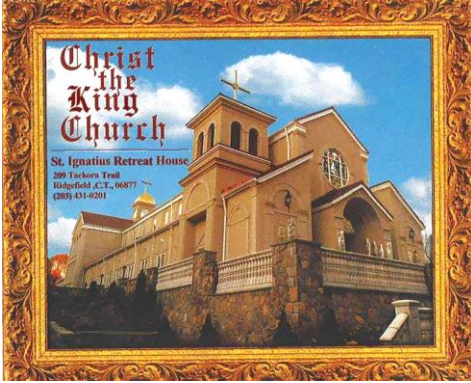


Christ the King Church

Society of St. Pius X



PARISH BULLETIN

April 28, 2024

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From: Saint Pius the Fifth, Pope

Dom Prosper Guéranger 1875

The whole life of Pius the Fifth was a combat. His Pontificate fell during those troubled times, when Protestantism was leading whole countries into apostasy. Italy was not a prey that could be taken by violence: artifice was therefore used, in order to undermine the Apostolic See, and thus envelope the whole Christian world in the darkness of heresy. Pius, with untiring devotedness, defended the Peninsula from the danger that threatened her.

An enemy, taking advantage of the confusion caused in the West by Protestantism, organized an expedition against Europe. Italy was to be its first prey. The Ottoman fleet started from the Bosphorus. Here again, there would have been the ruin of Christendom, but for the energy of the Roman Pontiff, our Saint. He gave the alarm, and called the Christian Princes to arms. Germany and France, torn by domestic factions that had been caused by heresy, turned a deaf ear to the call. Spain alone, together with Venice and the little Papal fleet, answered the Pontiff's summons. The Cross and Crescent were soon face to face in the Gulf of Lepanto. The prayers of Pius the Fifth decided the victory in favor of the Christians, whose forces were much inferior to those of the Turks.

Church Sanctuary Lamp:

Lisa Kovatch †

Chapel Sanctuary Lamp:

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

In your charity pray for the repose of the soul of Yolanda M. Fee, mother of Mrs. Quigley who died Friday 26 at the age of 88. Fr Sulzen had been seeing her and gave her the Sacraments.

Holy Name Society Meeting – this morning after the 9am Mass. Mr. Alex Stetter will speak on the Holy Angels. All the men of the parish are welcome.

Friday, May 3rd – is First Friday. Please sign up in the vestibule for all night adoration. The men of the Holy Name Society generously cover the hours from midnight to 6 a.m. The hours from 9 p.m. to midnight, especially need to be covered. *There must be always at least two persons with the Blessed Sacrament.*

Second Banns – for the marriage between Noah Christian Ollice of Walton, KY and Madeleine Yvonne Clemens who was a parishioner at Christ the King church in Ridgefield from 2016 to 2017. They plan to be married July 6, 2024. Anyone knowing of any impediment to this union please notify Fr. Violette ASAP.

First Communions May 4th Day of Recollection – with the Franciscan Sisters of Kansas City for all the children; Academy as well as non-Academy beginning at 9:00 am (Not optional). First Holy Communions and May Crowning will take place May 5 at the 9:00 am.

Padre Pio Academy – Enrollments for the 2024 – 2025 academic year are now open. Please contact the school office at (203) 417-4903 for application forms.

Teacher's Aids Needed - Padre Pio Academy is looking for local teacher's aids for the upcoming school year. Please contact Fr. Tamm directly for further details: t.tamm@fsspx.email

Mother's Day Novena Cards - will be available for purchase **between Masses** on April 28 and May 5th or text (203) 241-4340 to order your cards for pick-up.

Sweepstakes Tickets will be on sale on Sundays after both Masses. The suggested donation is \$10 Per ticket. The drawing for cash prizes of \$3000, \$1000 and \$500 will take place on Sunday, May 19, 2024 after the 9:00 a.m. Mass (winner need not be present to win).

Please continue to pray for the members and friends of the parish who are homebound or ill: Konrad Eldracher, Mrs. Mary Licurse, and her daughter Margaret, Mrs. Jo-Anne Galasso, Bridget Patricia Conlan, Mrs. Diane McSpedon and Mrs. Jeanette Quigley.

MASS SCHEDULE
April 28, - May 5, 2024

<u>Sunday, April 28</u> 7:00 A.M. 9:00 A.M.	Fourth Sunday after Easter Low Mass (<i>pro populo</i>) Sung Mass
<u>Monday, April 29</u> 7:15 A.M. 8:15 A.M.	St. Peter of Verona, <i>Martyr</i> Low Mass (<i>Chapel</i>) School Mass
<u>Tuesday, April 30</u> 7:15 A.M. 8:15 A.M.	St. Catherine of Siena, <i>Virgin</i> Low Mass (<i>Chapel</i>) School Mass
<u>Wednesday, May 1</u> 7:15 A.M. 8:15 A.M.	ST. JOSEPH the Worker, Confessor Low Mass (<i>Chapel</i>) School Mass
<u>Thursday, May 2</u> 7:15 A.M. 8:15 A.M. 6:00 P.M.	St. Athanasius <i>Bishop, Confessor, Doctor</i> Low Mass (<i>Chapel</i>) School Mass Rosary & Benediction
<u>Friday, May 3</u> 7:15 A.M. 8:15 A.M. 7:00 P.M.	First Friday / Ferial Low Mass (<i>Chapel</i>) School Mass Low Mass followed by All Night Adoration
<u>Saturday, May 4</u> 7:00 A.M. 8:00 A.M.	St. Monica, <i>Widow</i> / First Saturday Reposition followed by Low Mass Low Mass (because of the day of recollection)
<u>Sunday, May 5</u> 7:00 A.M. 9:00 A.M.	Fifth Sunday after Easter Low Mass (<i>pro populo</i>) Sung Mass

Emergency sacramental phone number: 475-289-1358

*Please note that if you wish to be buried from Christ the King Church
you must not have in your will the direction to be cremated.*

The battle between the Christian and Turkish fleets lasted from six o'clock in the morning till late in the afternoon. Towards evening, the Pontiff suddenly looked up towards heaven, and gazed upon it, in silence, for a few seconds. Then turning to his attendants, he exclaimed: "Let us give thanks to God! The Christians have gained the victory!" The news soon arrived at Rome; and thus, Europe once more owed her salvation to a Pope! The defeat at Lepanto was a blow to the Ottoman Empire, from which it has never recovered: its fall dates from that glorious day.

The zeal of this holy Pope for the reformation of Christian morals, his establishing the observance of the laws of discipline prescribed by the Council of Trent, and his publishing the new Breviary and Missal, have made his six years' Pontificate to be one of the richest periods of the Church's history.

Of the many miracles which attested the merits of this holy Pontiff, even during his life, we select the two following. As he was one day crossing the Vatican piazza, which is on the site of the ancient Circus of Nero, he was overcome with a sentiment of enthusiasm for the glory and courage of the Martyrs, who had suffered on that very spot, in the first Persecution. Stooping down, he took up a handful of dust from the hallowed ground, which had been trodden by so many generations of the Christian people since the peace of Constantine. He put the dust into a cloth, which the Ambassador of Poland, who was with him, held out to receive it. When the Ambassador opened the cloth, after returning to his house, he found it all saturated with blood, as fresh as though it had been that moment shed: the dust had disappeared. The faith of the Pontiff had evoked the blood of the Martyrs, which thus gave testimony, against the heretics, that the Roman Church, in the 16th Century, was identically the same as that for which those brave heroes and heroines laid down their lives in the days of Nero.

The heretics attempted, more than once, to destroy a life, which baffled all their hopes of perverting the Faith of Italy. By a base and sacrilegious stratagem, aided as it was by an odious treachery, they put a deadly poison on the feet of the Crucifix, which the Saint kept in his Oratory, and which he was frequently seen to kiss with great devotion. In the fervor of prayer, Pius was about to give this mark of love to the image of his Crucified Master, when suddenly the feet of the Crucifix detached themselves from the Cross, and eluded the proffered kiss of the venerable old man. The Pontiff at once saw through the plot, whereby his enemies would fain have turned the life-giving Tree into an instrument of death.