

Ascension of the Lord— Sunday May 12th, 2013



Saint Andrew the Apostle, pray for us

Mass Schedule & Intentions from May 11 – 19, 2013

Saturday	5:00PM	†	Antonio Gallo by family Pasquale Vaccaro by family Deceased members of the Nobile & Sdao families by Mr. & Mrs. Frank Sdao
Sunday	9:00AM	†	Giuseppe Giovinazzo by Mrs. Caporicci Roberto & Teresa DiGioia by son Tom DiGioia Emilia & Antonio Locco by son Domenic Locco
Monday	11:00AM		For all mothers No Mass
Tuesday	7:00PM	†	Grace Czinege by Linda Matchett
Wednesday	9:00AM	†	Carmela & Angela Carbone by sister Joanne Guglielmi
Thursday	9:00AM	†	Nicolina DiCenso by Nina Ramunno
Friday	9:00AM	†	Frank Smrek by Maria & Vince Fazzalari
Saturday	5:00PM	†	Erica Muzi by Bruna Ioannoni Harold Pekrul by Vince Nobile
Sunday (Feast of Pentecost)	9:00AM	†	Nicolina DiCenso by family Anna Giovinazzo by Vince & Maria Fazzalari Deceased members of the Pastirik family
	11:00AM		For the People of our Parish



Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven.

Luke 24:46-52

Last Sunday's Collection - \$1836.05
Building Fund - \$451.00
Pope's Pastoral Works - \$256.00
Bless you for your continued generous support.



YEAR OF FAITH 2012 2013

**From the General Audience of Pope Francis
Wednesday, May 8, 2013**

Dear Brothers and Sisters: In our continuing catechesis on the Creed, we now consider the article which deals with the Holy Spirit: "I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life". The Creed tells us that the Spirit is "Lord", fully God, the third person of the Blessed Trinity. He is the gift of the Risen Christ, who draws us, through faith, into communion with the Triune God. The Creed also tells us that the Spirit is the "Giver of Life". How greatly we desire true life and the fullness of beauty, love and peace! The Holy Spirit, dwelling in our hearts, is the pure source of "living water, springing up to eternal life" which Jesus promised to the Samaritan woman. Sent by Jesus from the Father, the Spirit purifies, renews and transforms us; he grants us his sevenfold gifts and makes us children of God our Father. Even now the Holy Spirit invites us to see all things with the eyes of Christ, to recognize God's immense love for us, and to share that love with all our brothers and sisters.



Most Gracious Heavenly Father,

We thank You for our mothers to whom You have entrusted the care of every precious human life from its very beginning in the womb.

You have given to woman the capacity of participating with You in the creation of new life. Grant that every woman may come to understand the full meaning of that blessing, which gives her an unlimited capacity for selfless love for every child she may be privileged to bear, and for all Your children.

Watch over every mother who is with child, strengthen her faith in Your fatherly care and love for her and for her unborn baby. Give her courage in times of fear or pain, understanding in times of uncertainty and doubt, and hope in times of trouble. Grant her joy in the birth of her child.

To mothers You have given the great privilege and responsibility of being a child's first teacher and spiritual guide. Grant that all mothers may worthily foster the faith of their children, following the example of Mary, Elizabeth, and other holy women who follow Christ. Help mothers to grow daily in knowledge and understanding of Your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, and grant them the wisdom to impart this knowledge faithfully to their children, and to all who depend upon them.

Assist all "spiritual mothers", those who, though they may have no children of their own, nevertheless selflessly care for the children of others -- of every age and state in life. Grant that they may know the joy of fulfilling this motherly calling of women, whether in teaching, nursing, religious life, or in other work which recognizes and fosters the true dignity of every human being created in Your image and likeness.

We beseech You to send Your Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to all mothers who sorrow for children that have died, are ill or estranged from their families, or who are in trouble or danger of any kind. Help grieving mothers to rely on Your tender mercy and fatherly love for all your children.

We ask your blessing on all those to whom You have entrusted motherhood. May Your Holy Spirit constantly inspire and strengthen them. May they ever follow the example of Mary, mother of Our Lord, and imitate her fidelity, her humility, and her self-giving love. May all mothers receive Your Grace abundantly in this earthly life, and may they look forward to eternal joy in Your presence in the life to come.

We ask this through our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **AMEN.**

Upcoming Parish Events



Adoration and Novena to the Holy Spirit: May 10-18, 7pm daily, Saturdays 4:30pm.

Pentecost Candlelight Prayer Vigil: Sunday May 19, 2013 10am-10pm. Contact Jon Hardt for details & registration 905-732-5798.

Meatball Sale: Friday May 31st, 2013.

Year of Faith Session on The Creed: What is the Creed?: Saturday June 8, 9am-11:30am at Mt. Carmel.

VBS: August 5-10, 2013. 9am-12pm daily, Friday 9am-2pm. Cost for the week is only \$10.

St. Vincent de Paul Society Update

In 2012 St Mary's / St Andrew's reported, 1,079 vouchers were distributed providing assistance to 1,510 adults and 916 children the cost was over \$30,000.00. The food bank also helped 1,441 people obtain groceries. In 2012 \$14,000 came from our Thrift Store, the poor box, donations, fundraising barbecues were the other sources of revenue for our Conference. Envelopes are now available at the back of the church and donations of \$20 or more will receive a tax receipt.



The Rosary Apostolate May Celebration

May 24th, 2013 at St. Andrew's Church Hall
 9:30am presentation by the kindergarten to grade 3 students
 12:45pm presentation by the grades 4 to 8 students
 Concluding with a DVD presentation of Our Lady of the Cape

Knights of Columbus Council #2146 will be sponsoring a **Wine and Cheese fundraiser for the Welland St Vincent de Paul Society.** Tickets are \$10. **Friday June 7th, 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm @ St. Mary's Church 90 Griffith Street**
 Tickets or information: Patrick 905-732-9475 or ssvpwelland@gmail.com

First Annual Mass at Holy Cross Cemetery celebrated by Bishop Bergie We invite you to our first annual Mass at Holy Cross Cemetery for the souls of the faithful departed. Bishop Gerard Bergie will be the celebrant. The date is Saturday, June 15, 2013 at 11 a.m. (rain date June 22, 2013).

PRAYER REQUESTS

Requesting your valuable prayers for those who are sick at home, or in the hospital: If you, or someone you know, is ill or in the hospital and would like to be on the prayer list, call the parish office at 905-732-5046. We will keep the name for 2 weeks. Please also notify the parish office if the person is still in serious condition so that we may continue to keep the name on the list.

We ask that you kindly remember all those who are sick, especially Lucy Rosati, Mary Groulx, Nancy Kostiw, Gary Garland and Anton Swampillai in your prayers this week.

Week for Life & Family May 12-18, 2013

Let us celebrate this week for Life and Family by praying for our families and family members.



World Youth Day Rio 2013:

61 Days until departure