



The Parish Family of Saint Anthony of Padua



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4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



“Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.” - Jn 10:2-3

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Parish Office Hours

Monday	8:00AM - 3:00PM
Tuesday	8:00AM - 3:00PM
Wednesday	8:00AM - 3:00PM
Thursday	8:00AM - 3:00PM
Friday	8:00AM - 12:00PM (except July and August)

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026



From the desk of Fr. Cyril Offiong, SDV

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD I SHALL NOT WANT

Dear brothers and sisters,

We have reached the mid-point of the Easter Season. On the Fourth Sunday of Easter, which we call “Good Shepherd Sunday,” we read the famous Good Shepherd Discourse in chapter 10 of St. John’s Gospel. Our Lord Jesus uses the imagery of the bond between the shepherd and his sheep to speak of our relationship with Him. **“I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep... I know mine, and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep” (John 10:11-15).** The sheep are dependent on the shepherd for food, direction, and security, because they know the shepherd. Through His suffering, death, and resurrection, our Lord Jesus shows Himself as our Good Shepherd who willingly laid down His life for our salvation.

One of my priest friends went on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and encountered a group of shepherds whose sheep were grazing together. When it was time to depart, the shepherds stood at different posts, and each made their unique call. With an almost magical turn, the sheep went to their respective shepherds, who led them back home. As the sheep of God’s flock, our Good Shepherd wants us to listen to Him, recognize His voice, and follow Him wherever He leads us. On this Good Shepherd Sunday, we contemplate the deep and abiding love that Christ has for each one of us and our dependence on Him for our life, our fulfillment, and our salvation.

We also remember and pray for all who lead the Church. In 1964, St. Pope Paul VI established the Fourth Sunday of Easter as World Day of Prayer for Vocations. We pray in a special way for an increase in the vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life. We pray that young men and women will open their hearts to God’s call to serve Him. This year, the families of our parish, received, prayed with, and exchanged our Mission Chalice as we pray for vocations. Also, during our GIFT family session for April, we reflected on the Sacrament of Holy Orders. For our project, we had a group discussion and panel session on Vocations in general. We welcomed Fr. Jonathan Kalisch, OP, a Dominican friar, who grew up in our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, four Vocationist Sisters, and two Vocationist Brothers studying for the priesthood, and our very own Deacon Peter Barcelona. They shared their vocation stories with us and how they came to understand and respond to God’s call. It was a beautiful and edifying evening. Families reflected on God’s call and how the home can become a nursery for vocations. I was incredibly elated last Sunday when the catechists led the children to present handmade cards to the deacons and me, in appreciation for our ministries and service to the parish. I thank God for our families.

I invite each of us to pray for vocations. Our Lord Jesus told His apostles, “the harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few; so, ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest” (Matthew 9:37-38).

I share with you the prayer of Psalm 23, which I learned as a little boy and have prayed all my life.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters; He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name’s sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I fear no evil.

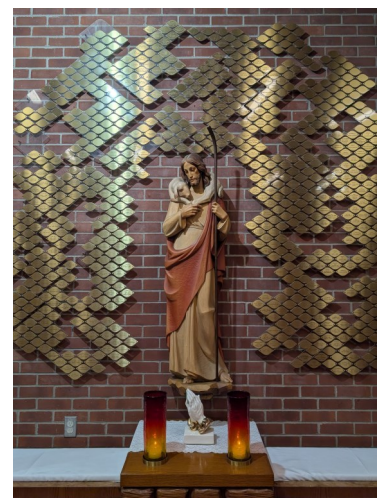
For Thou art with me, Thy rod, and thy staff, they comfort me.

Thou hast prepared a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

Thou had anointed my head with oil, my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.

And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Amen.



ALL ARE WELCOME!

Whatever your present status in the Catholic Church, whatever your current family or marital situation, whatever your past or present religious affiliation, whatever your personal history, age, background, race, or color, you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved, and respected at the Parish Family of Saint Anthony of Padua. There are no Strangers at Saint Anthony's - Only Friends We Haven't Met.

Mass Intentions

at Saint Anthony of Padua Church

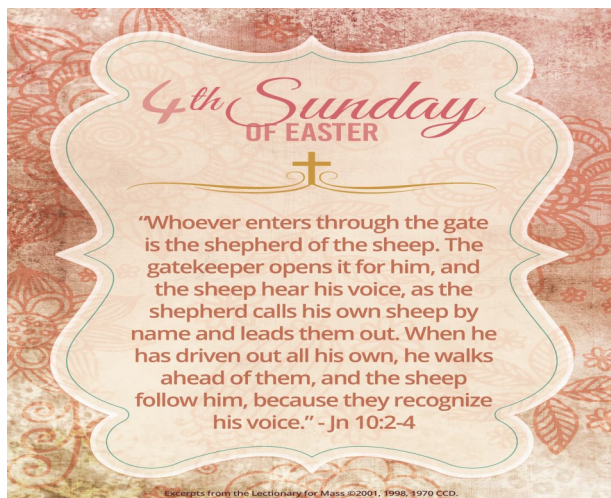
- Morning Prayer** - begins 20 minutes before weekday Mass
- Saturday April 25** *Saint Mark*
4:00PM Richie Simeone
Requested by his loving wife, Adrienne
- Sunday April 26** *World Day of Prayer for Vocations*
8:30AM Claire Curran Miloscia (Birthday)
Requested by loving daughter,
Colleen Barcellona and family
- 11:30AM Alfred F. Russo (5th anniversary in Heaven)
Requested by his loving wife, Pat and family
- Monday April 27**
7:30AM Alfred F. Russo
Requested by his loving children,
Vincent, Anne, Amy, and Eric
- Tuesday April 28** *Saint Peter Chanel*
Saint Louis Grignion de Montfort
7:30AM Lawrence Nkwocha
Requested Denyce Wilson
- Wednesday April 29** *Saint Catherine of Siena*
7:30AM Janice Ciardiello
Requested by her loving husband, Sal
- Thursday April 30** *Saint Pius V, Pope*
7:30AM Little Hoechst Family
- Friday May 1** *Saint Joseph the worker*
7:30AM Robert Fedison (2nd anniversary)
Requested by his loving wife
- Saturday May 2** *Saint Athanasius*
4:00PM Sophie and Andrew Teleposky
Requested by daughter,
Rosemarie Arway and grandsons
- Sunday May 3** *Fifth Sunday of Easter*
8:30AM Henry and Theresa Pawlikowski
Requested by daughter, Deborah

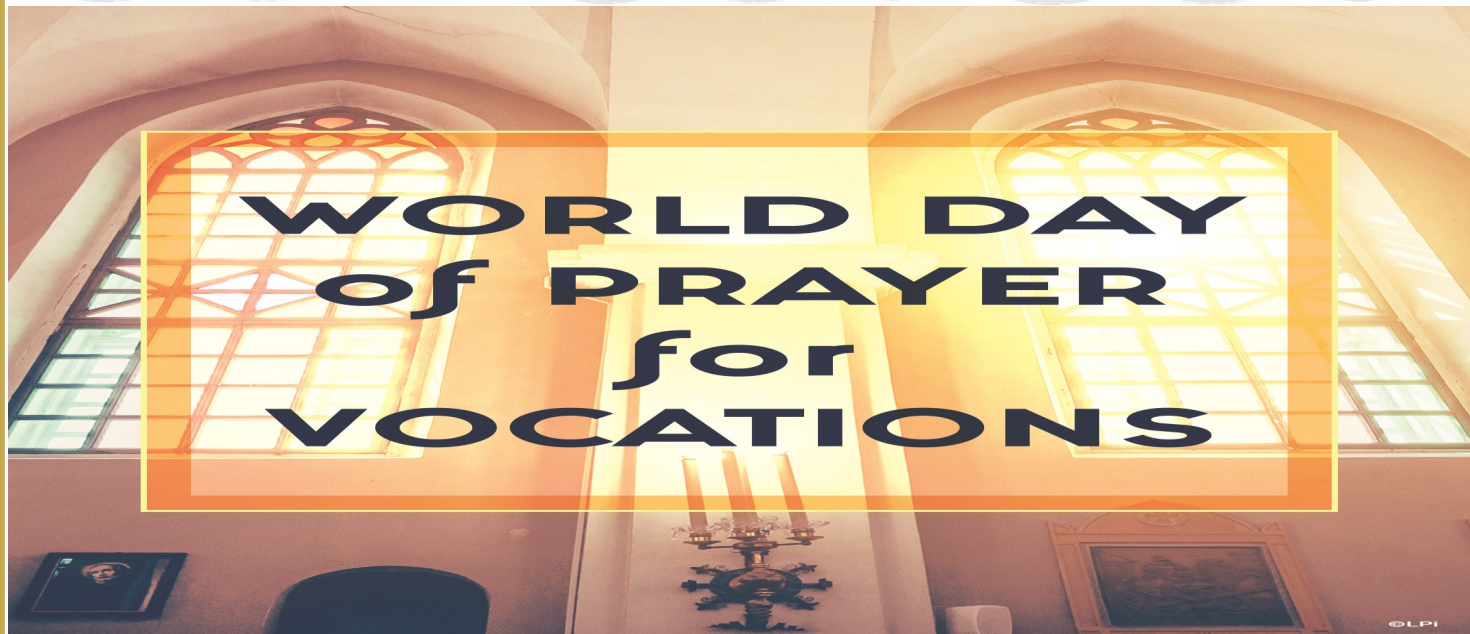
at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Worship Site

- Morning Prayer**
begins 20 minutes before Mass on Saturday
- Saturday April 25**
8:30AM Samuel Louis Javier
Requested by Ray and Cherie Gumapac
- Sunday April 26** *World Day of Prayer for Vocations*
10:00AM People of the parish family
- Saturday May 2** *Saint Athanasius*
8:30AM Deceased Members of the former
Altar Rosary Society
- Sunday May 3** *Fifth Sunday of Easter*
10:00AM Dominick Valenzano
on your first anniversary in Heaven
Requested by his loving wife, Margie and
Children, Dom Jr., Tracy, Tommy, and Carrie

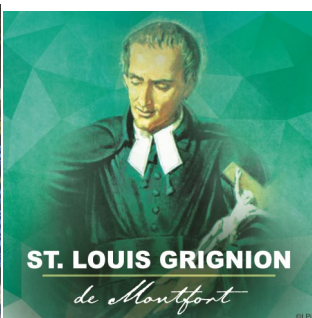
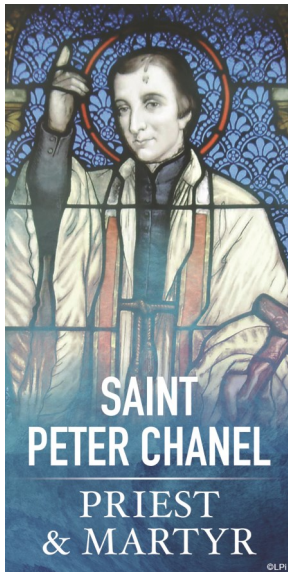
This Week's Scripture Readings

- Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Psalms 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
1 Peter 2:20b-25
John 10:1-10
- Monday: Acts 11:1-18
Psalms 42:2-3; 43:3,4
John 10:11-18
- Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26
Psalms 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7
John 10:22-30
- Wednesday: Acts 12:24-13:5a
Psalms 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8
John 12:44-50
- Thursday: Acts 13:13-25
Psalms 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27
John 13:16-20
- Friday: Acts 13:26-33
Psalms 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab
John 14:1-6
- Saturday: Acts 13:44-52
Psalms 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4
John 14:7-14
- Sunday: Acts 6:1-7
Psalms 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19
1 Peter 2:4-9
John 14:1-12





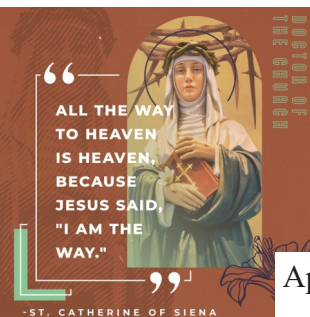
WORLD DAY of PRAYER for VOCATIONS



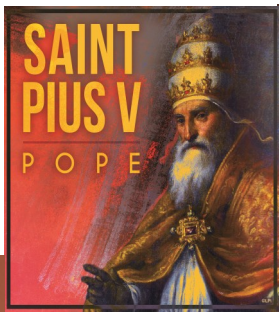
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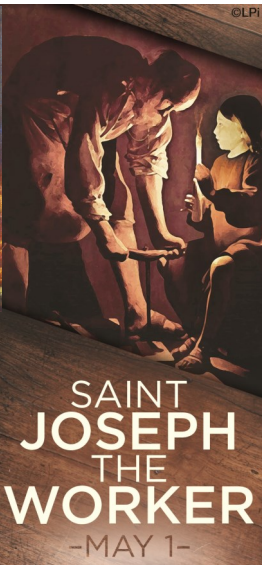
Did you know these saints are honored during the week of April 26?



April 29



April 30



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FORMATION EVENT FOR POLICE OFFICERS

A statewide Resiliency Conference for active and inactive (retired) police officers to support the emotional, psychological, and spiritual well-being of our men and women in uniform.

"Courage is not simply one of the virtues, but the form of every virtue at the testing point." - C.S. Lewis

SATURDAY, JUNE 13
8:00 A.M. TO 12:45 P.M.

St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, Piscataway, New Jersey
Priests, Deacons, and Police Chaplains Are Welcome



Fr. Larry Richards
Best selling author of *Be A Man!*
Founder of *The Reason for Our Hope Foundation*





Den. Harold Burke-Sivers
Internationally renowned Author and Preacher
Host of *Beacons of Truth* on EWTN Radio



The parish family of Saint Anthony of Padua welcomes

Maya Grace Klotzbuecher

who received the Sacrament of Baptism, a sacrament of promise and welcome on Sunday, April 19, 2026

We thank her parents, Patric and Greilyn, for choosing life.



VOTIVE CANDLES

Votive candles burn constantly as a form of prayer and adoration. The candles burning this weekend are dedicated at Saint Anthony of Padua Church

TABERNACLE

In loving memory of Alfred F. Russo
Requested by his loving wife, Pat and family

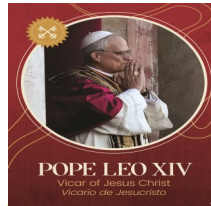
GOOD SHEPHERD

In loving memory of Gordon and Ann Ur,
John Patrick and Owen
Requested by their loving family

CROSS OF SAN DOMIANO

In loving memory of Carmen, Eleanor,
and Jeffrey Pagliuca
Requested by their loving family

In loving memory of William and Gertrude Leahy
Requested by Karen and Kevin Barnes



That everyone might have food. Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

- April 27 Reverend Stanley Walega
Reverend Abraham Orapankal
- April 28 All Priests
- April 29 Reverend Leo Bagenda
Reverend Joseph Kannampally
- April 30 Reverend Sean Winters
Reverend Peter Akanath Chakkunny
- May 1 Reverend Chester Carina
Reverend Edmund Shallow
- May 2 Reverend Wladyslaw Wiktorek
Very Reverend Ronald Jandemoa
- May 3 Bishop James Checchio

Stewardship

“And Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ...’ Acts 2:38

The word “repent” means to turn from sin, to change our actions. Change that is permanent comes from within. It requires prayer, discipline, and perseverance. Change is also hard. We have to recognize that we are broken and need help. The good news - we are not alone in our journey. Ask Jesus daily for guidance and patiently listen for his response.

NJ Catholic Youth Rally 2026!
SUNDAY, MAY 17TH AT SIX FLAGS GREAT ESCAPE

SCAN!

Ticket Package: \$70
(Includes: Parking For Your Group, Park Admission, and Meal Plan)
If you have a Six Flags Season Pass you do not need to purchase a package

Add Ons: Mega Meal Deal Plan: \$20 (Includes: 1 drink, 1 snack, and 1 meal)
All Day Sport Bottle: \$20 (Free refills all day)

NJ Catholic Youth Rally Schedule
9:00am-9:45am: Gates open for Opening Ceremony
9:45am: Opening Ceremony
10:30am-6:00pm: Rides open to enjoy!
5:15pm: Doors open for Holy Mass
6:00pm-7:15pm: Sunday Holy Mass
8:00pm: Park closes

Open To: JR. High High School Young Adults Families and All!

To pick up/print your Tickets:

Option 1: When you sign up (on givesmart.com), please select that you want the **Diocese to print your tickets**. Then please arrange with the Office of Youth and Young Adults to pick up your tickets at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center (146 Metlars Lane).

Option 2: When you sign up (on givesmart.com), please select that you want to print your own tickets. The Diocese will put your email address in the ticket system, and you will be emailed all of your tickets for you to print.

Contact the Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry

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2026 Bishop's Annual Appeal *ONE IN CHRIST: Called to Love and Serve*

While serving at the altar and preaching are their most visible roles, our **Permanent Deacons** do so much more. To name just a few ways: they are the sign of Christ the Servant among us, they are baptizing infants, presiding at wake services, teaching faith formation classes, serving meals to the poor and bringing the Eucharist to the sick. Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal helps defray tuition costs for the formation and continuing education of our permanent deacons.

Our goal is \$24,000. As of April 17,
Total pledged and received was \$18,467.



**FAITH FORMATION
G.I.F.T. and Sacramental Preparation Programs**

**G.I.F.T.
Wednesday, May 6 at 6:00pm**

**Level One First Penance
Monday, April 27 session at 6:20pm
Monday, May 11 at 6:20pm**

**Level One and Level Two Confirmation
Monday, May 4 at 6:30pm**

**Level One Communion
Communion Rehearsal
Tuesday, April 28 at 6:00pm
Thursday, April 30 at 6:00pm**



**First Communion Mass
Sunday, May 3 at 11:30am**

Please pray for our children



**Rooted in
Gratitude.
Giving with
Grace.**



Support our ministries this fall through faithful generosity

This season is a time to reflect on the blessings we've received—and a time to give back in gratitude. Our community is a spiritual home where lives are enriched, faith is strengthened, and service to others flourishes. Your support helps make all of this possible.

Online Giving offers a simple, secure way to contribute from your phone, tablet, or computer. Whether you're making donations, payments, or pledges, your generosity helps us continue to grow and serve.

Set up your gift today or consider an additional gift via our Online Giving link on your smart device.



2026 Mass Book

As of April 21, the following upcoming Masses are available if you would like to request a Mass intention:

Friday	May	15	7:30am
Saturday	May	23	8:30am OLMC
Tuesday	May	26	7:30am
Saturday	May	30	8:30am OLMC
Friday	June	5	7:30am
Monday	June	8	7:30am
Wednesday	June	10	7:30am
Thursday	June	11	7:30am
Saturday	June	13	8:30am OLMC
Monday	June	15	7:30am
Thursday	June	18	7:30am

Contact the parish office at 732-634-1403



Stewardship: God's Plan for Giving

Sunday, April 19, 2026

In-person donations.....	\$3,709.00
On-line donations.....	\$1,373.00
Total.....	\$5,082.00

Thank you for your continued support of the parish.

How Does Online Giving Benefit Me and My Church?

Donor Benefits

- **Convenient** anytime, anywhere access through the internet.
- **Secure and Confidential.** Adheres to banking security standards.
- **Flexible.** Start, stop and change your contributions at any time.
- **Simple.** No need to contact your bank or the church office.
- Contribute using direct withdrawal (ACH) or credit cards.

Church Benefits

- **Stabilize Contributions.** Regularly scheduled gifts occur automatically. Allows church to effectively manage monthly expenses.
- **Direct Donations.** A simple way to contribute to individual events, holiday needs, classes, special donations, and more.
- **Secure and Confidential.** No need to store member account information.
- **Efficient.** Participation saves time and expense in bookkeeping.
- **Current.** A tool for people who prefer to use electronic services.

This Week at Saint Anthony of Padua

Monday, April 27

Mass	7:30AM	Chapel
Bingo	12:00PM	Father Milos Hall (Doors open at 10:30AM)
Level One First Penance	6:20PM	Church

Tuesday, April 28

Mass	7:30AM	Chapel
Youth Choir	4:30PM	Church
Communion Rehearsal	6:00PM	Church

Wednesday, April 29

Mass	7:30AM	Chapel
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Thursday, April 30

Mass	7:30AM	Church
Communion Rehearsal	6:00PM	Church

Friday, May 1

Mass	7:30AM	Church
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Saturday, May 2

Confession	3:00PM	Church
Mass	4:00PM	Church

Sunday, May 3

Mass	8:30AM	Church
First Communion Mass	11:30AM	Church

This Week at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Saturday, May 2

Mass	8:30AM	Church
Confession	9:00AM - 9:30AM	Church

Sunday, May 3

Mass	10:00AM	Church
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FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY

The next Food Pantry COLLECTION May 2 and 3

ITEMS MOST NEEDED ARE:

CARROTS	RICE
PEANUT BUTTER	JELLY
CANNED MEATS	PORTK & BEAN
FRUITS	TOMATO SAUCE
PANCAKE SYRUP	PANCAKE MIX

We will always accept toiletry and household items such as bodywash, soap, toilet paper, toothpaste, laundry detergent, and dish detergent.

If you know someone who needs assistance, contact the parish office or email:
info.StAnthony1@gmail.com.

Thank you for your continued generosity to Saint Anthony's Food Pantry. On Wednesday, April 15 we assisted 24 families (74 people).

Liturgical Minister Schedule

at Saint Anthony of Padua

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday	May 2	4:00PM	C. and R. Marney R. Masters
Sunday	May 3	8:30AM	V. Clarke S. Gadomski D. Mazzarella
		11:30AM	H. Pagliuca C. and E. Weinman

READERS

Saturday	April 25	4:00PM	M. Trebour
Sunday	May 3	8:30AM	C. Mazzarella
		11:30AM	Communion

SERVERS

Sunday	May 3	8:30AM	C., C., and C. Onukwugha
		11:30AM	A. Boelhower F. Calabrese Al. Weiman

at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

READER

Sunday	May 3	10:00AM	M. Poos
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Pray ...

for our parishioners residing in nursing homes and care centers, the sick and homebound, especially:

Cristino E. Abasolo III, Anonymous, Nancy C. Bunavage, Lucille Carpenito, John Campion, Justin Carpentieri, Jean Dean, Steven DeNoyelles, Beth Dispoto, Alyssa Dohanyos, John Dohanyos, Mark Emanuele, Frank Fernandez, Bob Glatt, Larry Golden, Kim Hickman, Keeba Johnson, Lynn Killmurray, Alfred Leone, Jonathan Marcela, Heather Marrone Fabio, Robert Joseph Meade IV, David Russell, Rami Shehadek, Janet Strunak, Millie Sutphen, Maryann Vyszwan, Matthew Woods



Pray ...

for all the brave military personnel, especially the men and women in uniform of our parish family who are serving our country at home or abroad. We also pray for their family members.

Pray for Peace!