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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**APRIL 29- 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

- 6:30 Mass for the People of the Parish
- 8:00 Book of the Faithful Departed
- 9:30 Living & Deceased Members of the K of C 794
- 11:00 Fiore Casale
- 12:30 Angelo Cuzzo
- 5:00 Randall Wirtensen
- 6:30 Polish Mass

**MONDAY: APRIL 30—Easter Weekday
St. Pius V, Pope**

- 8:00 Eileen T. Wright
- 12:00 Lucia & Vladimir Pesa
- 7:00 Wendy Cuomo
- 6:55 Devotions (Novena) NO BENEDICTION**
- 7:45 CONFESSION FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES ONLY**

**TUESDAY: May 1—Easter Weekday
St. Joseph the Worker**

- 8:00 Hedwig M. & John E. Yuliano
- 12:00 Christopher Verace
- 7:00 Nellie Genovese

WEDNESDAY: May 2—Easter Weekday

- 8:00 Joseph Corda
- 12:00 Antonio Bonventre
- 7:00 Paul Haselau

THURSDAY: MAY 3—WEEKDAY

- 8:00 Jane A. Bailey
- 12:00 Robert Baxter
- 7:00 Anthony Taliercio

FRIDAY: May 4—Easter Weekday

- 8:00 Erich Burkhardt
- 12:00 Rafael F. Rajo
- 7:00 Robert Kienle

SATURDAY: May 5

- 8:00 Giuseppe Rinaudo
- 9:00 Eileen Cuoco

VIGIL MASS -

- 5:00 Maureen & Thomas Kelly (50th Anniversary)

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam



Mission Statement

“Trusting in God, empowered by the Holy Spirit, and, motivated by Christ’s Life, Death and Resurrection, we, the people of God, under the protection of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, accept as our mission, the evangelization of our parishioners both active and inactive. We accept the call to bring all to a personal, Covenant relationship with Jesus as Lord and Savior, to live the Paschal Mystery and to promote the spiritual health and growth of everyone in our parish community.”

- The OLPH Pastoral Council

Altar Bread

In Memory of

Millie Criscuolo

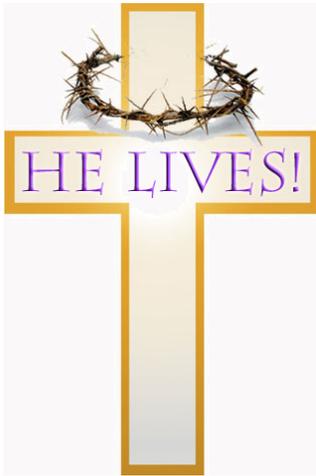
*With Love from
Husband Frank*

Altar Wine

In Memory of

Christine Manzolillo

*With Love from
The Renna Family*



From the Pastor's Desk

It is still Easter? I thought that was Sunday, April 8th? Why would the Church continue Easter? How many of you have ever even thought to question this or look into the reasons. Once again the Roman Catholic Church in her wisdom listens to the Holy Spirit as she develops the spiritual life of her faithful people. Here is some food for spiritual growth and understanding of the Church we are part of in 2012.

Let's read what Fr. Larry Rice, a Sulpician Father has to say about "Easter as a Season".

Easter as a Season

Most people think of Easter as a single day. It's never had the commercial appeal of Christmas, and because it always falls on Sunday, most people don't get an additional day off from work. But for Catholics, Easter isn't just a day, it's a whole season. This year, the Easter season stretches all the way to May 27th, the feast of Pentecost. Lent, which sometimes feels like it's stretching on forever, is actually forty days long. Easter, on the other hand, is all of fifty days long.

At masses all through the Easter season, our usual practice of reading from the Old Testament is replaced by reading from the Acts of the Apostles. These readings tell the story of the Church's earliest days, and the beginnings of our faith's spreading throughout the ancient world. These stories of heroism, controversies, persecutions and miracles all testify to the continued presence of the Risen Christ in the world, through the lives of his disciples, and the actions of the Holy Spirit.

All of this should be an encouragement and a sign of hope for us today. Despite war, violence, personal struggles, and an under-performing economy, God has not abandoned us, nor left us to our own devices. The Risen Savior is still with us. These 50 days of Easter ask us to reflect on his presence and— even in the face of danger or fear—to live with joy.

People sometimes tell us that they find the Mass boring. You've probably heard that or perhaps have experienced it yourself. Boredom, however, is so far from the truth. How closely do we listen to the words of Sacred Scripture as they are proclaimed to us at Mass? Do we follow along closely using the Missalette? Have we ever thought of preparing for the Sunday by reading over the scriptures before coming to Mass? The life of the Church is a reflection of the life of God's Holy People through the ages. There is great intrigue, challenge, joy, suffering, growth, failure, sinfulness and forgiveness... every emotion and life experience we can relate to, and, ways to resolve our life in Christ.

To understand the Mass today, to understand the Church today we have to read about and listen to the script that unfolds the journey in time. Here we will discover how exciting the Mass is and how incredible the history of the Church is not just in its founding moments, but in the context of how and why it came to be. We need to become immersed in the life of the Church by becoming immersed in the life of Christ and the life of the people of God, beginning with the Creation of the World.

As a rewarding spiritual practice during this season, read the Acts of the Apostles and prayerfully experience the early Church as it deals with a command from Jesus to "go out and teach all nations" in the still ever present jealousy and fear of the reigning authorities. Pay attention to the struggles and the victories of the community of faith. See how they developed and lived their community life in mutual support of their neighbor and the Church leadership as "all they had, they shared in common." Watch as they cared for the poor, the innocent, the sick and dying and how they developed "the order of Deacon" to care for the everyday needs of the poor and the widows. Then be intrigued by the followers of Christ, willing to suffer death for the cause of their Faith rather than deny Christ and His teachings. See the courage they had, the same courage we can have if we allow the same "Holy Spirit of God" to take over our lives that we might live in joy and peace.

Those bored with the Mass or with the Church do not know either the Mass or the Church. Help people change boredom into excitement by teaching them what you have learned by your reading the Sacred Scriptures and sharing the excitement of being a follower of Christ.

May God +bless you, and yours, today and forever.

Father Anthony



BANS OF MARRIAGE

Third Time:

Anthony Porrato & Karina Realpe (OLPH)



PRAY FOR THE DEAD



Frances Barbaccia

*We ask you,
O God,
to be our quiet strength and consolation*

PRAY FOR THE SICK

*John Bertone Anthony Cito
Richard Willis John Ippolito
Ted Zimms Peter J. Farranto*

Dear God,

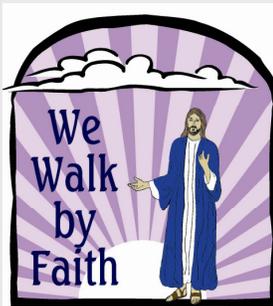


We place our worries in Your hands and ask that You restore Your servant to health again.

Baptisms

*Arianna Rose Abbattista Samantha Marie Caivano
Narciso Nickolas Cantalupo Aidan Thomas ConroyMikaella
Manahas Gonzales Kaiden Andrew Craham Hubschmitt
Joseph Maximilian Keller Luke Michael Mancuso
Magdalena Okoczuk Julien Elvin Polanco
Elizabeth Margaret Posillico*

*We Welcome you, with love,
to our parish family!
We have had 42 Baptisms so far in 2012.*



As Christian Stewards in Today's World, We "Walk by Faith."

April 29, 2012 — 4th Sunday of Easter

To be good stewards we must be good shepherds, willing to lay down our lives for those committed to our care, not mere hired hands who run off, "leaving the sheep to be snatched and scattered by the wolf."

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who stand ready to assist their neighbors through attendance and support for community activities such as police, fire and rescue.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Your Parish Finance Council has suggested that this simple bar graph be added to our weekly bulletin to illustrate the gap between the Sunday collection and the amount needed to achieve a balanced parish budget. Since the beginning of our fiscal year, September 1, 2011, we have experienced a weekly shortfall in collections. It is urgent that we begin to reverse this trend.

OUR PARISH'S FINANCIAL HEALTH DEPENDS ON YOUR GENEROSITY

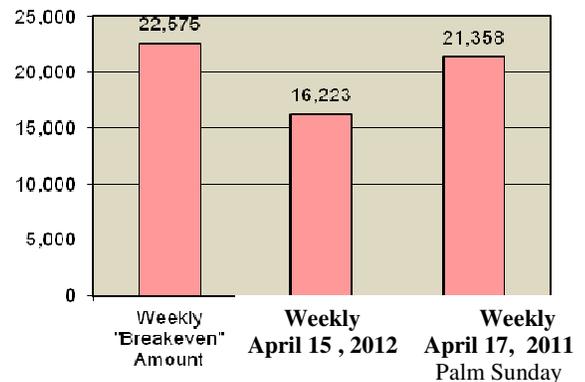
All envelopes must have your account number and offering amount indicated in order for your account to be credited for weekly and special donations. Separate checks in each envelope, please.

The account number, after the #267, is located under the date. Remember you must be registered (filled out an information card) in the parish in order to receive envelopes. Thank you.

HELP CLOSE THE GAP!

We have 82 parishioners/families enrolled in Faith Direct!

OLPH Sunday Collections



PARISH NEWS

- **Thursday, May 3rd - National Day of Prayer.** Please support the Holy Name Society as we pray the Rosary in solidarity for our Country's return to God and protection from the evil forces that abound. We meet at the Lindenhurst Village Square from 10am to 2pm. Rain or Shine—All are welcome! (Please bring your own chairs!)
- **Golden Age Society Meeting**—Thursday, **May 3** at the Knights of Columbus Hall from 1-3pm. New members welcome!
- Lindenhurst Chamber of Commerce will hold its **22nd Annual Spring Festival** May 4-6, and the ***Street Fair 12-5pm Sunday, May 6***. Please contact the Lindenhurst Chamber of Commerce for any street closures that may interfere with the schedule of Masses.
- **First Friday Devotions**— in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus will be conducted **Friday, May 4th** at 7:45am and after the 12 noon Mass.
- **First Saturday Devotions** in honor of Our Lady of Fatima will be conducted **Sat., May 5th** beginning with the rosary at 7:40am, Mass at 8am and continued devotion. A continental breakfast will follow in the pastor's meeting room in the basement of the rectory.
- **Nocturnal Adoration** will be held **Saturday, May 5th** from 9pm—midnight. All are welcome to come and spend an hour in prayer with the Lord.
- **Next weekend, May 5-6**, there will be a second collection for all **Catholic Elementary Schools and to support of Catholic Education throughout the Diocese.**
- **Sunday, May 13** the 8am Mass is for the members of the **Holy Name Society** and they will be outside the doors of the Church to help with the Pro Life's Mother's Day Carnation Sale.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- This Spring, couples that have been married **fifty years** or more will be honored at liturgies on Sunday, **May 20** at *Maria Regina in Seaford* at 2:30pm. Registration forms and complete instructions can be obtained at the rectory and must be returned to the Office of Worship by **May 3rd** for the May liturgy. For more information call 516-678-5800 X 207.
- **Sister Act Show**—(Comedy/Music/Impersonators—visit www.sisteractshow.com) will perform Friday, **May 4** at 8pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall. \$25 pp includes Beer/Wine/Soda—Bring your own snacks! *All proceeds go to benefit The Life Center of Long Island.* Visit www.lifecenterli.org or call 631-839-2854 for more information.
- **Healing Mass at St. Ignatius Retreat House, Manhasset**, across from Christopher Morley Park (621-8300) 6:30 p.m. Rosary, 7 p.m. Healing Mass Schedule: Tuesdays, **May 15 & June 5**.
- **St. Anthony's High School Franciscan Brothers—*Spring Concert of Instrumental & Choral Music*—Friday, May 11 and Sat., May 12 at 8pm. \$10. St. Anthony's High School Auditorium, 275 Wolf Hill Rd., South Huntington. 631-271-2020.**
- ***Family, Marriage and Individual Therapy***—provided by NYS licensed therapists available to our parish and 102 other parishes. Services provided by Catholic Counseling Center. Most insurance policies, including Medicare, are honored. Confidential information and appointments: call Dr. Giuliani 631-243-2503 or go to our website thecatholiccounselingcenter.com.



OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION ✕ DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

PARISH STAFF MEMBERS & VOLUNTEERS PLEASE JOIN US!

All who work with families come to share ideas, discuss challenges, and learn about exciting family programs happening throughout our diocese



STRENGTHENING & SUPPORTING THE FAMILY

FAMILY MINISTRY NETWORK MEETINGS

AN INTIMATE COMMUNITY OF LIFE & LOVE

SHARING, SHAPING AND SHARPENING OUR MINISTRY TO FAMILIES

Sharing Best Practices for Family Ministry in the Parish

...an informative get together to share ideas.

All parish volunteers and staff members are invited to join us.
Come learn what our Family Ministry Network is all about.

Tuesday, May 15, 2012 • 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
(our first evening meeting!)

St. Joseph Church
39 North Carrll Avenue, Babylon, NY 11702
Parish Center, Room 258

Facilitators

Kathleen Logan • Associate Director of Family Ministry • Diocese of Rockville Centre
Barbara McNulty • Youth Minister • St. Joseph Church, Babylon

RSVP by Friday, May 11, 2012
There is no fee to attend this meeting. All are welcome to attend!

Please e-mail Debbie Coyne at dcoyne@drvc.org
if you are planning to attend.

www.drvc-faith.org ✕ (516) 678-5800 ✕ P.O. Box 9023, Rockville Centre, NY 11571

Stewardship Reflection for the Week of April 29, 2012

Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 2; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18



In today's gospel reading, we hear Jesus call Himself the Good Shepherd. He loves and cares for us like a shepherd cares for His sheep — taking care of their every need and leading them along the right path. In fact, so much does He care for us, that Jesus says, "I would lay down my life for my sheep."

Of course, we know that He did in fact do that. We just celebrated the paschal mystery, in which Jesus gave himself up to death for our sake. And as we continue to celebrate the Easter Season and rejoice in His glorious redirection, we recognize that Christ's loving care for us extends to today. He is actively involved in the life of the Church, providing for all of our needs and guiding us along our way.

In response to Christ's life-giving love, it is our responsibility as His disciples to give ourselves to Him. We offer Him our time, talent, and treasure — truly, we offer Him our whole lives in thanksgiving for all He has done for us. As His disciples, it is our calling, our responsibility to use our lives for His greater glory. Everything we do — at home, at school, at work, and elsewhere — should glorify the Good Shepherd and call others to believe in His loving care.

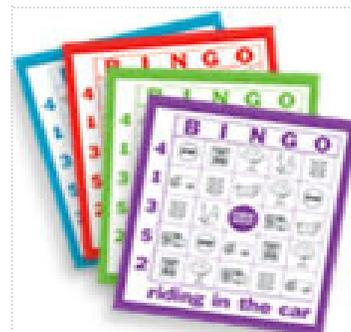
SUPERMARKET BINGO

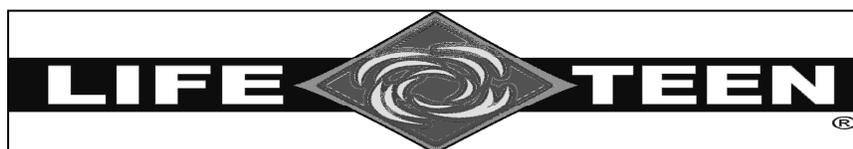
FRIDAY, May 25th
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
DOORS OPEN AT 6 PM
BINGO WILL START AT 7 PM

cost: \$7 per person & includes:
Bingo paper package, door prizes
coffee & cake.....plus

LARGE & SUPER SWEEPSTAKES -PLUS A 50/50

All are welcome!
call Carol—631 592-8697 for information





Leading Teens Closer To Christ

"Joy is a net of love in which we catch souls." Mother Teresa

TONIGHT!!! 4/29!! Life Night.. Patience..

Saturday May 5th Catholic Underground!! Last one of the year!!

Next Week May 6th Life Night!



Stay tuned for more events www.lifeteenolph.weebly.com

Are you in 8th - 12th grade? Bored on Sunday nights? Come to the Life Teen mass and our Life Night that starts at 6:15 in the convent basement.

You won't be sorry, we have a group of 25-30 teens each week growing closer to Christ and making tons of friends along the way. Each week

we have a different activity and theme, Summer BBQ's, Christmas party and a retreat every year. Come once and I guarantee you will be hooked!

Contact Brittany or Tom at OLPHLifeteen1@gmail.com

Are you an adult 20-35 interested in leading our teens closer to Christ and being an active part in our community here at OLPH? We are always looking for volunteers. If you would like to apply please contact Brittany or Tom at OLPHLifeteen1@gmail.com



EDGE[®]
Catholic Middle School Ministry

The Edge is for all middle school age kids – no matter where you go to school—this is the place for you! We meet in the basement of the Convent. Look for the blue door on the south side of the Convent. We meet from 7:30 til 8:45 pm. It's a great place to come, hang out, play great games and learn about our faith.

Just come on down, no need to sign up!

Tuesday May 1st and May 29th.

May 29th is a *Glow-in-the-dark night!*

Any 5th graders who would like to join us are also invited to come to Edge!

Open to anyone in 6th, 7th and 8th grade! No cost!

Just let us know you'll be here so we can plan food!

Email olphedge@gmail.com or call 226-6239 and leave message to let us know you'll be here!

Any questions call and leave a message for Peggy.

**Congratulations and God Bless the following who received
the Sacraments of Initiation:**

Baptism: Neal Ronessi, Henry Mann

Profession of Faith: William Woods

Holy Eucharist: Amanda Balik, Sibelle Balik, Donald Bryant, Justine Conti.

Confirmation: Daniel Capriola, Alexandra Cardello, Samantha Wentz & Brianne Conti.

Thank you & God Bless Deacon Douglas Smith and Carmine Infante for your time and spiritual guidance in preparing the catechumens for their sacraments.



HOLY NAME SOCIETY March 20, 2012
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP
210 South Wellwood Avenue
Lindenhurst, N.Y. 11757

2012 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Holy Name Society is open to the men of Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish. Our goal is to honor the Holy Name of Jesus and promote the public profession of our faith.

JOIN US! GET INVOLVED!

If you are interested in belonging to the Holy Name Society or renewing your current membership, please fill in the membership form printed below. You may mail this application and dues payment to the address listed below or drops it off at our monthly meeting.

FIRST NAME: _____ LAST NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

VILLAGE: _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE NO. _____ Email _____

REQUEST DIRECT MAIL _____

Check To: O.L.P.H. Holy Name Society

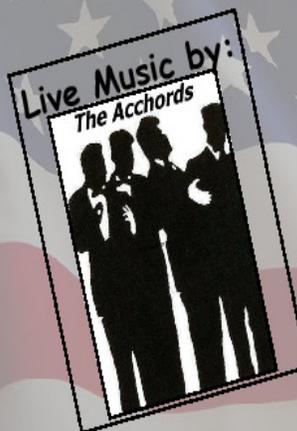
Note: As your receipt, you will receive a paid Holy Name Membership Card.

For additional information, call Jerry Cunningham at 631-226-1581 or

Email: www.jerrybetycunningham@yahoo.com

Mail to: Jerry Cunningham
2 East Lido Promenade
Lindenhurst, NY, 11757

50's Sock Hop
To Celebrate
Armed Forces Day



Date: Saturday May 19, 2012 Time: 8:00PM till Midnight
K of C Council 794 : 400 S. Broadway, Lindenhurst, NY

Includes

Cost: \$25 per Person

- Heros and Trimmings at each Table
- Tap Beer, Wine and Soda
- Coffee and Dessert

For Tickets and Info, contact: Mike 631-560-0451,
Bill 631-988-3068 or the
Reservation Office 631-226-3240

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SCHOOL NEWS



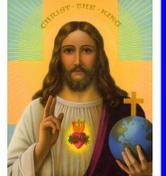
Third Grade - We are performing a new math operation - *Division*. We are operating on two numbers to find how many groups or how many are in each group. We are using place - value models to explore division. Our mind is a wonderful thing so we are learning to divide using mental math strategies. We are creating division sentences and then solving the problem. We are using dividends, a number to be divided and then finding the quotient, the answer in division.



7th Grade Religion - After studying the infancy narratives, students now are connecting to Christ's life as an adult and Christ's mission. Although he was free from sin, Christ was baptized by his cousin, *St. John the Baptist*. The



words "Christ" and "Messiah" have the same meaning, "anointed one." As followers of Christ, we share in his mission. We also share in his three roles as priest, prophet, and king.



Thank you to all who participated in the *Way of the Cross for Children* and especially Fr. Trapani & Fr. Opoku who lead us in the Stations, the Altar Servers and the following children who read the meditations at each station: **Fiona, Mick, Declan & Sinead Buckley, Daniel Cooney, Crystian Chodon, Patrick Nolan, Robert Clark, Crystal Secizutella, Rochelle Louis-**



Jarques, Gianna Abbate, Shannon Molinari, Anthony Figalora & Isabella Gragnano.

Thank you to the following children who lead the *Palm Sunday Procession*:



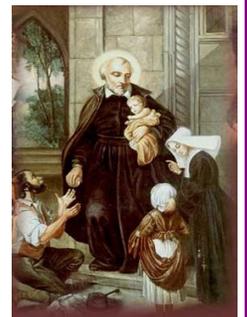
Aiden Lauricella, Erin & Sean McCarthy, Nick & Isabella Gragnano, Tatum & Luke Cawley, Matthew Wagner, Matthew & Danny Haubenreich, Sinead & Declan Buckley & Elena Zucca.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul : "WE HELP PEOPLE"



CANNED FRUIT, CEREAL, SHELF-STABLE MILK, POWDERED MILK, CANNED MEATS, INST. COFFEE JELLY, 1LB. BOXES SUGAR, JAR TOMATO SAUCE, CANNED MEALS WITH MEAT, RICE, ALL TYPES OF JUICES, PERSONAL CARE ITEMS, TOOTHPASTE, SHAMPOOS, SOAPS, TOILET TISSUE, PAPER TOWELS.



St. Vincent de Paul Pantry is located at 272 South Wellwood Ave.

The office is open: *Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9 am—12 noon.* Call 631-225-5531.



This Easter season our parish will begin replacing the old electric votive racks with new wax-candle racks manufactured by St. Killians Candle Company of Tipperary, Republic of Ireland.

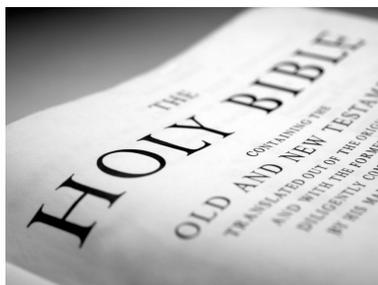
The St. Killians Candelabra provide natural candle light in a safe, clean, eco-friendly environment that is easy to use and maintain. This patented candle rack system is an innovative yet traditional alternative to conventional systems used in cathedrals, churches and shrines. There are many advantages of using this product over traditional and electronic votive racks. These new candles are safe and virtually smoke-free. Maintenance is minimal and simple. Devotion is enhanced with the beauty and warmth of natural candle light.



This new system has been introduced successfully at St. Patrick’s Cathedral in New York as well as several parishes in our own diocese. These new votive candelabra may be memorialized by one or more families at a donation of \$2500 for each votive rack. More information will be available in the rectory office.

Readings for the Week—April 29—May 5, 2012:

Sunday, April 29: Acts 4:8-12/1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

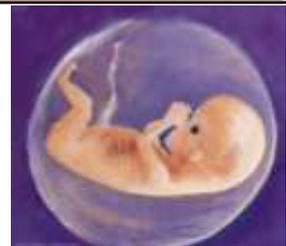


- Monday, April 30:*** Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10
- Tuesday, May 1:*** Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30;
- Wednesday, May 2:*** Acts 12:24-13:5a; Jn 12:44-50
- Thursday, May 3:*** 1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14
- Friday, May 4:*** Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6
- Saturday, May 5:*** Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14

PARISH SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM

MONTH 2 – Developing Baby – “I can jump!”

Your baby is making progress developing all of his external features and internal organs. His brain is functioning at 40 days. His mother can hear his heartbeat now on an ultrasonic stethoscope. Baby-teeth buds are present at 6 ½ weeks. And it has been reported that a two-month old baby can suck his thumb. From this moment, your spiritually adopted baby grows and refines his body. But everything he needs to survive after birth is already present by the end of the eighth week.



A word from Pope John Paul II to those suffering because of abortion:
“Do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope... The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.”
 (The Gospel of Life, no. 99)