through their actions. If people believe in Jesus and love one another as he commanded us, they prove that they are true believers in Christ.

**Gospel: John 15:1-8**

Jesus compares himself to a vine, and compares his father to the vine-grower. He explains how God prunes the barren branches so that the rest might yield more fruit. He reminds them that apart from himself, his followers could not bear fruit.

**COLLECTIONS**

Regular collection 12: \$6,717.00  
Regular collection 11: \$5,355.00  
Attendance: 857 Envelopes 200 Checks 42

Again we ask you to please not use tape or staples on your envelopes and please mark the amount of your donation.

**NOVENA:** Every Monday following the 9AM Mass.

**PRE-BAPTISMAL MEETING:** 3RD Thursday of every month. Rel. Ed. Building, Rm. 7, 7:30 PM Registration required.

**ROSARY ALTAR MEETING:** First Saturday of the month after the Rosary after the 9:00 AM Mass.

**COMMUNION FOR SHUT-INS:** First Friday of every month. Call Parish Office.

**FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION:** After the 9AM Mass until 10:00 am closing with benediction.

**CYO TEEN CLUB:** Wednesdays at 7:00 PM, Religious Ed. Building -Room 8.

**AA MEETINGS:** Every Monday, 6:30PM-7:30PM and Wednesday, 6:30PM -7:30PM and 7:45PM-8:45PM Double Mtg Lower Church Hall

**SPANISH MASS:** Every Saturday, 7:00 PM -Fr. Eder Tamara

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Every Friday, 7:30 PM during Lent

**BETHANY SPIRITUALITY CENTER****15 Bethany Dr., Highland Mills, NY**

Bethany staff will guide this overnight retreat for Mothers and Daughters and provide an opportunity to spend time together in a prayerful, peaceful setting in preparation for Mother's day. Arrive Friday evening, May 11 at 7 pm and depart after 12 noon lunch on Saturday, May 12. Offering: \$55 per person. Please call to register or visit our website - [www.bethanyspiritualitycenter.org](http://www.bethanyspiritualitycenter.org).

Ph. 845-460-3061 or e-mail: [info@bethanyspiritualitycenter.org](mailto:info@bethanyspiritualitycenter.org).

**Wanted: Vendors for St. Patrick's Flea Market,**

June 30, 2012, rain or shine. St. Patrick's parking lot. Rt. 32, Highland Mills, NY. Call Dolores - 845-928-7081



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Next Wednesday, May 9, we will have completed the academic year for our Religious Education Program. I wish to thank all the families whose children have attended these classes. We have a wonderful staff under the guidance of Mrs. Louise Pisano, assisted by Ella Mae Cassidy, the secretary and, of course, all the wonderful dedicated catechists who give so much of their time and talent to the program. As important as our Religious Education Program is, there is no substitute for the role of the parents in passing on the faith. I hope that families have been pleased with our materials used for this past year. We have switched to a program that uses the Sunday Readings to focus on the lessons presented in class. I know that when I celebrated the family liturgies during the year I was impressed with the response of the children to what I was saying in my homily. They seemed pleased to know that what they learned in class was reinforced by me. We have celebrated Confirmation over the past two weeks and will be celebrating First Holy Communion on the next two weekends. Congratulations to the Confirmation and Communion classes: the children, their families and catechists.

I hope parishioners will continue to support our First Sunday of the month second collection that we have renamed Building and Maintenance as we will continue to need funding to keep our buildings and grounds in good condition. I again appreciate your support.

The reports of the contributions to the **2012 Archdiocesan Stewardship Appeal** continue to show wonderful generosity. At this point we have met our goal in pledges. When the actual contributions are made we should be getting some rebates to the parish. I wish to thank all of our parishioners for their generosity to this annual appeal. This is the earliest we have met our goal and I think it is a sign of all of our love for Cardinal Dolan. This year you may give to the appeal in a number of different ways: fill out the pledge card you receive in the mail and send it into the Archdiocese, or pledge by phone (212) 371-1011 ext. 3300 or donate online at [www.StewardshipAppeal.org](http://www.StewardshipAppeal.org).

Thank you to all who made recent donations to the food pantry. Please consider buying a few items for the food pantry as you shop.

Let us continue to pray for those in our Armed Forces.

Have a good week.  
Love in Christ.

*Rev. Gerard P. Travers*

**2012 Archdiocesan Stewardship Appeal Report:** Goal: \$43,500.00; pledges \$44,205.40; paid \$33,195.40. 133 gifts and average gift \$332.00. Any gifts over our goal will be returned to us at St. Patrick's.



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Registration for our 2012-2013 Religious Education year began on March 8, 2012. To date we have 252 families registered out of 525. Registration forms were e-mailed to all families.

Please register your child/children as soon as possible so we will have adequate classes, catechists, space and teaching materials.

### Attention all parents of our present 1<sup>st</sup> grade

There will be a parents meeting for all families in our first grade program who will be entering into second grade in September. This meeting will only last 20 minutes and will go over the requirements for the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. All parents must attend one of the meetings listed below to have your child considered a candidate for the sacraments during the coming year.

Monday, May 14, 2012 7:00 PM gym  
Tuesday, May 15, 2012 7:00 PM gym  
Wednesday, May 16, 2012 7:00 PM gym

### Attention all parents and students of our present 7<sup>th</sup> grade.

There is a very important meeting for all parents and students who will be Confirmed in the spring of 2013

Monday, June 4, 2012 7:00 PM in gym  
Wednesday, June 6, 2012 7:00 Pm in gym  
Tuesday, June 12, 2012 7:00 PM in gym.

One parent and child must attend in order to be enrolled in our Confirmation program. This information has been e-mailed and flyers sent home for the past three weeks.

I look forward to working with your child during this important year of spiritual growth and sacramental preparation.

**Beginning in September 2012, we will be adding a Kindergarten program to our Religious Education program here at St. Patrick's.**

**The class is limited to ten and will run on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 4:30-6:00 PM in room 8. The last 15 minutes of class time will be spent in the gym for our program prayer service.**

**If you are interested in this new program, registration forms are available in the Religious Education office.**

## ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

The Rosary Altar Society is a group of women united together in prayer & devotion to our Blessed Mother. The primary purpose is to Honor our Blessed Virgin and secure her patronage by the recitation of the Rosary. October is the month in which we honor Mary. Please join us in doing Our Lady's work!

**The date of the Rosary Altar Meeting has been changed to the First Saturday of the month after the Rosary after 9:00 am Mass.** All members are invited to attend and new members are always welcome!

Anyone who knows of a soldier, please send us his/her name so we will pray for them individually as well as a group.

### Upcoming events:

May 6, 2012 – Communion Breakfast after 10:30 am Mass at Bethany Spirituality Center. Contact Kathy McKeivitt 928-9064

May 20, 2012 – Friendship Sunday

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
**St Patrick's VBS—June 25-29, 2012**  
**NEWS FLASH!!!!**

Only 7 weeks remain until SonRise National Parks VBS begins.

There are still a few openings for adult and teen volunteers...if you were hoping to volunteer please contact us now. The final sign-up date for volunteers is June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Our last 2 planning meetings will be held on May 12<sup>th</sup> and June 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am at St Patrick's. Please try to attend.

Student registration opens May 12<sup>th</sup>. Registration forms will be available in the rear of the church or at [www.StPatrickshm.org](http://www.StPatrickshm.org)  
Questions: Theresa 928-9430 [tweissburg@optimum.net](mailto:tweissburg@optimum.net) or Pat 928-7827 [patmur@optonline.net](mailto:patmur@optonline.net)

**St. Anastasia Cemetery Anticipating The Centennial**

Saint Anastasia Cemetery is preparing to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of its dedication and blessing as Holy Ground. 100 years ago, under the pastoral guidance of Father McAnan, the cemetery was blessed on October 12, 1912 by The Most Reverend Colin Edwards of New York.

**SAVE THE DATE: NOVEMBER 4, 2012 – 1:00 PM**  
**MASS REDEDICATION OF CEMETERY BY HIS EMINENCE**  
**TIMOTHY CARDINAL DOLAN**

**Scope of Centennial Year**

The celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Cemetery should involve the total parish in as many ways as possible. The celebration will be represented in several events, culminating with the Mass and Blessing by His Eminence Timothy Cardinal Dolan. The celebration should witness to the fact that a Catholic cemetery is an enduring testament to a community "Awaiting the Resurrection". St. Anastasia serves in the past, now and the future.

We need the parishioners help in telling the stories of the communion of saints that are with us at the cemetery. We are inviting families of the buried to write a 150-350 word essay, per family, how St. Anastasia Parish or the greater community was a part of their lives. We would like a short anecdotal story that gives us a glimpse of the individual or couple. We look forward to the memories and, as always, appreciate your generous support. **Please submit your stories before July 31, 2012 to ensure that they will be published in our Commemorative Booklet.**

**HOST FAMILIES NEEDED**  
**FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS**

Host families needed from September to June for Chinese foreign exchange students attending John S. Burke Catholic High School. There will be a stipend of \$1200 a month for each student.

If interested, please call Rita Enders, Foreign Exchange Coordinator at 845-294-5481 ext. 275.

**To find a Crisis Pregnancy Center near you:**

1-800-848-LOVE Birthline.net  
1-800-395-Help OptionLine.org  
1-888-51-Help-U [www.HeartBeatInternational.org](http://www.HeartBeatInternational.org)

**If you are suffering after an abortion:**

1-800-5-WE-Care or 1-877-586-4621 (Lumina) or  
1-800-395-HELP (Silent No More Awareness.org)

"Relay for Life" is the American Cancer Society's main activity for the fight against cancer. Teams of people take turns walking around a track to raise funds. This year Monroe-Woodbury is holding a relay for life at the High School track on **Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>** 10 am. This Information is courtesy of Jennifer Queenan.

For further information and to register see [www.relayforlife.org/monroewoodburyhighschoolny](http://www.relayforlife.org/monroewoodburyhighschoolny)

**ADOPTION:** Baby girls in China need homes. Infants and toddlers available. Older parents and singles welcome. For more information call Barbara Salvesen at 845-623-5277.

**Catholic Charities: Feeding the Hungry.** Thanks to the collaboration of local Catholic parishes, school and institutions, the January Archdiocesan food drive, **Feeding Our Neighbors**, helped provide 575,000 meals to hungry New Yorkers throughout the ten counties of the Archdiocese. Grants and food will be provided to 40 parish and community food pantries throughout the Archdiocese. Visit the Catholic Charities website to see a list of the grantees, and a full list of Catholic food pantries in the New York Archdiocese. Learn more: [www.catholiccharitiesny.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesny.org).

**On Wednesday, May 16 at 6:30 pm, The Gianna Mass will be offered at St. Catherine of Siena Church, 411 E. 68<sup>th</sup> ST. (between York and First Ave.), Manhattan, for the intentions of those struggling with infertility and pregnancy-related difficulties.** Time for veneration of the relics of St. Gianna will be made available. A light wine and cheese reception will follow at which Dr. Anne Nolte from the Gianna Center and additional Creighton fertility care practitioners will be on hand to speak with anyone who is interested. The event is open to the public and all are invited to attend.

**SUMMER CAMPS**

**Mount Saint Mary College** will offer **camp for both boys and girls** in soccer, tennis, volleyball, basketball, lacrosse, swimming, softball and baseball. All camps are day camps, usually from 8 am to 4 pm and most are one week long. Camps are professionally run by college coaches and players and are reasonably priced. Please call 845-569-3594 for additional information.

**Catholic Cruise to the Exotic Eastern Caribbean** – Come and sail away on a 8-night Catholic Exotic Eastern Caribbean Cruise with Father Michael Martin Jones October 13 – 21, 2012 on the Carnival Miracle out of New York, N.Y. Ports of Call: Grand Turk, Half Moon Cay, (The Bahamas) and Nassau (Bahamas). Prices begin at \$1542 for two passengers which includes all port fees and taxes. Daily Mass and Rosary offered. Deposits of only \$50 per person will reserve your cabin. Space is limited. For further info or to register, contact Doug or Eileen at 860-399-1785 [dpayttc@aol.com](mailto:dpayttc@aol.com).

**WORDLWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

"Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit." Let Worldwide Marriage Encounter help your marriage/holy orders remain Christ-centered and fruitful. Sign up now for the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend August 10 -12. Call toll free: 877-NYS-WWME ext. 3 OR visit our website at [www.wmearchny.org](http://www.wmearchny.org) for more information.



