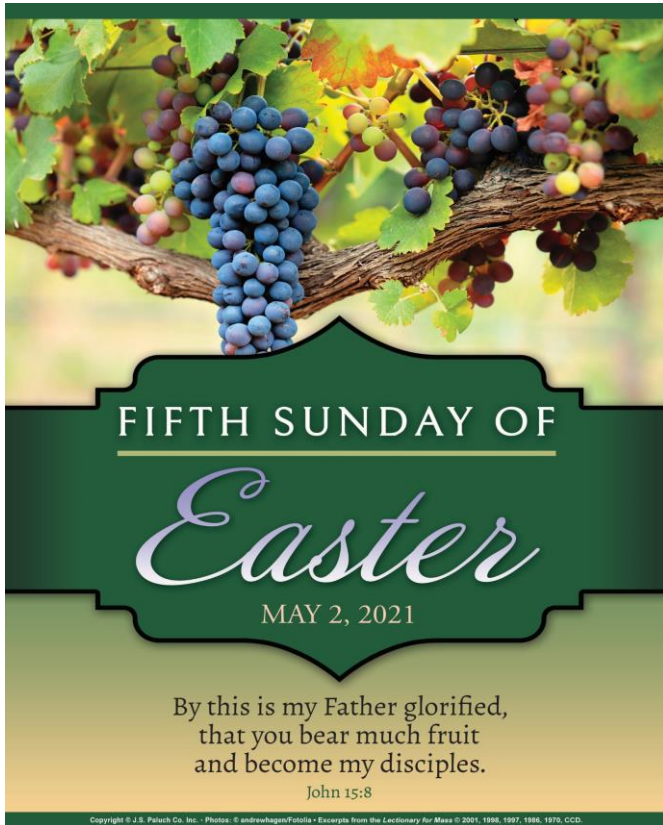


# Church of the Precious Blood

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## **Saturday, May 1, 2021**

5:30p Kathleen Tocci req. by Lou Tocci  
Doris Rittman by Tocci Family

## **Sunday, May 2, 2021**

8:00a Mary DeMarco  
by Kevin & Rosemary Dougherty  
9:30p Marie Petrone by Ann Rooney & children

## **Monday, May 3, 2021**

7:30a deceased members of our parish family

## **Tuesday, May 4, 2021**

7:30a Louis Picone by Joan Picone

## **Wednesday, May 5, 2021**

7:30a deceased members of our parish family

## **Thursday, May 6, 2021**

9:00a Mother's Day Novena

## **Friday, May 7, 2021**

7:30a Mother's Day Novena

## **FOR MASS READINGS & FEAST DAYS:**

- [uscgb.org/bible/readings/](http://uscgb.org/bible/readings/)
- [uscgb.org/about/divine-worship/liturgical-calendar/](http://uscgb.org/about/divine-worship/liturgical-calendar/)

## **WHAT'S HAPPENING**

### **Friday, May 7: First Friday Exposition**

- Exposition from 8a to 12p (as long as there are people present). To make sure there are people sitting and praying with the Lord please sign up in the church lobby.

### **Sunday, May 9 (and Saturday Evening)**

- Mother's Day Flower Sale at the doors of the church for the benefit of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. \$5 per plant.

### **Thursday, May 13, Ascension Thursday Moved**

- The bishops of NJ have decided just this past week to move this feast to Sunday, May 16, in place of the 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter for this year.

### **Weekend, May 29/30**

- Helping Hearts: casserole tray pick-up

### **Weekend, June 5/6**

- Helping Hearts: frozen casserole delivery

## **HELPING HEARTS**

### **CASSEROLES FOR THOSE IN NEED**

The pandemic had stopped the monthly donation of home-cooked casseroles last year. And now, we're starting it back up! Trays are available the last weekend of the month. And frozen casseroles are then due next weekend on the first Sunday of the month. Instruction sheets are also available next to the trays. The most important thing to keep in mind is that whatever casserole you make, it must be clearly labeled, with date and type of casserole, and be frozen solid.

## BAPTISMS

We are indeed back to baptizing children (and have been for many months), but, we're doing them one family at a time. If you've been putting off baptism during the pandemic (understandably), consider now planning to celebrate the sacrament. Please call the parish office to coordinate.

## UPCOMING WEDDINGS

5/14: William DelVecchio & Angelico Blanco  
6/6: Christopher Robinson & Carlie Mazzucco  
6/10: Drew Whitlock & Elizabeth Cantelmo  
6/19: Jim Dolan & Gabrielle Lubischer  
6/19: James Kohnke & Shannon Coolahan

## OUR LITURGY, OUR PARISH, AND THE PANDEMIC

### PLEASE GET VACCINATED IF YOU ARE ABLE

Last weekend our bulletin had an article from me encouraging those who can, to please get vaccinated. There's good news on that front: The large distribution centers in NJ are now accepting walk-ins without having to first make an appointment. Many of the smaller and more local sites will do the same soon, if they haven't already done so.

Already, 65% of NJ residents 16 years and older have gotten at least their first shot. And cases since the peak of our 'fourth wave,' at the beginning of April, have been halved; and the rate of hospitalizations has been declining for the past three weeks. Let's do our part, and especially help others who are hesitant or need extra aid to get the vaccine. *-Fr. Mike*

### PARTICIPATING IN THE CHURCH FROM HOME

Keep in mind that we live-stream all Masses (barring any occasional technical glitch). Go to our parish website, and from there, there is a link on the front page to our YouTube channel. Masses stream live, and then shortly afterwards, appear in the channel list of videos.

## EAGLES UP! DONATION

### TO SUPPORT OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL

#### Weekends of May 22/23 & 29/30

The *Human Concerns Committee* of our parish is working with *Eagles Up!*, a 501c3 organization that sends donations of morale-boosting and hard-to-obtain items to support and assist our military personnel, especially those wounded and the families of the fallen. This collection will take place, appropriately, on Memorial Day. The most requested items are:

**snacks**: bags of chips, nuts, granola bars, dried fruits, jerky, microwavable popcorn, gum, cookies, trail mix, etc...

**over the counter medication**: head cold remedies, pain relievers, antacids, allergy relief, etc...

**hygiene products**: (male & female): lip balm, moisturizers, tooth brushes and paste, mouth wash, sun block, Q-tips, shaving razors and cream, foot powder, bug spray, etc...

**entertainment & communication**: DVDs, comic books, magazines, accompanying letters or cards of support that say 'hello,' 'thank-you,' and 'God bless you.'

The most difficult part of this program is the cost of shipping. If anyone wishes to donate money to help with shipping, please make a check out to Eagles Up!.

## HELP WANTED

**Gardeners**: We are restarting the program of people or families adopting a patch of property to grow flowers or take care of the weeding (which last year's 'lock down' put on pause). We could also have a vegetable garden to grow food for the pantry.

**Audio-Visual Operators**: We're also looking for volunteers to operate the audio-visual slides at weekend and weekday Masses.

If anyone is interested in these tasks, please contact the parish office.