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MAY 5, 2019 | THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



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MASS SCHEDULE

SAT. VIGIL: 5:00 PM (*English*) | SUN: 9:00 AM, 12:15 PM (*English*) 10:30 AM (*Español*)
DAILY (CHAPEL) 8:30 AM (*English*) 7 PM (*Español* Martes & Jueves)

MONTHLY

- ◀ **ESPAÑOL ASAMBLEA:** Salon Parroquial; 7PM
- ◀ **ROSARIAN GROUP:** First Sunday, 9am Mass followed by meeting / breakfast in the Parish Hall.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

- ◀ Saturdays before 5 PM Mass. Por cita, o después de las Misas en Español. (Martes & Jueves)

ROSARY

- ◀ Monday-Saturday before the 8:30 AM Mass.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

- ◀ Takes place at St. John the Baptist Chapel Tuesday - Friday after the 12:10 PM Mass until 8PM, Saturday after 9AM Mass until 5:30 PM, and Sundays after 12 Noon Mass until 8 PM

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

- ◀ Takes place at Our Lady of Mt Carmel on Sunday mornings. Classes are offered in both English and Spanish. Contact Evelyn Mayorga or Fr. Danny at 201-435-7080.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION

- ◀ The parishes of Jersey City North are proud to sponsor quality Catholic elementary education at the Middle States accredited schools: St. Joseph School (201-653-0128) and St. Nicholas School (201-659-5948).

PARISH MINISTRIES

- ◀ **GRUPO DE ORACION CARISMATICO:** Después de las 7 PM Misa todos los martes en Mount Carmel.
- ◀ **ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY:** Meets after 9 AM Mass, First Sunday of the month.
- ◀ **SENIORS CLUB (50+):** Every other Wednesday at 12:45 PM at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. Enter through parking lot door behind the church, then Parish Hall basement.
- ◀ **ZUMBA FITNESS:** Wednesday 6:45 - 8:00 PM at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School auditorium, free.
- ◀ **GRUPO DE PAREJAS:** Cada segundo viernes del mes a las 7:30 PM te invitamos a participar en nuestro "Grupo de Parejas" en Mt. Carmel. Para mayor informacion llamar a Sra. Carmen Quezada 201-640-1651.
- ◀ **HOSPITAL VISITATION:** Please notify the parish. Hospitals no longer inform us or allow us to look up who is in the hospital.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MAY 4

8:30 AM † Kay Di Santo - Evelyn Mayorga
5:00 PM † Rose Kot - Louis & Leny Guerriero

SUNDAY, MAY 5

9:00 AM Deceased of Rosary / Altar Society
10:30 AM † Rosa De Gross - Husband, Enrique
(Spanish) † Yomaily Zulay Rivera- Margie Aponte
Acción de Gracias por Paulo Manzo
- Familia Manzo
12:15 PM † Roberto Collins - OLMC Seniors
† Evelyn D'Souza - Dylan D'Souza

MONDAY, MAY 6

8:30 AM Francesco Torriello
- Antonio & Caterina Torriello

TUESDAY, MAY 7

8:30 AM † Olga "Olly" Riotto - Dorry Romstedt
7:00 PM Domingo Repollet Sr.
(Living Int. - Health of)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

8:30 AM † Jerry Faugno - Patricia Jackson

THURSDAY, MAY 9

8:30 AM † Olga "Olly" Riotto - OLMC Seniors
7:00 PM For the People
(Spanish)

FRIDAY, MAY 10

8:30 AM † Olga Riotto - Joann Macagnano

SATURDAY, MAY 11

8:30 AM † Frank Venezia - Guerra Family
5:00 PM † Danilo Bitoin - Crow Family

SUNDAY, MAY 12 MOTHER'S DAY

9:00 AM † Gloria Guerriero (A) -
Guerriero & Betancourt Family
+ Maria & Mariana
- Mita & Ferdinandi Fam.
10:30 AM † Israel Canales - Juanita Canales
(Spanish) Acción de Gracias por
Fr. Hector Atocha - Familia Atocha
12:15 PM † Rose Marchitto - Louis & Leny Guerriero

SYMPATHY

Please pray for the recently deceased members of our parish. May our Lord Jesus Christ grant them eternal rest and may perpetual light shine upon them.

EUCCHARISTIC BREAD & SACRAMENTAL WINE

The hosts and wine used during the week were donated in memory of

RACHEL TRAINA (A)

offered by Angela & Family

SANCTUARY LAMP

The church sanctuary lamp was donated this weekend in memory of

FR. MICHAEL SANTORO

offered by the People

PARISH News

- **Te invitamos a continuar el proceso del Quinto Encuentro de la mano del Papa Francisco**, ven durante 5 Jueves a nuestra iglesia de Monte Carmelo para reflexionar sobre "La alegría del Evangelio". Mayo 9 y 16 a las 7:30 PM en el salon parroquial. Nos acompañará Pepe Plana. Están todos invitados!!
- **Confirmation will be held on June 2nd at 10:30 AM (Bilingual Mass)**. Bishop Cruz will be presiding.
- **The OLMC Rosarians invite everyone to the Feast of St. Anthony's** on Thursday, June 13 at 7 PM. After the Mass blessed St. Anthony's bread will be distributed and light refreshment will follow.
- **Trip to Wildwood:** Sunday, Sept. 8 – Thursday, Sept. 12. The cost is \$430pp / dbl, prices includes round trip bus transportation, accommodation at The Aqua Beach Hotel, 4 full breakfast, 4 superb dinners, spectacular entertainment, visit to Atlantic City, ice cream social, afternoon pizza party, visit to Cape May, Historic Smithville. **For more info please call 201-747-6941.**
- **Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church welcomes and celebrates the children who were newly baptized this past Sunday: ALFONSO MAYORGA, EMILY SAN MARTIN, DAVID OLIVA, ELIAS ROJAS AND WILLIAM X. IVERSEN.** May God continue to bless you and your families!!!
- **La confirmación se llevará a cabo el 2 de Junio a las 10:30 AM (Misa Bilingüe).** El Obispo Cruz presidirá.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURY

WEEKLY COLLECTION AMOUNT
NEEDED TO MAKE BUDGET: **\$2,800**

The weekend of 4/27-4/28

WEEKEND COLLECTION	\$2,279
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Your good stewardship makes a difference.
Thank you!

Bathroom Renovation

Funds Raised:

4/27/2019

ASAMBLEA:

\$867

COMMUNITY Announcements

- ◀ **A RETREAT FOR those living with serious illness GENNESARET**, a retreat designed to provide a spiritual and temporal oasis for men and women suffering with a life changing illness, will be held the weekend of May 17, 18, 19 2019 at the Archdiocesan Retreat Center, located in Kearny NJ. The retreat will begin Friday at 2:15 P.M. and end with a closing Prayer Service Sunday at 1:30 P.M. There is no cost to you for the retreat. **For more information please contact Hilare Reinold at 732-566-7237, Peggy Walsh at 908-499-7667, or Linda Capobianco at 732-608-7277.**
- ◀ **St. Peter's Prep Open House:** All 7th & 8th grade students are invited to attend this Open House on Sunday, May 5th from 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM. **If you have any questions, please feel free to call John Irvine at 201-547-6389 or email him at Irvinej@spprep.org.**
- ◀ **Join us May 11th and 18th at 4:15 PM for Walkthrough, a special Church Art history event - a first in the modern history of St. John the Baptist.** Guest speakers, Jenny H. Shaffer and Ellen Prokop, are established art and architectural historians who will help you understand church architecture and religious art in our Church. Topics will be as follows: May 11th – *The Building Speaks to You* and May 18th – *St. John's Renaissance and Baroque Masterpieces.* **Admission is free!! All are welcome!**



Why is *May* the Month of *Mary*?

It's *here*.

May, the month in which the earth springs into bloom (at least in the Northern Hemisphere) and we start thinking about planting gardens, family picnics, and making vacation plans.

It's also the Month of *Mary*.

Having gone to a Catholic grade school run by the Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary, my early childhood memories include honoring Mary during May – a practice I've continued all of my life and taught my children to do as well. It's as natural and essential to me as my morning coffee (only far, far more joy-filled if you can even imagine that).

I know a number of Catholics who see May as the Month of Mary, and we all get the same question from time to time:

Why is *May* Mary's month?

Here's a brief explanation.

For centuries, the Catholic Church has set aside the entire month of Mary to honor Mary, Mother of God. Not just a day *in* May, mind you, but the entire month.

The custom spans both centuries and cultures, with roots going back as far as the Ancient Greeks. In early Greece, May was dedicated to Artemis, the goddess of fecundity.

In Ancient Rome, May was dedicated to Flora, the goddess of blooms, or blossoms. They celebrated *ludi florals*, or floral games, at the end of April and asked the intercession of Flora for all that blooms.

In medieval times, similar customs abounded, all centering around the practice

of expelling winter, as May 1 was considered the start of new growth.

During this period, the tradition of *Tricesimum*, or “Thirty-Day Devotion to Mary,” came into being. Also called, “Lady Month,” the event was held from August 15-September 14 and is still observed in some areas.

The idea of a month dedicated specifically to Mary can be traced back to baroque times. Although it wasn't always held during May, Mary Month included thirty daily spiritual exercises honoring Mary.

It was in this era that Mary's Month and May were combined, making May the Month of Mary with special devotions organized on each day throughout the month. This custom became especially widespread during the nineteenth century and remains in practice until today.

The ways Mary is honored in May is as varied as the people who honor her.

It's common for parishes have a daily recitation of the Rosary during May, and many erect a special May altar with a statue or picture of Mary as a reminder of Mary's month. Additionally, it's a long-standing tradition to crown the statue of Mary during May – a custom known as May Crowning. Often, the crown is made of beautiful blossoms representing Mary's beauty and virtue. It's also a reminder to the faithful to strive to imitate our Blessed Mother's virtue in our own lives. May Crowning, in some areas, is a huge celebration and is usually done outside of Mass, although Mass may be celebrated before or after the actual crowning.

But May altars and crownings aren't just “church” things. We can and should be doing the same in our homes. When we echo the customs and traditions of the Church in our homes – our domestic churches –

we participate more fully in the life of the Church.

If you haven't already, I encourage you to erect a prayer corner in your home. No matter how fancy or simple it is. The main point is that it's a place designated for God, and more specifically, for spending time with him. Just as you need proper atmosphere to sleep, you also need proper atmosphere to pray.

For May, give Mary a special spot in your prayer corner. It can be a statue or picture, but place there some representation of our Blessed Mother. Make it appealing and a real tribute to her beauty and virtue.

Then, crown Mary. You can give her an actual or spiritual crown and you can make it a subtle gesture or ornate ceremony of your own device. The meaning is far more important than the action. You can do it in the beginning, at the end of May or anywhere in between. Just do it.

Why?

Not because it's a long-standing tradition in the Church, although it is. Not because there are any special graces connected to it, although there is.

No, do it because Mary is Mother – your mother, my mother, everyone's mother – and because she cares for all of us day-in-and-day-out without fail, interceding for us in even the tiniest matters.

For that, she deserves an entire month in her honor.

Marge Fenelon, May 1st, 2016

EWTV News, Inc. via National Catholic Register

<http://m.ncregister.com/blog/mfenelon/why-is-may-the-month-of-mary#.WvHLYdMvzAx>

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