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MAY 1, 2022 | THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



James Tissot - Meal of Our Lord and Apostles

## GOSPEL MEDITATION: THE LESSON OF ACCEPTANCE

Jesus already had a fine meal cooking when he invited his disciples to bring their fish to the fire, as we learn He did in John 21:10-11. So why did Jesus ask for even more fish?

He created us, as the Catechism says so beautifully, out of His “sheer goodness,” as a parent conceives a child, “to make him share in his own blessed life.”

So here we are, with our dead, smelly fish. And any parent will know that accepting the offering of a child is a gift to the child more than it is a help to the parent. It gives the child honor. It gives purpose. It builds pride. So, what does

God do, time and again? He doesn't just allow us to drag our dead fish to His already blazing fire — He *tells* us to. He accepts our offering — our good works, our suffering, our praise, our love. He accepts everything we have to give, and then He sits with us, and He gives us a job to do. And for just a moment, he lets us in on the glorious mystery of the love of an omnipotent God — the happiness He allows us to give Him, happiness He did not need and can thrive without. The work will never be done more quickly or proficiently with the help of a child. But the point of letting the child help is no more to expedite the work

than the point of life is having a clean house. A change occurs inside a child when allowed to participate in the family mission. Little seedling feelings of responsibility and fulfillment begin to take root.

For just a moment, we share the mystery of parenthood and the all-consuming responsibility and fulfillment that accompanies (or does it derive from?) our never-ending work as parents.

It is a gift to the child, not to us.

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APRIL 30	SATURDAY
4:00 p.m.	Semon Prado† <i>Danny Prado</i>
MAY 1	SUNDAY
8:00 a.m.	For all mothers around the world living in difficult situations
10:00 a.m.	For living and deceased mothers of our parish
MAY 2	MONDAY
8:00 a.m.	
MAY 3	TUESDAY
8:00 a.m.	Mildred Gabardi† <i>Ellen McCormick</i>
MAY 4	WEDNESDAY
8:00 a.m.	William Kendrach† <i>Charnie Family</i>
MAY 5	THURSDAY
8:00 a.m.	
MAY 6	FRIDAY
8:00 a.m.	Joanna Bierce† <i>Jim &amp; Diane Barker</i>
MAY 7	SATURDAY
4:00 p.m.	Philip E. "Flip" Patrello† <i>Kathleen Patrello</i>
MAY 8	SUNDAY
8:00 a.m.	Phyllis Prado <i>Danny Prado</i>
10:00 a.m.	Ashley Miller† <i>Butch &amp; Linda Miller</i>

*The Sanctuary Candle*  
beside the tabernacle burns this week for  
*Frank Gayda*



## Could We Unite to Sponsor a Family?

The United States will soon welcome up to a 100,000 refugees from war-torn Ukraine, and Fr. That Son is encouraging us parishioners to consider sponsoring a family for a time in Moundsville. The decision by the United States to admit refugees comes as European nations are under stress from three million new refugees. Hundreds of refugees are facing challenges trying to enter the country by legal immigration routes. Those with sponsors in the



A refugee family from Ukraine in Palanca, Moldova. *Mauricio Lima for the New York Times.*

United States who agree to provide housing and support are currently being permitted to travel to cities across the country. If you think this is a noble cause, give Father a suggestion or an idea for how we could come together to provide support to a family. Meanwhile, Father can contact immigration officials to learn what is allowable and feasible. All input is welcome. Please do not hesitate to reach out to Father with your ideas.

## Let Mary Conquer Your Heart During Marian Month

Many things can be said about Catholics, but it can never be said that we don't honor our Mother! In addition to the myriad feast days honoring Our Lady, the entire month of May is especially given to her praise. May, when the earth blooms in springtime beauty, is an ideal time for our thoughts and sentiments to be directed toward this supremely lovely Queen of Heaven and Earth, who busily labors from her heavenly throne to conquer hearts, minds, and souls for the greater glory of her Son. So, how can you honor the Blessed Virgin Mary in a special way this month, and allow her to conquer your own heart? A few

ideas are praying a Novena or a daily rosary, memorizing a Marian prayer or hymn, or reading a book about Mary. With Mother's Day around the corner on May 8, consider beginning one of these with your earthly mother or someone who loves you as one.

PLEASE REMEMBER  
AMONG THOSE HONORED THIS  
EASTER SEASON THROUGH  
FLOWER FUND CONTRIBUTIONS ...  
*Christopher Remke*  
*Bill and Helen Remke*  
*John and Margaret Lubic*  
*Frank and Hilda DiCrease*  
WE REGRET THE NAMES OF THESE  
BELOVED SOULS DID NOT APPEAR  
IN THE EASTER BULLETIN.

### Prayer REQUESTS

**Homebound:** Rachel Kerekes, Doris Murphy, Phyllis Prado.

**Nursing Homes:** Hazel Markey, Katie Renshaw, Joan Weekly, Alma VanSyoc, Ron Flading, Barb Meyer, Mary Yanen, Raymond Pennybacker

**Recently Sick:** Bobby Kleinedler, Anna Mae Veronis Holliday, Kathryn Ferrera, Danielle Wilson, Loretta Saporito, Mary Stees, Judith Harbert, Annalyn Liette, Sandina Leonard, Deanne Ferraro, Georgia Pettit, Lida Schellhase, Carmina Oakland, Bob Shutler, Joe Church, Joseph Grampa, Megan Freeland Roskovensky, Suzy Lunau, Dean Hoops

**CALENDAR**

Mondays & Thursdays	EXODUS BIBLE STUDY Church Hall
CAMP CARLO EARLY-BIRD RATE DEADLINE THURSDAY - JUNE 1 <a href="http://CampCarlowv.org">CampCarlowv.org</a>	
Wednesdays 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.	LINE DANCING WITH LOTTIE VFW Moundsville
Tuesday May 10 6:30 p.m.	PARISH COUNCIL Church Hall
Thursday & Friday June 16 & 17	TRIP TO LANCASTER, PA., TO SEE DAVID
Wednesday June 22 — Sunday June 26	W.VA. OBSERVANCE WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

**SCHEDULES MAY 7 & 8**

**LECTORS / EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

4:00 p.m. Dave Evans / Mary Taskalines

8:00 a.m. Loretta Remke / Phil Remke

10:00 a.m. Emma King / Lisa Yoho

**ALTAR SERVERS**

4:00 p.m. Please Volunteer

8:00 a.m. Kent Family

10:00 a.m. Please Volunteer

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Online Giving	\$225.40
Attendance	336

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**THE GLOBAL WORLD MEETING**

of Families is being celebrated throughout the state by the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston from Wednesday, June 22, until Sunday, June 26. Most of the celebrations will consist of a Mass, a reception, and speakers, who will discuss the intersection of our Catholic Faith and issues pertaining to marriage and family life. The highpoint of the event will be a special Catholic Family Fest on Saturday, June 25. The events are free to the public, but all are asked to register ahead of time. For more information, contact Jeanne McKeets at 304-233-0880, ext. 374. To register, visit the event website at [dwc.org/world-meeting-of-families](http://dwc.org/world-meeting-of-families).

**LET'S CELEBRATE TOGETHER!**

A reminder that we are seeking fun-loving committee members to spearhead festivities honoring the establishment of our parish 165 years ago. Please call the office or stop in to say you will help.

**BINGO VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Our intrepid bingo volunteer coordinator, Kathleen Naegele, always steps up when kitchen staff is shorthanded—but now she is appealing for help. Please call her at 304-312-5027 if you can help to serve and take orders on Friday evenings from 5 - 9:30 p.m.

**MAY 3 IS ONE MISSION, ONE DAY**

for West Virginia Catholic Schools. This 24-hour, online statewide giving day allows you to help your local school or alma mater raise funds. [OneMissionOneDay.org](http://OneMissionOneDay.org) is the web address to visit to give. Donations will go directly to the schools of choice. Donors can also follow on social media the hashtag #OneMissionOneDay. The event kicks off Tuesday, May 3, at 12:01 a.m. and runs to 11:59 p.m.



**THE ANNUAL NATIONAL DAY of Prayer**

observance is Thursday, May 5. People of all faiths are encouraged to pray for the nation. The aim is to communicate the need for personal repentance and prayer and to mobilize the Christian community to intercede for America's leaders and its families. Learn more about the event at [www.nationaldayofprayer.org](http://www.nationaldayofprayer.org).

**FRANCISCAN UNIVERSITY'S**

Chamber Orchestra will perform music from John Tavener and Johannes Sebastian Bach in Christ the King Chapel on Monday, May 2, at 8 p.m. The performance will feature Rodrigo Ojeda, principal keyboardist with the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, and Stanley Konopka. For more information, go to [franciscan.edu/monday-arts-andculture-series](http://franciscan.edu/monday-arts-andculture-series).

**SFX YOUTH! CONTACT Fr. THAT SON IF YOU ARE INTERESTED.**



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