



## Jesus Sends The Spirit

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Our Lady of Lourdes,

This weekend, we recall and pray for the brave women and men who have given their lives in service to our country. I share with you this excerpt of an Easter-Season homily of Archbishop José Gomez of Los Angeles as a remembrance of those who have laid down their lives.

*[We] remember in this hour all those who have given their lives to defend the truths that our great nation holds to be self-evident. The truth that all men and women are created equal. The truth that we are all children of one God, endowed by our Creator with inalienable rights – to life, to liberty and to the pursuit of happiness.*

*The men and women we remember today died defending these truths. They died in fields of war for you and for me – so that we could gather on this sunny morning in peace and in freedom.*

*We owe them a great debt for their self-sacrifice, for their love.*

*Jesus said that there is no greater love than to lay down your life for a friend. The men and women we remember today were people of great love.*

*Memorial Day is a day of remembrance. It is also a day to keep alive the life and memory of so many men and women, who unselfishly gave their lives for our country. They were not thinking about themselves as they went off to fight for their country. They were thinking about their families. They were thinking about the ideals of this country and their duty as faithful citizens.*

*These brave men and women trusted in God. They made God their refuge and fortress.*

*And we know that our God is the God of the living. And we know that if we have died with Christ in baptism, so we shall live with him in the resurrection. (Rom. 6:8). So we ask our good God today to raise up in joy all those who have died in our Armed Forces.*

*We are living in a time, my brothers and sisters, when unfortunately, our nation is at war in several places.*

*So we also pray for all those men and women who are serving our country and are in harm's way today. We pray for wisdom for our leaders and for integrity for our citizens. We pray for the innocent victims of war. And we pray for a just and lasting peace – for our nation and for every other nation, through the mercy of Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*Not everyone is called to military service.*

*But our Christian faith calls each one of us to be –peacemakers, to help bring harmony, justice and peace to our world. ( Matt. 5:9; James 3:18)*

*The God we serve is the God of love and peace. Our God calls us to always seek the ways that make for peace. ( 1 Cor. 7:15; 2 Cor. 13:11; Phil. 4:9.)*

*We honor the memory of those who have fallen by trying to live better lives. By trying to be better peacemakers.*

*Let us honor their memory by trying harder with the grace of God – to love more, to be less selfish. Let us try to give more importance to God and to others than we do to ourselves. Let us resolve each day to try to make life a little better for someone else.*

*Let us make more time to pray or to do small works of service for someone who is close to us. Let us try with his grace to become people of forgiveness, and to rely more on God's mercy.*

*These little things make a big difference in the lives of others. And the more we spread peace in our own lives, the more peace is spread in the world.*

*One more thing, my brothers and sisters. Something that always strikes me on Memorial Day.*

*Let us remember today that the words we pray before every Holy Communion: –Lord, I am not worthy ... are the words of faith that a Roman soldier spoke to Jesus in the Gospel. (Matt. 8:8; Luke 7:6.)*

*As we remember the faith of those who have died serving our country, let us seek to grow in that same humble faith in Jesus Christ.*

*We go to the intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary, the Queen of Peace. We are always asking her to intercede for us –now and at the hour of our death.*

*Today we ask her for her intercession for our faithful departed and for all of us – that we continue to grow in the love of God and in our desire to serve our brothers and sisters. (Most Reverend José Gomez, Archbishop of Los Angeles, Santa Clara Cemetery, Oxnard, California, May 30, 2011).*

In Christ's Peace,  
Father Jim Ferry



### For Your Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure

#### FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2018

WEEKLY GOAL	\$ 6800
Collection: May 11-12*	\$ 4438
Deficit:	\$ 2362

\* Includes Online Giving Weekly Average Deposit

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**SATURDAY 25 MAY**

8:30 am Virgin Lourdes  
5:30 pm Christian Okeke

**SUNDAY 26 MAY**

7:30 am People of the Parish  
9:30 am Grace Gaston Sabal  
11:30 am Vilma Kahn

**MONDAY 27 MAY**

8:30 am Nancy Lynch

**TUESDAY 28 MAY**

8:30 am Divino Nino Jesus

**WEDNESDAY 29 MAY**

8:30 am Deodato Saniel

**THURSDAY 30 MAY**

7:00 am People of the Parish  
8:30 am Lucille M. Byrne  
Special Intention  
7:30 pm People of the Parish

**FRIDAY 31 MAY**

8:30 am Canico Saniel, Sr.

**SATURDAY 1 JUNE**

8:30 am Margaret Brennan (1st Ann.)  
5:30 pm Barbara Zinno

**SUNDAY 2 JUNE**

7:30 am People of the Parish  
9:30 am Luigi Russo  
11:30 am Jaroslav & Rose Konvalinka



This week's Bread & Wine, a gift of Her Children & Grandchildren, is in memory of **VILMA KAHN (3rd Ann.)**



This week's Sanctuary Candle, a gift of Her Children & Grandchildren, is in memory of **VILMA KAHN (3rd Ann.)**



This week's Altar Candles, a gift of Her Children & Grandchildren, is in memory of **VILMA KAHN (3rd Ann.)**



**PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Vincent Aiello, Sean Bailey, Josefina Balerdi, Suzane Ball, Kazimiera Borchet, Darlene Cangialosi, Teresa Carbin, Josephine Ciullo, Tom Collinson, Jeannie Cox, Ramona De Castro, Peggy Dolan, Pierre Ferrus, Catherine Gascoyne, Al Gebhardt, Judy Givas, Gary Grasso, Alberta Greco, Michael Harris, Marissa and Richard Hedstrom, Jovann Henry, Yann Henry, Glenn Holland, Prepty Joint, Bruce Kiefer, Tim Klein, James Leung, Rose Mateus, Marion McConville, Mary McGuinness, Stephanie Montano, Noreen Meyers, Liam Morley, Florence Olabiyi, William Ollenschleger, Otilia Ortega, Idelourdes Petion, Patrick Pierre, Mark Quarno, Thelma Ramaglia, Amy Ricciardi, Mary Lou Ruppel, Marie Salvatoriello, Vincent Santucci, Jr., Heather Scoffone, Patricia Seib, Natalie Sims, Jimmy Tiernan, Robin Tobia, Harry Vendemia, Annalisa Verdi, Ann Whelan, Kathy Whelan, Michael Whelan, George Zachos.

If you wish to have a loved one prayed for, please call the rectory at 973.325.0110.

**SUNDAY 26 MAY**

9:30 am



10:30 am

Children's Choir Rehearsal

**MONDAY 27 MAY**



**RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED**

**THURSDAY 30 MAY**

10:00 am

**ASCENSION THURSDAY**  
Deadline for News & Announcements for June 9th bulletin email: lourdesbulletin@aol.com.

7:00 am

Mass

**HOLY DAY OF**

8:30 am

Mass

**OBLIGATION**

7:30 pm

Mass



**Ascension**

6:00 pm

Choir Practice

**SATURDAY 1 JUNE**

9 am—6:30 pm



PRE-CANA—Connor Hall

**SUNDAY 2 JUNE**

9:30 am

Recitation of Rosary—Church

10:30 am

Children's Choir Rehearsal

5/30/19 Ascension Thursday	7:00 am	Bless Bernardo	Casey, Kunz, L. Volpe	Volunteers
	8:30 am	Wendy Sheyka	E. Gruszczynski, J. Gruszczynski, A. Pflug	Volunteers
	7:30 pm	Kathy Petrillo	Petrillo, Regino, Reilly	Volunteers

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS— SUNDAY 2 JUNE**

Mass	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
5:30 pm	Joe Riopel	Judith Albore Marge Christiano Emily Kunz	Gina Camosy Jenie Camosy Jonathan Camosy
7:30 am	Bless Bernardo	Howard Casey Mary Cassels MaryEllen Chandler	Paul Parada Ross Parada
9:30 am Choir	Carol Ford	Annette Chiamonte JoAnne Chiamonte Sonia Murphy Joseph Petrillo	Briana Sampson Volunteer
11:30 am	Anika Fernandes	Virginia Dimapilis Carmelita Dizon Paul Hirsch	Jennifer Fernandes Amir Stewart
11:30 am	Children's Liturgy -	Julie Nzegwu	

# Around the Parish & Community



## EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT UPATE

Thank you for your generous donation to the Eagle Scout Projects of Jason Gentilello and Michael Gentilello of Boy Scout Troop 6 of Montclair. The reconstruction of the wall and garden have started. This is the wall and garden located just off of Valley Way between the convent and the school. In the garden are grown vegetables that are used in the culinary arts program of Mount Carmel Guild Academy, the Catholic Charities' school in our building. Currently, we have collected \$1,606.69 which we hope will be sufficient for the project. Thank you for your outstanding generosity.

Father Jim Ferry

The Rosary Altar Society's June meeting will be held on **Monday, June 3rd, at 1:00 pm in the Rectory**. Looking forward to seeing everyone there.



Carol Ford, President

## St. Vincent DePaul Society

is hosting the soup kitchen on Saturday, **June 22nd from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm at the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church**. If anyone is interested in preparing or serving food, please call Rosanne Bruno at 973-243-0679.



## BLOOD DRIVE

**TUESDAY, MAY 28th**  
**11:00 am—4:00 pm**  
**Connor Hall**



Sponsored by the Red Cross/West Orange Fire Dept.

## PRAYERS FOR OUR PRE-CANA COUPLES



On **Saturday, JUNE 1, 2019**, the Pre-Cana team jointly sponsored by St. Joseph's and Our Lady of Lourdes Parishes will be hosting 22 engaged couples for an all-day, Pre-Cana marriage preparation session at Our Lady of Lourdes. Slips with the names of the couples are in baskets at the doors of the church. We ask you to take home the names of one or more couples and pray for them leading up to their Pre-Cana in two weeks.

## OUR TRICKY TRAY RESULTS ARE IN -

### "Another Great Year"



To Eileen Reilly, Marge Christiano, Ann Pflug, their hardworking committee members, our wrappers and all who volunteered to make a great Tricky Tray this year. 275 gathered in the School Cafeteria on April 26th to join in the fun of winning more than 330 gift baskets.

A special thank you also to all of our prize & monetary donors and to all who attended to make our evening a huge success.

On May 16th, at the Town Hall Parish Council Meeting, The Rosary Altar Society's President was pleased to present Fr. Jim with their check for the proceeds of the event in the amount of **\$14,559.82** and requested that the monies be restricted for church capital expenditures for the parish.

May Our Lady of Lourdes continue to watch over and pray for us. God Bless.

Carol Ann Ford, President  
 Rosary Altar Society

## Archdiocese -



## Partial Tuition Scholarship for African American Students

All students of African descent about to graduate from high school who are headed to college or technical/trade school may apply for a grant/gift from the "Bishop Joseph Francis" Scholarship Fund of the Archdiocese of Newark. There is a link to the scholarship application on the [LOURDESWESTORANGE.ORG](http://LOURDESWESTORANGE.ORG) home page—or call our rectory office and we can give you the instructions.