

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Sun May 10 Fifth Sunday of Easter



Monday, May 11

†Denise DiGiacobbe (*Ron Skupien*)

Tuesday, May 12 Ss. Nereus and Achilleus

†Joanne Stephens (*Charles & Joan Lynn*)

Wednesday, May 13 Our Lady of Fatima

†Anthony Wojtarowicz (*Wife, Sally*)

Thursday, May 14 St. Matthias

†Victor Schiappa (*Nancy Ronan & Family*)

Friday, May 15 St. Isidore

†Murphy Montler (*Balzano Family*)

Saturday, May 16

†Frank & Margaret Vinglas (*M/M Steve Geletta*)

Sunday, May 17 Sixth Sunday of Easter

Mass For the People

†Patsy & Florence Labriola (*Labriola & Rossi Families*)



PASTOR'S CORNER

Happy Mother's Day!

On this Mother's Day weekend, we pray for our mothers and thank them for their loving service to our families and communities.

This prayer is from the Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers, Revised Edition.

Loving God,
as a mother gives life and nourishment
to her children,
so you watch over your Church.
Bless our mother.
Let the example of her faith and love
shine forth.
Grant that we, her family,
may honor her always
with a spirit of profound respect.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.
R/ .Amen

**Saint Mary
Mazzarello**

**C. 1837—1881
FEAST DAY: MAY 14**

An Italian peasant,

Mary worked long hours in the fields and vineyards. She attended Mass frequently and joined a sodality whose members in 1860 were asked to nurse typhoid victims. Mary caught the fever and nearly died. Because of weakened health, she started a dressmaking business to employ local girls. This was the beginning of the Salesian Sisters of St. John Bosco, which now has 1,400 houses in 54 countries. Mary is enshrined in Turin next to St. John Bosco, founder of the Salesians men's order.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING-MAY 2-3, 2020

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| Regular | \$5489.00 | Easter | \$ 39.00 |
| Ascension | \$ 25.00 | Second Coll. | \$ 13.00 |
| Memorials | \$ 200.00 | Flocknote Grant | \$ 372.00 |
| Dividend | \$ 50.43 | Home Missions | \$ 47.00 |
| Catholic Comm. | \$ 25.00 | Labriola Scholar. | \$ 100.00 |
| Brick | \$ 50.00 | CCD | \$ 30.00 |
| | | Total | \$6440.43 |

Deacon Jim’s “A Moment with Our Lady”

In September 1717, a hundred miles from São Paulo, Brazil, three fishermen named Domingos Garcia, Felipe Pedroso and Joao Alves discovered a small statue of the Immaculate Conception caught in their net, in which they also found a lot of fish. The fishermen called the Virgin “Aparecida” (Who Appeared).

In 1726, the people built an oratory where they placed the little statue and where they came to recite the Rosary with neighbors and friends. Graces and miracles abounded. The Virgin Mary brought many blessings to the Brazilian people there.

In 1834, the construction of a church with three naves began. The faithful flocked to the site. On December 8, 1888, the Archbishop of São Paulo blessed the new shrine. A small town of 3,000 inhabitants was born. On October 8, 1904, “Nossa Senhora Aparecida” was solemnly crowned.

On July 26, 1936, Pius XI declared Our Lady of Aparecida the “principal patroness of Brazil.” On September 8, 1954, the foundation stone of the new basilica was laid, in a square that can accommodate 275,000 people. The shrine, a focal point for the Church of Brazil, receives 8 million pilgrims and visitors every year.

MAY SHE REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Marian Fanelli who passed away this week. May God give comfort to her family.

May 10, 2020: Fifth Sunday of Easter (JN 14: 1-12)

A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

Jesus tells us in the gospel: “I am in the Father and the Father is in me!” The point is: God is in each one of us, in our relationships and in our homes. The vocation of the Christian family is to live the divine gift which is already in and around us.

“WALK OF FAITH”

MASS FOR WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS TO BE TELEVISED

Remember your loved ones on **Sunday, May 31, 2020 with a televised Mass celebrated by Bishop Mark Bartchak at 11:00 a.m. on WATM ABC 23 and will be rebroadcast that night at 9:00 a.m. on Atlantic Broadband channel 9.**

All persons who have lost a spouse through death throughout the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese are invited to register by contacting the Family Life Office by calling 814-317-2647 or 814-317-2643 or email familylife@dioceseaj.org to have your spouse acknowledged and remembered at Mass. When registering, please give your name, address, phone number and the name of your spouse who has passed away. Deadline to register is May 20, 2020. Sponsored by the Diocesan Family Life Office.

Personalized bricks may be purchased to put into the “Walk of Faith.” It is a great way to remember a loved one. Bricks are \$50.00. Order forms may be picked up at the rectory. Take a look at the walkways and see hundreds of names and add yours to the walkway.

May 10, 2020: Mother’s Day

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Mothers are instruments of Christ’s presence in the home. A mother’s love reveals the attentive, thoughtful, serving, forgiving and concerned side of God’s love. Thanks to all mothers for the showing us the tender and loving face of God

St. Rose of Lima Parish, Altoona presents... England's Treasures.

Join Fr. Brian Saylor April 21-May 2, 2021 on a tour of England. Visit Liverpool, the home of the Beatles, and spend three nights in the Georgian town of Bath with its 2000-year-old Roman spas. Explore the monastic ruins of Glastonbury Abbey and the mystical ancient Stonehenge. See the sights of London with a local guide and savor a traditional English roast. Cost: \$4,499 (Double) includes Round trip Air from Pittsburgh, taxes, and fees/surcharges, hotel transfers.

For information or a brochure, please call/ email Fr. Brian at 814-944-8509/ bsaylor@dioceseaj.org. or Collette 844-218-2148 (refer to Booking #987-192).

Altoona Area Lyme Disease Meeting

The May 14 meeting of the Altoona Area Lyme Disease Support Group has been CANCELED. May is Lyme Disease Awareness Month. Go to palyme.org to learn more. Call Amber Altiero, Altoona Regional Leader, at 934-7403 for more info.

St. Rose of Lima's St. Vincent de Paul Conference Weekly Reflection for May 10: Fifth Sunday of Easter.

In the Gospel today, Jesus says "... whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father.

Through your almsgiving you are performing a good work, far greater than you think. The coins placed in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box brings Christ love and compassion to the poor.

If you know of someone in need, please visit our website (<http://strosesvdp.org>) to inform us of their situation. We will do our best to help out in any way we can. We encourage all parishioners to use our website to help us help those in need. Thank you!

Our Lady of Fatima Feast Day—May 13

Mary appeared to three peasant children near Fatima, Portugal, six times between May 13 and October 13, 1917, and asked for prayers for world peace and an end to World War I, for sinners, and for the conversion of Russia.

She entrusted the children with three secrets, regarding devotion to her Immaculate Heart, a vision of hell, and a "bishop in white" shot by soldiers firing bullets and arrows. Many connect the third secret to the attempted assassination of Blessed Pope John Paul II on May 13, 1981, and the pope thanked Mary for guiding the bullet and saving him.

At the Vatican, Pope Francis has stood before the statue of Our Lady from the Fatima shrine and formally entrusted the world to Mary. "In Lucia's account, the three chosen children found themselves surrounded by God's light as it radiated from Our Lady. She enveloped them in the mantle of Light that God had given her.

According to the belief and experience of many pilgrims, if not of all, Fatima is more than anything this mantle of Light that protects us, here as in almost no other place on earth. We need but take refuge under the protection of the Virgin Mary and to ask her, as the Salve Regina teaches: "show unto us... Jesus."—Pope Francis, Holy Mass at the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, May 13, 2017.



Getting to Know Mother Mary

By Megan and Juan Aguilera

When you think about the Catholic Church in Latin America, one of the first things that probably first comes to mind is Mary, and for good reason. Mary seems to be everywhere down here. No church is without a statue in her honor, usually Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, who is Chile's most popular Marian devotion, and Marian hymns are a common feature of Mass. On several occasions, I have been to churches who include her in the petition response, saying "con Maria rogamus" (with Mary we pray), and a popular way to end the Mass, just after the final blessing, is by "greeting" the Blessed Virgin with a Hail Mary or other Marian prayer.

Besides her very visible presence in the Church, she is often seen in secular society as well. In many of the small shops around Santiago, her image can be seen in the window or on the wall behind the counter. One of the most popular parks in Santiago, a large hill that rises above Santiago's inner city area, features at its highest point a shrine to the Immaculate Conception and an enormous statue of Mary that can be seen for miles around. (Think a smaller, Marian version of Rio de Janeiro's Jesus statue.) I can actually see it right now from my apartment as I write this post.

As though all of these things were not enough to show Mary's tremendous religious and cultural influence here, there is also that fact that a very sizable portion of the female population is named Maria, and it is not uncommon for couples to name several or even all their daughters after the Blessed Virgin. No wonder so many women go by their middle names.

For me, an American, this was all a little strange. In United States Catholicism, Mary tends to take a more peripheral role in the Church and my own spirituality was Christocentric, almost to the exclusion of Mary. I studied theology in college, so I was very familiar with Church doctrine, but while I knew a lot about Mary, I didn't really know Mary.

So when Juan and I began to search for a Catholic community with which to become more involved, I never thought we'd end up becoming part of a distinctly Marian movement like Schoenstatt. But, in what I believe was the answer to many prayers, that is exactly where we ended up. We began attending Mass at the Schoenstatt shrine about a year ago, and last month we had the opportunity to attend some introductory sessions to begin formation in the marriage branch of the movement, which consists of groups of married Catholic couples who share the movement's Marian spirituality, and who seek to have holy and happy marriages and families.

For Juan, I think Marian spirituality came more naturally. He grew up in a Marian culture, and his grandfather had a very strong devotion to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. I however, despite loving the formation we have received from the Schoenstatt movement, still felt a little awkward about the Marian aspect until the most recent session.

In that session, one of the sisters explained the Marian spirituality of Schoenstatt. Mary, she pointed out, is often highly idealized, which can make her seem distant, even in a culture where she is very visible. Yet when we speak of Mary, we are speaking about a real human woman who gave an incredible "yes" to God and became the Mother of the second Person of the Most Blessed Trinity, and by Jesus' gift on the Cross, our mother as well. Mary is Mother.

As a mother, she did all the things that mothers do. She gave birth to her child, cared for Him, and loved Him. She ran a home at Nazareth and cooked and cleaned the home and cared for little Jesus when He was sick. Through all the little tasks of life, she served God in tangible ways. Her example shows us that every little action we do can, and should, be done in service to God. In other words, Mary is not a distant and inaccessible figure, but a model for our everyday life. She is our Mama.

One of the women in our group said that when life gets crazy or difficult, she says a little prayer to Mary, saying, "Virgencita, in your life you must have gone through something similar. Help me to serve God in this as well."

While I knew intellectually that Mary is model of Christian discipleship, I didn't start to really get it until last week.

Mary's gaze is always toward her Son. We have nothing to fear about devotion to Mary, as she will only bring us closer to Jesus, and everything to gain by her maternal care and perfect example of discipleship. After all, where Jesus is, there too is Mary. As Pope Francis rather humorously put it in his address to members of Schoenstatt on their 100th year anniversary, you can either accept Mary as you mother, or she'll be your mother-in-law. Either way, she's there, and an authentic devotion to Christ is always enriched by a love for His mother.

Juan and I feel truly blessed to have begun our journey with Schoenstatt right from the beginning of our marriage preparation. We know that marriage will be difficult at times and that we are two very imperfect human beings, but we pray that Mary's perfect example as wife, mother, and disciple will inspire us to be more selfless spouses, excellent parents, and faithful disciples of the Word.

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