

Our Lady of Perpetual Help • Seaside Heights

**MASS INTENTIONS**

SAT	5/5	8:00 am	Sharon Wilber (Healing Mass)
		4:00pm	William Riley
			+Martha Riley
SUN	5/6	8:00am	Anne Maiolino
			+Isabel De Luca
		9:15am	Pro Populo
		10:30am	Anne Maiolino
			+Angela Greca
MON	5/7	8:00am	Bill Barlow
			+Love, Marie
TUE	5/8	8:00am	Mary Ann Campbell (Healing Mass)
			+J & M
		7:00pm	Spanish Mass
WED	5/9	8:00am	Special Intentions Padre Pio & St. Joseph
THU	5/10	8:00am	Marie Horant
			+Altar Rosary Society
FRI	5/11	8:00am	Bill Barlow
			+Love, Marie
SAT	5/12	8:00am	Elsie Curtin
			+Rose Keetch
		4:00pm	Ross & Marria Marino
			+Loving Daughter
SUN	5/13	8:00am	Pro Populo
		9:15am	Francisco Sardo
			+Cecilia Liste
		10:30am	Angelina Prato Bucci
			+Loving Nieces

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK, ESPECIALLY: Rose Canavan, Angela Greca, Eileen Hercker, Kevin Larkin, Ron Miller, Alice Morahan, George Nelson, Jim Skubinsky, Ed Szymczak, Michael Smith, Millie Tompkins, Kathy Tu-faro, Angelina Walters, and Edna Weigand.

**A VOCATION VIEW**

If you live in me and my words stay part of you, you may ask what you will and it will be done for you. Pray for an increase in vocations to priesthood and religious life. (John 15:1-8)

**BAPTISM**

We wish to welcome Joshua Joyce and Caleb Joyce into our church.



The children will be receiving First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 6th at the 9:15am mass. The children in the Confirmation class will be receiving Confirmation at 4:00pm on Tuesday, May 8th at St. Catharine's. All are welcome.



Thank you for your generous support to help strengthen the Church at home. Your help will provide training for priests and lay persons in parishes that desperately need help attending to the unique needs of their faith communities. Your contribution helps ensure that parishioners in mission dioceses will continue to worship well here at home. To learn more about Catholic Home Missions funding and who the Appeal helps, please visit [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections).

### HOLD THE DATE

Our parish is participating in a Communion Breakfast to be held at the Parish Hall of St. Pio, on Sunday, May 20th, at 12:00 Noon. Our Parish Respect Life Ministry will share in the net proceeds. Tickets are available in the Parish Office during normal business hours by calling 732-504-7496. Price is \$8.00 for adults; \$3.00 for children 5-12; no charge for children under 5 years old. No tickets will be sold after 12:00 Noon on Monday, May 14th.

### MASSES FOR 2012

**There are numerous masses available during the week in May. Forms are at the entrances of the church or may be obtained from the main office. Please fill out form in its entirety. Please note that requests are on a first come, first serve basis and must be in writing. Any questions, please contact Marietta at 732-793-6881.**



### ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY

On Sunday, May 6th at the 8am mass the Altar Rosary Society will honor the Virgin Mary at the May Crowning in church and in the prayer garden. Join us for this annual tradition.

### WELCOME SENIORS

Welcome all seniors. Come join our afternoon club on the first and third Monday of the month, at 12 noon at the Community Center on Bay Boulevard at Hancock Ave. Lite refreshments, Bingo, 50-50 and pleasant company. For more information call Isabella 732-830-4835 or Joann 732-250-2019.

### GROWING IN FAITH ONE MINUTE MEDITATION FOR HIS LOVE

Each day, offering our very best to God raises all of our efforts to the level of a prayer. He rewards our dedication with peace, joy, and awareness of his presence in all that we do.

## CAR NEWS

It's that time of year again. The car raffle. This year we are having a 2012 Chevrolet Camaro. The car is due to arrive here in April. As soon as it comes, we will be up on the boardwalk on weekends. There will be sign up sheets for the weekends. I hope that you can give us some help. Please call me at 732-793-6561 in the evening.

Peggy Kudla  
Car Chairperson

### ST. JOSEPH GRADE SCHOOL NOW ENROLLING

St. Joseph Grade School is now enrolling students for all grade levels for the 2012-2013 school year. Full day affordable Kindergarten offers a rigorous academic and Roman Catholic faith-based program including instruction by the Music, Art, PE, Spanish and Technology teachers. All K-8 and special subject teachers are state certified. Come visit us and tour our school. For more information call 732-349-2355. Explore our website at [www.stjoeschooltr.org](http://www.stjoeschooltr.org). St. Joseph Grade School is a great place to learn and a great place to grow up, noted by Johns Hopkins University as a "NJ Top School." Our next Open House for interested families will be held on May 22nd at 10AM.

### GROWING IN FAITH

#### WHY DO CATHOLICS NEED PRIESTS?

Priests serve a special function in the Church. Non-ordained people called lay people or laity take Christ into the world. We bring him into the workplace, our schools, the neighborhood. That comes from "the common priesthood" of all the faithful through Baptism and Confirmation. The Sacrament of Holy Orders consecrates the clergy" to feed the Church by the word and grace of God." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1535) Specifically, the clergy administer the sacraments, something lay people can't do.

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT ON TODAY'S GOSPEL

First Reading: Acts 9:26-31

R/. (26a) I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

I will fulfill my vows  
Before those who fear the Lord.  
The lowly shall eat their fill;  
They who seek the Lord  
Shall praise him:  
“May your hearts live forever!”



R/. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:18-24

### LETTING OURSELVES BE PRUNED

Ouch! I don't know about you, but I don't like the idea of being pruned. Yet in our gospel Jesus tells us that he is the vine and his Father the vine grower. We are “in him” by virtue of our baptism, we are part of the vine. Yet from time to time we may have to be pruned in order to bear more fruit.

I used to have a vegetable garden. I would pinch back the “sucker” branches that grew in the joint between the main stem and the branches with the leaves of the tomato plants. These “sucker” branches wouldn't hurt the tomato plant, but they drained or “sucked” off energy from the plant. The energy went into growing a new branch and not into beautiful, big, red tomatoes.

We are all human, we all have rough edges. We have egos, and often choose self first over and against others. We make mistakes in our lives as followers of Jesus. Sometimes we just get a little lazy. All of this, like the “sucker” branches on the tomato plants, drains energy away from our attempts to be good and true followers of Christ.

God doesn't expect us to be perfect, but God does expect us to try to be the best that we can be. Not only that, we really can't do any of this pruning of our Christian lives by ourselves; God, we are told, is the vine grower and God does the pruning. So I'm not advocating that we beat ourselves up or try by dint of willpower to become perfect. I do think that, if we are honest with ourselves, look at our lives and take time to ask God to heal us of life's wounds and our shortcomings, then God can prune us and we will bear much fruit.

Br. Michael Moran, C.P.

*Remember to pray the rosary dai-*

