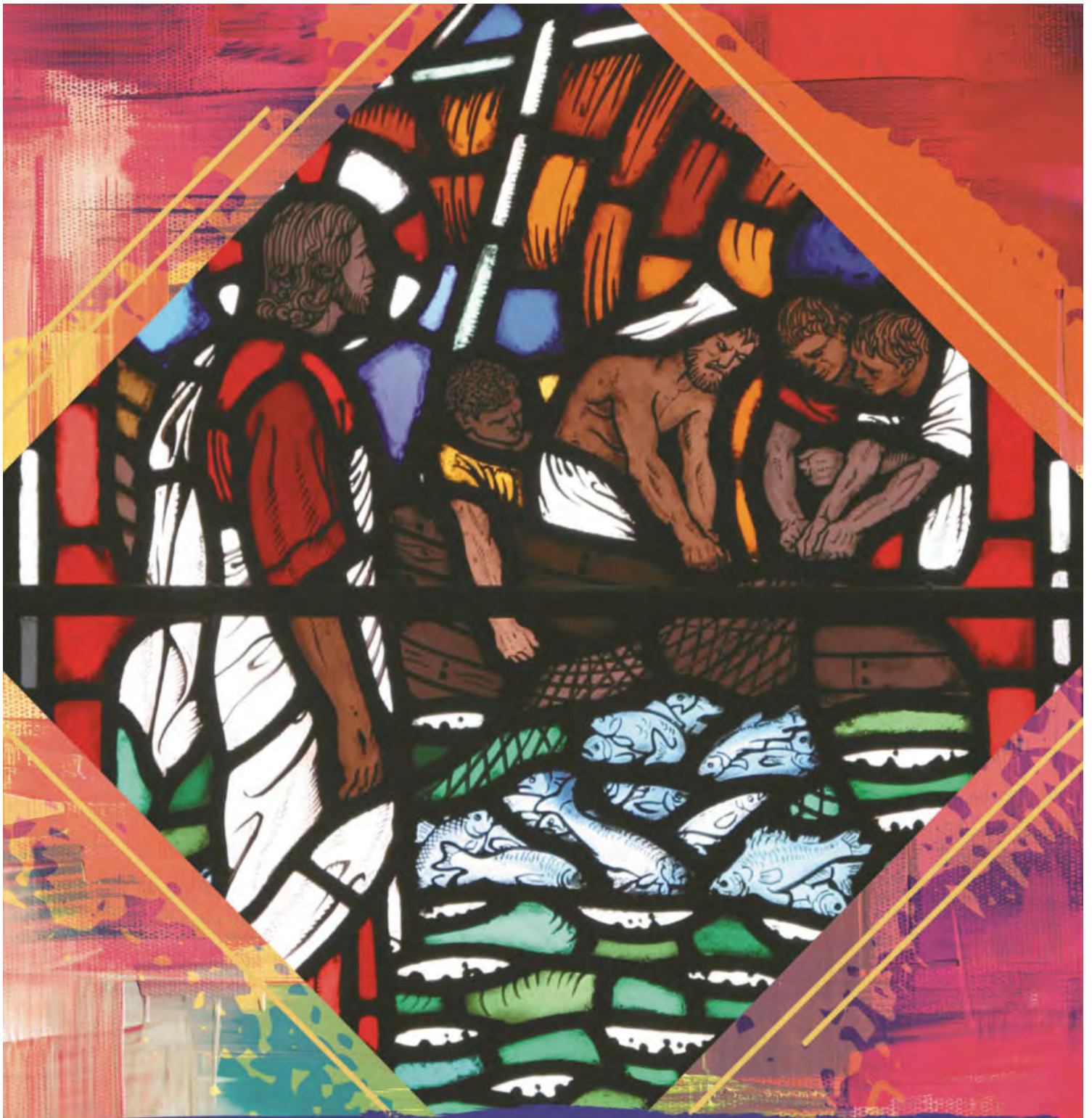




3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

And none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they realized it was the Lord. - Jn 21:12

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Dear Friends,

-Varia – any number of unrelated items

–“During those days, Peter stood up in the midst of the brothers (there was a group of about one hundred and twenty persons in the one place). He said, ‘My brothers, the scripture had to be fulfilled which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand through the mouth of David, concerning Judas, who was the guide for those who arrested Jesus. Therefore, it is necessary that one of the men who accompanied us the whole time the Lord Jesus came and went among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day on which he was taken up from us, become with us a witness to his resurrection. So they proposed two.... Then they prayed, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this apostolic ministry from which Judas turned away to go to his own place.” (Acts 1: 15-16, 21-25.)

Much has been written, analyzed, predicted about what is about to take place in Rome, beginning on May 7th. But the simple answer was known by the early Church, the first witnesses, and more than just the 11. In choosing a successor for Judas they wisely knew and believed to leave it in the Lord’s hands. “Show which one of these two **you have chosen**.” (Acts 1:25). The Lord has already chosen. Pray the Cardinals are attuned to the voice of the Holy Spirit as the Spirit makes known to them the person the Lord Jesus has already chosen.

-As I mentioned last week in one of my two columns, the Archdiocese is embarking on a planning process called “We Are His Witnesses,” looking at the challenges that communities of faith will face in the future. And the most reasonable place to start is in the present. What do we look like now? What does each individual parish look like now because that’s where the Church lives—in the parishes of the Archdiocese? The **Disciple Maker Index** is a tool to do that. It’s an anonymous, 75 question long survey which should take you about ten to fifteen minutes to complete. Every person, not just household, 16 years old and older is invited to take this survey, covering attitudes and beliefs, relationships and satisfaction, participation in parish life and demographics. I’m often told the parish is thinking this or that or something else. This is the opportunity to make that statement real. I want to know what **you** think and how **you** feel, everybody, not just those who come to church regularly but everybody who calls themselves a parishioner of Mount Carmel. Speak about it to all your family members and to your friends who don’t come to church regularly. We want to hear from them as well. Here’s the QR Code and the URL for those who prefer to complete it on their computer.

URL for DMI Survey

<https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/c3y867>

column continues...



If you're not comfortable with the QR code or using the computer, there are hard copies available at the rectory. You can even complete it while you're there. We have an empty office you can use so you don't even have to leave. You have until May 25 but why wait. Do it today! As of today (4/29), almost 400 parishioners have already completed the survey. A nice start, but a long way to go. To those who have already taken it—Thank you.

-An update on the **Annual Appeal**. As of today (4/29), 414 households have donated/pledged \$276,566. to the Appeal. While that's an increase in the number of donors over last year at this time, it's a decrease in the amount pledged. My guess is that the state of the economy and the stock market is the reason and I certainly can't argue against that. My plea has always been for more donors, not for increased dollar amounts. It's not what any individual gives but that more of the parish participate in the Appeal. As I have often said, the Appeal helps the Archdiocese do what's its supposed to do, to announce the Good News, to help form disciples and to care for the poor and those in need, all on a broader scale than any individual parish. The other important part of participation is that it be done before June 30, 2025 so that the parish gets the benefit of the rebate which helps fund our own life as a Catholic community. If you have not done so as yet, please make a commitment to the Appeal which helps both the parish and the wider Church. The easiest way is to go to the link that appears on the homepage of our website.

Grace and Peace,
Fr. Ron

STEWARDSHIP

"And when He had said this, He said to him (Peter), 'follow Me.'" Jesus' words to Peter are spoken to every Christian, "Follow Me." The Christian Steward hears the call and answers, using his/her gifts of **Time, Talent and Treasure** to do as Peter did in the 1st Reading, to speak in the name of Jesus. Do you?

The parish Stewardship of Treasure last week was \$13,275. The parish Stewardship of Treasure for the month of April, exclusive of Easter Sunday, was \$104,286. It was received as follows:

Online Giving (WeShare/Venmo):	\$57,990
In Pew/Mailed to the Rectory:	\$46,296
Easter Collection (from all sources):	\$74,122
Good Friday	
Collection for the Holy Land:	\$6,026

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Dear Beloved Family of
Our Lady of Mount Carmel,

Happy Easter!



It has been over five months since I was appointed as the temporary administrator of St. Lawrence Church on November 15, 2024. What began as a three-month assignment has now become a permanent role. I am honored to share that Cardinal Tobin has officially appointed me as the administrator of St. Lawrence Church in Weehawken, effective May 1st. As I prepare for this new chapter, I reflect with deep gratitude on the blessings I've received during my time with you.

Since joining the OLMC family on July 1, 2024, I have been welcomed with open arms and hearts. Your warmth, kindness, and unwavering support have been a source of strength and inspiration. When I assumed the role of temporary administrator at St. Lawrence, you responded with remarkable generosity, offering your time and resources to assist in renovating the rectory. Many of you gave without expecting anything in return, embodying the true spirit of community and Christian discipleship.

Though our time together was brief, the memories and friendships I've forged will remain with me always. I am deeply thankful for each of you—for your prayers, your service, and your love. Our paths may diverge for now, but I trust that God's plan will bring us together again in His time.

Please keep me in your prayers as I will keep you in mine. May the peace and blessings of the Risen Christ continue to guide and sustain you.

With heartfelt thanks and affection,
Fr. Rolando

ANNUAL APPEAL—2025

Donate online: See the link on the parish website.

Make sure to select **Our Lady of Mt. Carmel—Ridgewood**
from the drop-down menu

Checks (payable: 2025 Annual Appeal) may also be placed
in the collection basket, in the boxes at the doors of the
church, or mailed/dropped off at the rectory.

Pledges MADE by June 30 and FULFILLED by
December 31 are calculated in the OLMC rebate.



Attention ALL Women of the Parish!!

This Wednesday, May 7th—9:15AM
Our Lady's Chapel & Parish Center

MOMs is hosting a Mass in Our Lady's Chapel at 9:15AM
this Wednesday, May 7th. A catered brunch, honoring our
Blessed Mother, will immediately follow in the Parish
Center.

Cost—\$30/person
Please use this QR code to RSVP



Invite a friend to RSVP and come with you!
Complimentary babysitting provided during brunch!

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL'S
7TH ANNUAL
CATHOLIC COLLEGE NIGHT



THURSDAY, MAY 15 | 6PM-8PM | PARISH CENTER
(PLEASE USE THE PASSAIC STREET ENTRANCE.)

An open invitation to all high school students and their parents to attend our 7th Annual Catholic College Night!

Currently, twenty two Catholic colleges and universities from across the country have confirmed their attendance. For a full listing of the schools attending, please visit the parish website—checking back for updates.

If your alma mater is missing from the list, please call or email them and find out why they have not confirmed to be here!

*Will you be celebrating 5, 25, or 50 years
of Catholic marriage in 2025?*

**REGISTER NOW FOR THE
Wedding Anniversary Liturgy**
to be celebrated at

The Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart
Sunday, June 1, 2025—3:00PM

Deadline to Register—This Thursday, May 8th

We are preparing the annual tradition of honoring couples in our Archdiocese who will be celebrating five, twenty-five and fifty years of valid marriage for the Catholic faithful in the year 2025! **Important: This year there will be only ONE Anniversary Liturgy.** The Mass will be celebrated by Cardinal Joseph Tobin.

It is our desire that every couple in the Archdiocese celebrating their 5th, 25th, or 50th Catholic wedding anniversary be present at this special liturgy. The presence of these couples and their families will be a beautiful witness to the strength and stability of Christian marriage in today's society.

To register contact Patti Roche by Thursday, May 8.
proche@olmcridgewood.com or 201.444.2000 x200

**Loyola Jesuit Center
A Men's Silent Weekend Retreat
May 16-18, 2025**

Walking with St. Ignatius
Led by Fr. Phil Florio, S.J.

We'll encounter Christ through Ignatian Spirituality with prayer and scripture. We come to know ourselves as loved sinners, forgiven by God. We are created by and for love. We'll discuss how we bring these realities to action in our lives.

Join us for this silent weekend retreat. Please register online at Loyola.org, call 973.539.0740, or scan this QR code.



Questions? Contact Dcn. Bob Liwanag or Bob Reilly
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rpreilly1@hotmail.com, 201.447.2430

A Week of Action Food Drive

Sunday, May 18th—Sunday, May 25th

Help fight food insecurity and hunger!

The Run for Hope Foundation will be partnering with OLMC's Men's Cornerstone, the Ridgewood YMCA, and Temple Israel to conduct a major food drive. People are asked to step up in an effort to fill the local food pantries with non-perishable food, as well as toiletries. All donations can be dropped off at the following locations.

OLMC Front Lobby

24 hours/day (Use the far left front door any time.)

Ridgewood YMCA & Village Hall

During normal business hours

Temple Israel—475 Grove Street

Outside entrance in the back of the building.

Place donations in the marked receptacles only please!



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Scholarship Opportunity

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One scholarship will be awarded to a family in the parish, with at least one student currently enrolled at AoOL, or with hopes to enroll in the fall. To apply, parents write a statement, no longer than one page, on the topic:

"Why I want a Catholic education for my child(ren)."

Submit to: AcademyFamilyScholarship@gmail.com

Deadline—Monday, June 9, 2025

Each applicant family will have their name placed in a hat. Winner will be randomly selected and announced on Thursday, June 12, 2025.

THIS WEEK'S AoOL CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS!

5/2/25	\$100	Victoria Lubrano, #1010
5/3/25	\$50	Kathryn Aljoe, #20
5/4/25	\$50	Russell Forenza, #488
5/5/25	\$50	Jessica Glackin, #667
5/6/25	\$50	Frank Natale, #1377
5/7/25	\$50	Lisa Palmeri, #1268
5/8/25	\$50	Holly Tedesco, #1315

News from our OLMC Nursing Community

**The Valley Health System announces the opening of
The Earl A. Wheaton, Jr., MD Family Care Center**

The Family Care Center provides services for all: the insured, those with limited or no medical insurance, and persons who cannot afford private medical care. The Family Care Center is the new name for the Community Care Clinic that was formerly on Goffle Road in Hawthorne and is now located on Valley's Ridgewood Campus at 223 N. Van Dien Avenue. Contact 201.689.3900.



PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION (PEA)

CHAPEL IS OPEN 24/7
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Everyone is invited to participate in Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration. Stop by the chapel any time or, better yet, sign up for one Holy Hour that is good for you. Not sure of your schedule? Sign up as a Substitute Adorer.

SCHEDULED ADORERS URGENTLY NEEDED

Wednesday: 2-3AM

Contact Cynthia—551.574.1063, cynthiabtorres@yahoo.com



The Church Welcomes...

The following 14 children who were baptized in Christ during the month of February.

Mila Isabella Amato, daughter of Antonio & Victoria
Cian Patrick & Mariana Brigida McAdam,
 children of Liam & Mariela
Coletta Alexandra Scheidewig,
 daughter of Richard & Lissett
Evie Antonia Tarabokija,
 daughter of Emmanuel & Danielle
Andrew Knowles White, son of William & Kerry
Fiona Deirdre Mozer, daughter of Nicholas & Keelan
Camila Marie Leon, daughter of Jonathan & Leniann
Mills Taylor Cieremans, daughter of David & Julia
Colin Lavin Kozak, son of Alexander & Lauren
Blake Marie Biega, daughter of Marc & Alexa
Grant Dominick Jentz, son of Nicholas & Ashley
Clara Dolores Hughes, daughter of Thomas & Amy
Jaden James Boshart, son of Jason & Katherine

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE ILL MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH

Luis Badillo, Frederick Bruno, Mike Bucci, Charles Buckley, Mary Alice Cesard, Kimberly Parsons Daub, Nick DiDonato, Maura Gillen Eidschun, Marie Evans, Kay & Bill Forster, Frank Gillen, Susan Hart-White, Joseph Hyon, Marc Johnson, Tom Keleher, Claudia LaFrance, Susan Lois, Campbell McArthur, Christine O'Brien, David Oswald, Margaret Peak, Mary Kathleen Ramge, Cathy Ricciuto, Art Rippas, Francis Tedaro Ristor, Jim Roth, Michael Runz, Nancy Steen, Larry Switaj, Nickolas John Tedaro, Carmen Vega-Torres, Christina Volpe, Rochelle West, Rosemary Wright, Walter John Zelop, Jr.

Parishioners may call the Rectory with the name of a family member who is sick to have them included in our prayers.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS SERVING IN THE MILITARY:

Aedan Cannon, Edgar Delgado, Nick Haddad,
 Durkin McCarthy, John Morano, James Nardelli,
 Michael Ortolani, Robert Smith, Thomas Tesoriero

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun. May 4	9:30AM ISP Women's Team (MR) 1:30PM OCIA (MR) 1:30PM Bell Choir Rehearsal (PCB) 4:00PM Spanish Community (PCA) 5:00PM Jr. High 8C (PCB) 7:30PM Jr. High 8D (PCB) 7:30PM Budelman Confirmation Group (RE1) 7:30PM McHugh Confirmation Group (YCA)
Mon. May 5	1:30PM Staff Meeting (MR) 5:00PM: Summer Heatt Basketball (Gym) 7:30PM Neocatechumenal Way 1st (NCW-T) 7:30PM Men's Cornerstone (MR) 7:30PM Service Project Presentations (PC)
Tues. May 6	3:45PM Jr. High 8A (PC) 4:00PM First Communion Practice (Church, MR) 5:00PM: Summer Heatt Basketball (Gym) 5:00PM Choir Rehearsal (Church) 7:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW) 7:00PM ChristLife Following Christ (PC) 7:30PM Neocatechumenal Way 1st (NCW-T)
Wed. May 7	9:00AM MOMs Mass & Brunch (Chapel/PC) 3:30PM ISP Women's Spring House (SMR) 3:45PM Jr. High 8B (PC) 4:00PM First Communion Practice (Church, MR) 5:00PM Summer Heatt Basketball (Gym) 6:00PM Jr. High Registration-Gr. 7 & 8 (PC) 7:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW) 7:00PM Spanish Choir Rehearsal (Church) 7:00PM WCST Circle of Prayer (MR) 7:30PM Neocatechumenal Way 1st (NCW-T)
Thur. May 8	7:30PM Jr. High Registration-Gr. 7 & 8 (PC) 10:30AM Sunday Liturgy Scripture Study (SMR) 3:30PM Jr. High Youth Group (Gym) 4:00PM May Crowning Practice (Church) 5:00PM Summer Heatt Basketball (Gym) 5:30PM NCW 3rd (YCB) 7:15PM WCST Team 24 (MR) 7:30PM Neocatechumenal Way 1st (NCW-T) 7:30PM Service Project Presentations (PC)
Fri. May 9	10:00AM WCST Bible Study (Library) 5:00PM Summer Heatt Basketball (Gym)
Sat. May 10	9:00AM Men's Basketball (Gym) 10:00AM First Communion (Church, MR) 12:00PM First Communion (Church, MR) 6:00PM NCW Communion (NCW)

VILLAGE OF RIDGEWOOD NEWS

Caretakers Support Group for Neurodegenerative Disease

First Monday of every month—6PM-8PM—Ridgewood YMCA
 Call 201.444.5600 x302 to register.

Free Rabies Clinic—For Dogs Only

This Wednesday, May 7, 2025, 6PM-7PM
 Graydon Pool Parking Lot—Drive Up Clinic Only
 All dogs must be leashed.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



Monday, May 5

- + 6:30AM **Tony Morin**
req Luciano & Dina Scrivanich
- + 8:30AM **Cora Goduco Calderon**
req Jeanne & Michael Bessel
- +12:00NN **John Olsen**
req Joan Lalonde

Tuesday, May 6

- + 6:30AM **Tony Morin**
req Dayna Bussanich & Brandon Davis
- + 8:30AM **Eugene McInerney**
req Shawn & Vic Amoruso
- +12:00NN **Margaret Mackin**
req Martin & Alice Mauro

Wednesday, May 7

- + 6:30AM **Tony Morin**
req Steven & Josephine Bussanich
- + 8:30AM **Constanza Garcia Morales**
req The Engel Family
- +12:00NN **Mary & Ray McCarthy**
req Jean & John Boyle

Thursday, May 8

- + 6:30AM **Nicolo Scrivanich**
req Joan & Al Scrivanich
- + 8:30AM **John E. Mattessich**
req Matte & Anna Tarabocchia
- 12:00NN **Special Intentions**
of Jean & John Boyle
req The Family

Friday, May 9

- + 6:30AM **Tony Morin**
req Anthony & Carrie Bussanich
- + 8:30AM **Diane Accardi**
req Barbara Sidote
- +12:00NN **Tony Ruta**
req Stefania Galasso

Saturday, May 10 *Saint John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church; Saint Damien de Veuster, Priest*

- + 8:30AM **Frank Doyle**
req David & Kathleen Saylesa
- 5:30PM **For All Mothers**

Sunday, May 11 *Fourth Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations*

- 8:00AM **For All Mothers**
- 9:30AM **For All Mothers**
- 11:00AM **For All Mothers**
- 12:30PM **For All Mothers**
- 3:00PM **For All Mothers**
- 6:30PM **For All Mothers**

TODAY'S READINGS

1. Acts of the Apostles 5:27-32, 40-41

In these early chapters of Acts, Luke shows how ineffectual is the power of the Jewish Temple authorities when it is up against the power of God's word. Taken into custody a second time, and warned a second time about spreading their message of life in the Risen Christ, the Apostles once again fearlessly announce the Good News, right in front of the court, which is again powerless to stop them, even in their very presence. They are sent off again, but to no avail.

2. Revelation 5:11-14

Though another tried to claim their loyalty and homage (the Emperor, Domitian), John's vision affirms the everlasting reign of God and of Jesus, the Christ, the Lamb that was slain. Today's excerpt is a special hymn of praise to this "Lamb That was slain." Indicating fullness, seven attributes are ascribed to the Lamb by the author. And this praise will be offered not only by the Heavenly Court, but also by the entire universe.

3. John 21:1-19

The disciples have gone back to Galilee (as Jesus had directed them). In this excerpt they have even returned to fishing, but caught nothing. Following the directives from a voice from the shore, their nets become full and in the miraculous catch, they recognize the Master's presence. As in other appearances, full recognition comes when they share a meal with the Lord. The verses that follow relate not only the rehabilitation of Peter (threefold denial erased by a threefold affirmation of love), but also his call to assume a pastoral responsibility for the sheep that was once exercised by the Master, Himself.

REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK

1. Have you ever had the experience of a dying person of faith who seemed utterly free from fear? What do you think it took for them to get to that place in their faith life?
2. Peter wavered, denied, then believed wholeheartedly. Sound familiar? Has it happened to you that way in your life?
3. Like Peter, have you ever gone somewhere for God when you didn't want to?

NEXT WEEKEND'S PRESIDERS

Sat. 5/10	5:30PM	Fr. Jakov
Sun. 5/11	8:00AM	Fr. Ron
	9:30AM	Fr. Ron
	11:00AM	Fr. Frank
	12:30PM	Fr. Frank
	3:00PM	Fr. Jakov
	6:30PM	Fr. Jakov

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