

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, MAY 12, 2024**

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## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

SECOND & FOURTH SUNDAYS  
1:15 PM ENG  
2:15 POLISH

Please arrange the date of baptism through the Rectory office after the birth of your child.

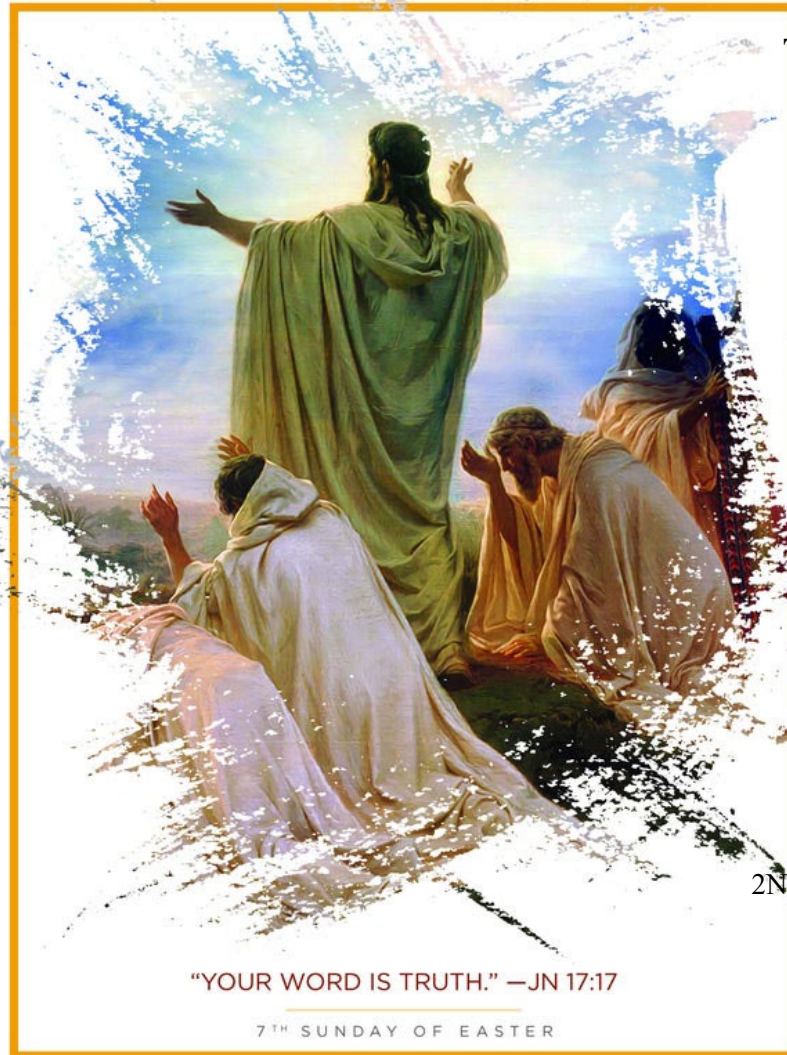
## SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please call the Rectory for an appointment at least six months prior to the desired date.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAYS  
4:00 to 4:45 PM  
and  
THURSDAYS BEFORE FIRST FRIDAYS  
4:00 to 5:00 PM

Other times by appointment.



## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

WEEKDAYS  
7:00 AM  
SATURDAYS  
8:00 AM  
SATURDAY EVENINGS  
VIGIL MASS 5:00 PM  
SUNDAYS  
8:00 & 9:15 AM  
10:30 AM (Polish)  
12:00 Noon

## RECTORY HOURS WEEKDAYS

9 AM to 12 Noon  
& 1 PM to 4 PM

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**  
TUES. 12 to 1 PM

**MILLIONS OF MONICAS**  
TUES. 1 to 2 PM

**PL PRAYER GROUP W/ ADORATION**  
2ND THURSDAYS 7 PM

**LAY CARMELITE CHAPTER**  
1ST SAT. AFTER  
8 AM MASS

### *Our Mission Statement*

*Lord, God, all creation is yours, and you call us to serve you by caring for the gifts that surround us. May the example of St. Isidore urge us to share our food with the hungry and to work for the salvation of mankind. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.  
Saint Isidore, Pray for Us.*

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# SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, MAY 12, 2024

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2024

5:00 pm The People of the Parish, Living and Deceased  
+ Frank and Dana Columbus  
+ Anton Condzella  
+ George Gayda (5-10 Birthday)  
+ Antoinette Calcaterra  
+ Chester, Sr., and Sophie Tyska  
+ Ryszard Pietkun (11th A)  
Blessings and Good Health for Fr. Nicholas

### SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, MAY 12, 2024

All Masses Today Will Be Offered For Our Mothers,  
Living and Deceased

### MONDAY, MAY 13, 2024

7:00 am Our Mothers, Living and Deceased (1/9)  
+ Madeline Mader

### TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2024

7:00 am Our Mothers, Living and Deceased (2/9)  
+ Gennaro Esposito (A)

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2024

7:00 am Our Mothers, Living and Deceased (3/9)  
+ Christine Blasko

### THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2024

7:00 am Our Mothers, Living and Deceased (4/9)  
15th Anniv. Of Ordination to the Diaconate  
For Michael Bonocore

### FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2024

7:00 am Our Mothers, Living and Deceased (5/9)  
38th Anniv. Of Ordination to the Priesthood  
For Msgr. Andrew Vaccari

### SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2024

8:00 am Our Mothers, Living and Deceased (6/9)  
Intention Known to God  
Intentions of DeMarco and Goodale Families  
Birthday Blessings for Jadwiga Radlinski

5:00 pm The People of the Parish, Living and Deceased  
+ Janet (A), Dillon and Steven Perry  
+ Stasia Grabowski / + Larry Falabella  
+ John Kruszon, Jr. / + Jadwiga & Vincent Suchta

### EIGHTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, MAY 19, 2024

8:00 am Continued Healing for Christine Kitt

9:15 am Living & Deceased Members of Altar Rosary Society

10:30 am Our Mothers, Living and Deceased (7/9)  
+ Aurelia, Stanley, Ziggy & Roman (A) Wilinski  
+ Zofia and Stanislaw Andrychowski  
+ Stasia Grabowski  
+ Szymon Runowski  
+ Edward Wroblewski

12 noon Kujawski and Sawicki Families

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/  
Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 (19a)/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/  
Jn 15:9-17

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68: 29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19

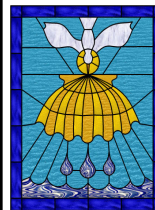
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25

Next Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/ Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15



## BAPTISMS

We welcome:

*Colton Blaise Stepnoski*



## **RÓŻANIEC RODZIN**

**Shrine of Our  
Lady of the Island**

258 Eastport Manor Rd,  
Manorville

**May 12th  
3 PM**

Po różańcu  
zapraszamy na  
słodki  
poczęstunek i  
kawę

## PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Hana Cutler \* James Gibson \* Jim Kenna \* Daryl Alec \*  
Christina Donovan \* John Giordano \* Harry Koehler \*  
Kathy D'Eletto \* Maureen Booth \* Richard Francis Harrison II \* Ursula Mocniak \* Joan Zaleski \* Catherine and Charles J. Sehy \* Grazyna Pawlak \* Gillen Family \* Blythe Fickenwirth \* Irene Monahan \* Jody Breittfeller \* Benjamin Gonzalez \* Dominique Tirado \* Diana Perniciaro \* Sammy \* Brodie \* Bob Rozanski \* Dolline Welch \* Cathleen Mickaliger \* Joseph Stepnoski \* James Kenna \* Douglas Clark \* Eleanor Nystrom \* Margaret McCarthy \* Jan Suchta \* Justin \* Dakota Harmon \* Courtney Altman \* Cole Faller \* Claire Latour \* Halikias Family \* Liana Forstein \* Rosemary & Daniel Ambrosini \* Thomas Ryall \* Anne Marie Donlon \* Dorothy Sousa \* Anthony Naglieri \* Thomas McEnany \* Mary Khulman \* Denise Babinski \* Michael Alperti \* Roseanne Murphy \* Barbara Kozlowski \* James West \* Elizabeth Farruggia \* Kelly Wine \* Mary Van Duesen \* Thomas DeGirolamo \* William Berenger \* Daria Quarlena \* Eileen Borchart \* Sheila Nolan \* Tom Wisniewski III \* Jeffrey Clark \* James, George and Barbara Jaeger \* Ernest and Alex Aponte \* Helen Long \* Michael Miglionico \* Ralph Conforti \* The Barauskus Family \* Hope & Brittany Williams \* John Marion \* Emilia Andrychowski \* Augie & Georgianna Lucente \* Johanna Benthal \* Michelle Giaccone \* Gloria Keller \* Howard Seifert \* Ed Kennedy \* Kit Z. \* Dolores Contino \* Agnes Brown \* Krzysztof Olszowski \* Anders Ryden \* Kevin C. Cook \* Anita Costi \* Doriane Bay \* David Vallone \* Brittany Schacor \* Karen and Kim Finocchiaro \* Eleanor Koller \* Grace Mary Schulteis \* Victor Sechysyn \* George Angle \* Marta Andreotta \* Melissa Alexandra \* Christian Vidal \* Suzanne Thompson \* Anna Grefe \* Anthony Mannino \* Marcella Frisen \* The Huntley Family \* Theresa Puglia \* Brian Darmody \* Leigh Anne Brown \* Dan Modjeska \* Judy Zakorski \* Marie Miley \* Marcjanna Stolarzewicz \* John Shuot \* Patrick Murphy \* Brian Crowley \* Louise Pampinello \* Barbara Fenn

Please keep all those serving in the military and their families in your thoughts and prayers especially:

1st Lt. Nicholas Santorelli, Nicholas Pelosi,  
Christopher Drowns, Jeffrey Heppner, James Fleming,  
Thomas V. D'Auria, Mateusz  
Marzec, Andre DeRosa and Garrett Bracht

## OUR COLLECTIONS

**Today, May 12:** Sunday and Catholic Communications  
**Next Week, May 19:** Sunday and SJPII Regional School

Thank you for your generosity!



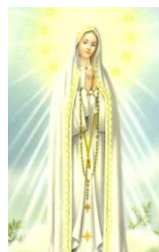
## Padre Pio's Spiritual Direction



“The first and primary principle to keep in mind is obedience, obedience at all times in submitting your whole self. Therefore, in your activities you must not overanalyze things, so set aside whatever doubt assails you without becoming anxious, and chase it away with holy obedience. Jesus will always be pleased with whatever you do. Avoid only what you clearly know to be sin...Take note that I said Jesus will always be pleased with whatever you do, because when your habitual will is to please God, and when you are assured of having that disposition—and I assure you again now that you do have it—then every action of yours will be pleasing to Him. It should not matter to you if you are not able to see this yourself; Jesus is standing guard over your will, which is disposed to please him at all times.  
~ To Luigi Bozzutto, November 25, 1917

## FATIMA DAY MONDAY, MAY 13TH

### Shrine of Our Lady of the Island



10:30 Arrival of the Statue  
11:00 Rosary  
11:30 Mass and Procession  
1:30 Conference  
3:00 Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Adoration 12:00—1:00 PM  
Millions of Monicas 1:00 PM—2:00 PM

### Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Rosary in English 7 PM

### Friday, May 10, 2024

Polish Litany 7 PM

## FAMILY PICNIC DAY

We are looking to plan a Family Picnic Day on Sunday, June 9th on the church lawn.

A meeting will be held **TODAY, Sunday, May 12th**, after the 9:15 AM Mass to plan for this event.

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE MEETING!**



## Which saints were wives and also mothers?

In every century, God has raised up valiant women who achieved holiness through the vocation to marriage.

*(Get Fed – The Catholic Company)*

It's easy to slip into the error that great holiness is only achievable for those in religious life. But married men and women are called to sanctity just as much as religious.

If you're a wife and mother, it's probably hard to stay focused on spiritual things and find time for prayer and spiritual reading. The obligations of caring for a family are constant and pressing.

But God is eminently just and does not expect those in the world to keep the same schedule as a monk or nun. Instead, He uses the duties of our state in life to perfect us. The very things that seem to "distract" a wife and mother from spiritual things are, in fact, God's tools to bring her to holiness. God sanctifies us *through* our vocation, never in *spite* of it.

The saints are always our best role models on the path to holiness. Which ones found sanctity in the role of wife and mother? Here are a few of the countless women who did just that.



**Our Lady.** God Himself sanctified family life by coming to us in the context of a family. Mary, His Mother, ran a household, cared for a husband and a Son, did laundry, cooked meals, went to the market, and more. You can do all these things together with her.

**St. Frances of Rome (15th c.).** St. Frances was a devoted wife and mother of 3 in a marriage that lasted forty years to her husband Lorenzo. Frances perfectly harmonized a wife's prayer life with her domestic duties. She said, "*A married woman must leave all her devotions when the household demands it,*" having still managed to cultivate a profound interior life. She had two sons and a daughter of which two of her children died from the plague.



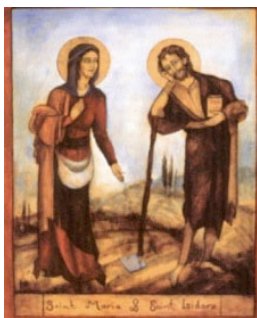
**St. Jane Frances de Chantal (17th c.).** St. Jane was an embodiment of the "valiant woman" of the Book of Proverbs. She loved her husband dearly and ran his household competently during his frequent absences at the royal court. Jane endured the deaths of three of her six children, and the death of her husband after nine years of marriage. She went on to found the Order of the Visitation with St. Francis de Sales. (She had 6 children, but three died from the plague) "*Hold your eyes on God and leave the doings to Him. That is all the doing you have to worry about.*"



**St. Gianna Molla (20th c.).** St. Gianna was an Italian wife, mother, and medical doctor. During her fourth pregnancy, a tumor was discovered on her uterus that forced her to choose whether to have an immediate hysterectomy or to continue with the pregnancy. The first option would have ensured her personal welfare but caused the death of her child; the second gave the child the best chance but was very risky for the mother. Gianna's choice, resulting in life for her child and death for herself in 1962, has made her a heroine to mothers everywhere.



## FEAST OF ST. ISIDORE AND HIS WIFE ST. MARIA



**CATHOLIC RURAL LIFE**  
Promoting Catholic Life in Rural America



A story told about St. Isidore (feast day, May 15) is that he often came later to work in the fields than other laborers because he would first attend Mass in the morning. Yet his work never suffered and he always met the chores required of him. It was said two angels, one on either side of Isidore, appeared and joined their pious companion in plowing the fields. On another occasion, his master saw an angel ploughing on either side of him, so that Isidore's work was equal to that of three of his fellow field workers. In 1947, he was proclaimed the patron of the National Rural Conference in the United States. He is the Catholic patron saint of farmers, and of Madrid; El Gobernador, Jalisco; La Ceiba, Honduras; and of Tocoa, Honduras.

Isidore is also said to have brought back to life his master's deceased daughter, and to have caused a fountain of fresh water to burst from the dry earth to quench his master's thirst.

Isidore married Maria Torribia, known as Santa María de la Cabeza in Spain; she has never been canonized, pending confirmation by Pope Francis. Isidore and Maria had one son. On one occasion, their son fell into a deep well, and at the prayers of his parents, the water of the well is said to have risen miraculously to the level of the ground, bringing the child with it. In thanksgiving, Isidore and Maria then vowed sexual abstinence and lived in separate houses. Their son later died in his youth.

The couple took a vow of continence (form of celibacy) to serve God. Isidore's life is a model of simple Christian charity and faith. He prayed while at work. He shared what he had with the poor, even his meals. He often gave them more than he had for himself.

St. Maria (feast day, September 9) always kept a pot of stew on the fireplace in their humble rural dwelling. She knew that her husband Isidore would often bring home anyone who was hungry. One day he brought home more hungry people than usual. After she served many of them, Maria told him that there simply was no more stew in the pot. He insisted that she check the pot again, and she was able to spoon out enough stew to feed them all.

One snowy day, when going to the mill with wheat to be ground, he passed a flock of wood-pigeons scratching vainly for food on the hard surface of the frosty ground. Taking pity on the poor animals, he poured half of his sack of precious wheat upon the ground for the birds, despite the mocking of witnesses. When he reached the mill, however, the bag was full, and the wheat, when it was ground, produced double the expected amount of flour.

After Isidore's death, Maria became a hermit, but she too performed miracles and merited after her death the name of "Santa Maria de la Cabeza", meaning Head, because her head (conserved in a reliquary and carried in procession) has often brought rain from heaven for an afflicted dry countryside. Her remains are honored by all of Spain by pilgrimages and processions at Torrelaguna, where they were transferred in 1615. She was beatified in 1697.

The virtues found in the lives of Isidore and Maria – commitment to family, love for the land, service to the poor and a deep spirituality – are qualities that still can be found in rural America. *"We thank God for our rural lives, formed still by the rhythms of nature and church. With you, help us to rejoice in the relationships with God and each other. Isidore and Maria, pray for us."* Amen.

*some excerpts were taken from Catholic OnLine*





## OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Our Lady of Fatima is the title given to the Blessed Virgin Mary in connection with her apparitions to three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal. Our Lady of Fatima told the shepherd children to pray the rosary daily for the end of the war (World War I). Mary continued to appear once a month for 6 months to the three children, Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco. In October of 1930, the Bishop of Leiria-Fátima approved the visions as “worthy of belief.”



### Angelic apparitions of Fatima

**The first angelic visit – Spring 1916:** The Angel teaches the shepherd children how to pray.

**The second angelic visit – Summer 1916:** The Angel reveals himself as the Angel of Portugal and motivates the children to continue praying and to offer as a sacrifice their suffering to the Lord.

**The third angelic visit – Autumn 1916:** The Angel brings communion to the shepherd children and asks them to make reparation for the crimes of “ungrateful men.”

### Marian apparitions

**The first Marian apparition of Fatima – May 13th 1917:** Mary asks the children to return on the 13th each month for 6 months. Mary tells the children they will suffer much, but will reach Heaven. She then asks the children to say the rosary every day to bring peace to the world.

**The second Marian apparition of Fatima – June 13th 1917:** Mary asks the children to add the Fatima prayer to the end of each decade of the Rosary. They ask for her to take them to Heaven and she replies “Soon I will take Jacinta and Francisco, but Lucia is to stay a while longer.”

**The third Marian apparition of Fatima – July 13th 1917:** Mary shows the children a vision of Hell and reveals that God wishes for there to be a great devotion to the Mary’s Immaculate Heart to save souls from Hell. She then predicted the Second World War and the persecution of the faithful in Russia warning that without prayer and consecration of Russia to her Immaculate Heart “she [Russia] will spread her errors throughout the entire world, fomenting wars and persecution of the Church.”

**The fourth Marian apparition of Fatima – August 19th 1917:** The local administrator imprisons the children to prevent them from making their appointment with Mary. 6 days later she appears to them in a pasture and asks them, “Pray, pray very much and make sacrifices for sinners. For many souls go to Hell because there is no one to pray for them.”

**The fifth Marian apparition of Fatima – September 13th 1917:** A crowd witnesses white rose petals falling from the sky and then disappearing as Lucia asked Our Lady of Fatima to cure the sick. She replies that only some will be cured while the Lord “has no confidence” in others who were not healed.

**The sixth Marian apparition of Fatima – October 13th 1917:** 70,000 – 100,000 people witness “The Miracle of the Sun” from up to 10 miles away. Secular news reporters present for the miracle reported unexplainable phenomenon. Mary reveals herself as the Lady of the Rosary and says, “People must amend their lives, ask forgiveness for their sins and not offend Our Lord any more for He is already too much offended.”

### Our Lady of Fatima appears to Lucia

Mother Mary continued to appear to Sr. Lucia many times, but three particular instances stand out.

Request for the 1st Saturday devotion – December 10th 1925

Request to spread the First Saturday Devotion – February 15th 1926

Request for the consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary – June 1929

### The 3 Secrets

Many people may have heard of the secrets of Fatima. There are three of these so-called secrets which were parts of the message Mary revealed to the shepherd children that were not immediately made public. This is especially true with the third secret of Fatima, which Lucia only revealed when directly ordered to do so by her bishop in an act of holy obedience.

The three secrets of Fatima are:

A vision of the souls in Hell.

Prediction of the end of WWI and a prediction of the beginning of WWII as well as a request to consecrate Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

A vision of the Pope, along with other bishops, priests, religious and lay people, being killed by soldiers.

Pope Benedict XVI, then Cardinal Ratzinger, cautioned the faithful against reading the third secret in a way that predicts a future event. Many theories arose around the publishing of the third secret, and Cardinal Ratzinger responded to these theories by saying.

“The purpose of the vision is not to show a film of an irrevocably fixed future. Its meaning is exactly the opposite: it is meant to mobilize the forces of change in the right direction. Therefore we must totally discount fatalistic explanations of the “secret”, such as, for example, the claim that the would-be assassin of 13 May 1981 was merely an instrument of the divine plan guided by Providence and could not therefore have acted freely, or other similar ideas in circulation. Rather, the vision speaks of dangers and how we might be saved from them.”