

## Fr. Martin's Reflection – May 7, 2023

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Last year we marked our first Patron Saint Day by celebrating Mass and having a wonderful social get together in St. Mary School. We also recognized with appreciation several of our parishioners for their service to the parish. This year I am delighted to announce our two recipients for recognition: Larry Denney and Donna Frappolli. Both Larry and Donna have given so much to our parish.

Larry, many of you will know, has cared for our parish finances for many years. He has overseen many changes at St. Mary Church, and later Mary, Mother of the Church Parish. He is a past Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus, and still a member. He is an Usher at St. Mary Church and has helped with many social events concerning the parish over many years.



Donna is the present President of the Altar Rosary Society and was instrumental in the smooth transition of the two societies into one after the amalgamation of our two parishes. Donna also serves as a Eucharistic Minister and a member of the Parish Liturgy Team. Donna also chaired the Centenary Committee for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Holy Assumption Church.

Our Patron Saint Day is Monday, May 29. Mass will be celebrated at 6:30pm at St. Mary Church, Bordentown, with refreshments in St. Mary School following the Mass. I would like for you to mark your calendars and come and say thank you to both Larry and Donna for all they have done, and still do for our parish.

### **Prayer Of Gratitude For Volunteers**

*Father, we offer our grateful thanks and praise for the army of volunteers that quietly yet faithfully offer their services for the wellbeing and support of others. We ask Your special blessing on each one, knowing that they are the unsung heroes that receive little thanks for their valuable contribution and who are so often taken for granted by those that they freely serve. Provide for the needs of each one and protect them from those that might intentionally or unwittingly exploit their generous nature. We ask this through Christ the Lord. Amen*

### **Confirmation**

On Wednesday, May 10, our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. We welcome Msgr. Tom Mullelly who will be the celebrant and conferring the Sacrament of Confirmation. Let us keep all our young people in our prayers and let us also pray that their hearts and minds will remain open to receive the Gift of the Holy Spirit.

**Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And you shall renew the face of the earth. Amen**

May Christ bless you and keep you forever close to his heart. Amen

*Fr. Martin*