

Church of the Infant Saviour

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ASCENSION





May 17, 2015
Ascension Of Our Lord

Mass Intentions

Sat: May 16, 2015

8:00AM: Lucia Rein (Her Family & Friends)
 5:00PM: Lucille Mazza-Saijwa (Patti & Frank Rose)

Week of May 17, 2015

Sun: 8:00AM: John Kiselak, Sr. (Joseph Jelenek)
 9:30AM: Nell Savino (Ditizio Family)
 11:15AM: Lucia Rein (Her Friends & Family)
 2:00PM: David Rosales (Adolfo Castillo)
Mon: 8:00AM: Jason Flynn (Dominic & Pat)
Tues: 8:00AM:
Wed: 8:00AM: Margaret Alexander (Fred & Victoria Kelly
 & Helen, Ronka & Family)
Thur: 8:00AM:
Fri: 8:00AM:
Sat: 8:00AM:
 5:00PM: Paul Pohlman (Happy Birthday In Heaven)
 (Bob & Anne Turnbull)

Week of May 24, 2015

Sun: 8:00AM: Beverly Corcoran
 9:30AM: Margaret M. Kelly (Frank & Patti Rose)
 11:15AM: Brian G. Sapio(10th Anniversary In Heaven)
 (His Family)

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 4:00-4:40 and by appointment.

Spanish Masses will be held on the first and third Sunday of every month at 2PM.

Sanctuary Lamp:

*In Loving Memory of Margaret M. Kelly
 Requested by The Ditizio Family*



*Banns of Marriage:
 Sean Steward & Shannon Clancy*

Readings: May 24, 2015

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11 (63B)
 Psalm: Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34
 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Galatians 5:16-25
 Gospel: John 20:19-23 or John 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Cenacle for Life: Please join the Healing Hands for Life Ministry
4:00PM every Friday in the Mother's Chapel to pray for the end of
 Abortion and the Sanctity of Life

On June 20, 2015 **Frank Rose** will be ordained as **Deacon at St. Patrick's Cathedral**. In the Cathedral there will be open seating in certain sections no tickets required. We are hiring a bus to transport Parishioners who would like to attend the Installation Mass for Frank. There are only 36 seats available on the bus which will be on a first come first served basis. Because seating is limited anyone who is interested please contact the office at 744-2391 ext. 10 **as soon as possible** to reserve a seat on the bus. The bus will be leaving from Infant Saviour Parking lot at 6AM on June 20th.

Mass Intentions: If you wish to have a Mass said you can call or stop by the Parish Office to schedule Mass(es) needed – Phone # 744-2391. You may also reserve an unannounced Mass for \$5.00

Prayers for the Sick and Deceased:

Please contact the Parish Office with names of anyone who need prayers for healing or have recently died in which you would like to have included in the Prayer of the Faithful at Mass and/or in the bulletin. The names of those who are sick are to be submitted only with the named person's permission.

Please pray for the sick: Darlene Schulz, Steven Pondi, Ellie Carter, Ashley Barco, Baby Sean, Michael Thompson, Michelle Condenzio, John Araneo, Roland Mora, Helen Denedy, George Burrow, Joan Moschetto, Michael Martino, Annie Napolitano, Herbert Black, Theresa Madigan, Harry Brown, Pat Matteo, Jeffrey Selear, Bob Carlson, Colleen Minik, Jack Botta, George Rescigno, Matthew Schaffner, William Meyers, Richard Tanagretta, Diane DeGatano, Doris Bennett, Jeanie Kane, Alexander Elia, Bob Broughal, Ed Gatzen, Thomas Fitzsimmons, Edward Staff, Mary A. Thomas, Jordan Bumgartner John McPhillips, Nicolina Riggi, Rose Marie Cahill, Kathy Ross-Collins, Rose Marie Wilkins, John Giuliano Joseph Manfredi, Regina Schelin, Jill Westerfield Davis, Thomas Nendze, Dorothy Klauss, Terrence Mahoney, Anthony Gordon, John Araneo, Kurt Schaffner and Eric Maurin.

RELIGIOUS ED NEWS:

Confirmation Confirmation Picture orders must be returned NO LATER than May 11. The Confirmation Gift of \$5.00 per student should be returned also by May 11th, this money will be donated to The Propagation of the Faith.

May 18: Last Day of Class

May 31 Sacrament of Confirmation at 3PM. Students and Sponsors must arrive at 2Pm to meet with Bishop Lagonegro.

REGISTRATIONS are now available for the 2015-2016 year. If you did not receive your registration you can pick it up in the office. It would be greatly appreciated if you could return it ASAP. Any registration received after June 30th will be charged a \$50.00 late fee.

From the Administrator, Some Reasons for Atheism: Theory of Biological Evolution

Certain scientists believe that the greatest contribution that they can do to human civilization is to weaken its religious beliefs. Along with these ideas, some leading atheists have firmly stated that religious beliefs poison everything.

One of the internationally known researchers in neurophysiology, Professor Frantisek Vyskocil of Charles University in Prague, is a firm believer in God. However, being a son of an atheist, he was raised as an atheist. Then, having graduated with degrees of biology and chemistry, he began to think as an atheist. Although he is a genuine believer in God now, at one point, he strongly believed that the theory of evolution had explanations to the diversity of life. Today, many prominent thinkers consider that the theory of evolution written by the English naturalist and scientist **Charles Darwin**, to be an accurate account of the story of life on earth. Then, some experts have almost considered the theory of Darwin as skeptics' final victory over religion since the middle of the last century. According to them, prior to the theory of Darwin, atheism did not have solid scientific and intellectual grounds. Karl Marx, Sigmund Freud, and Friedrich Nietzsche found Darwinism as pleasing and supporting their atheistic viewpoints. Though Darwin gave his own distinctive interpretation to the aspect of biological evolution through his theory, this notion of evolution had been developing since the time of Enlightenment.

When trying to analyze the religious views of Charles Darwin, he had mentioned that he had never been an atheist in the sense of denying the existence of a god. As he dispensed himself from the protestant faith early in life, he generally considered himself as an agnostic. Being a grandson and son of an agnostic and an atheist, Charles stated that an agnostic would be the more correct description of the state of his thinking. Then, as he grew older, he seemed to have gone to the other extreme of becoming increasingly hostile toward religious views. At one point he noted that science had nothing to do with Christ and began to question the beliefs in any divine revelations. There are also some Darwinians who claim that Darwin was a kind of a believer in a god who happened to become an unbeliever years after he developed his theory of biological evolution.

Whatever it was, Darwin became so fascinated with his observations from selective breeding experiments. The observations of Darwin led him to develop a hypothesis of natural selection and it was put forward in his "*The Origin of Species*" in 1859 and later in "*Descent of Man*" in 1871. In certain ways, his discoveries gave a new view of nature and its natural processes that were so different from the ones accustomed up to that time. However, his work has raised serious questions, particularly with regard to the mechanisms of species change, namely random mutation and natural selection. Still, the scientists are on the challenge of unraveling the remaining "mysteries" of the mechanisms of biological evolution by natural selection.

Since the time of the discovery of this theory, it had begun to cause controversy in theology. For some Christians, especially for fundamentalist Christians, such a theory was almost heretical since it contradicted the Biblical teachings of creation. Even today, most of the theologians may wrestle with the question of what to make of this theory. They struggle to reconcile the tenets of Darwinian evolution with the creation story of the world and human beings that was documented in the book of Genesis. However, the attitude of the Catholic Church on the theory of evolution was slowly being refined. In the 1950 encyclical *Humani Generis*, Pope Pius XII affirmed that there was no intrinsic conflict between the theory of evolution and the doctrine of faith on creation (regarding humanity and its vocation), provided that Christians believe that the individual soul is a direct creation by God and not the product of purely material forces. Further, this encyclical considered the doctrine of "evolutionism" as a serious hypothesis, which needs to be explored further with more deep and reflective studies.

But more than half a century after *Humani Generis*, today, new knowledge leads us to recognize in the theory of evolution something more than a hypothesis. In his address to the *Pontifical Academy of Science* in 1996, St. John Paul II has updated the position of the Church to accept the evolution of the human body. He stated that the *biological theory of evolution* as a whole is no longer a mere hypothesis, but one of the scientific theories. This theory has the status of a scientific theory like other theories. But still, in the same address, John Paul II rejected any theory of evolution that provides a materialistic expansion for the human soul. Recently, Pope Francis also said, "Evolution in nature is not at odds with the notion of creation, but, evolution presupposes the creation of beings that evolve."

Today, the Catholic Church supports theistic evolutionism, which is also known as evolutionary creation. However, Catholics are free not to believe in any part of the theory of evolution. It is good to remember that some questions on evolution still need to be answered: "How can the creation account of the Bible be reconciled with the evolutionary origin of the earth and its species, especially the human beings? And what is the role of God in evolution? (To be continued in next week's Bulletin.)

Fr. Niranjan Rodrigo

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST HOLY COMMUNICANTS

Yesterday, we celebrated the reception of First Holy Communion to our second graders. It is a constant joy for all of us as we witness our younger parishioners grown in wisdom and in knowledge of their faith. They are: Luis Cruz, Blaze Devlin, Sway Devlin, Zoe Devlin, Quinten D'Avanzo-Smith, Jacqueline Janke, Skylar McGuire, Elizabeth Metcalfe, Jacob Pawlowski, Samantha Portelli, Evan Bardin, Paige Gandolfini, Zachary Perez, Sebastian Perez, Tyler Ramsey, Helena Salvato, Alexa Thorpe, Nathan VonDeben, Jaidyn Waterman, Emma Welch, MacKenzie Brown, James Cerniglia, James Dyer III, Kailey Fobert, Gabriel Josefiak, Leigha Humphrey, Natalie Longobardo, Isabella Maurer, Emma McCausland, Gabriel McNally, Brian Murtagh, Tomek Oakes, Maya Oakes, Logan Pennell, Marleni Perez, Grace Rodriguez, Helena Salvato, Christopher Sgourdas, Emma Sullivan, Kateri Warren, Meaghan Wishinski.

We also thank their teachers who nurtured them in their faith to reach this stage of receiving Jesus in Holy Communion: Mary Walton, Gina Gandolfini, Marie Cragan & Debbie Keindl.

Fr. Niranjan Rodrigo, Gail Baumann & Jeanette Coates.

Pine Bush Relay For Life

“Lucy Loves Subway” Brunch

Sunday May 17, 2015

9:00 AM-1:00 PM

\$7.00 per person

Full Service Brunch

Orange County Strummers Ukulele Club of Orange County

Will be Performing with Dick Reich from 11am to 1pm

Proceeds go to the American Cancer Society

For ticket info call Joyce Chess 845-978-6505

or Kim Caramatti

– 845-401-1793

or stop by Subway of

Pine Bush

Thank you for your support



Catholic Women of the Chapel

Wednesday, May 27, 2015

7:00 pm at OLA Parish Center, Bloomingburg

Kerry Roberson is inviting all ladies to a new program at OLA called Catholic Women of the Chapel. Our first gathering is on **Wednesday, May 27th in the Parish Center at 7:00 p.m.** Participants will be making knotted rosaries in honor of our Blessed Mother this month of May. Dessert and coffee will be served. If you would like to come, please contact Kerry: 733-8154/ e-mail: gallantk2@hotmail.com.