

## Weekly Update May 12, 2019

**Reflection for the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter:** Author: Alice Camille [John 13:31–33a, 34–34](#)

**“As I have loved you, so also should you love one another.” –John 13:34**

Here’s a tiny detail to notice in this story from the Last Supper. Jesus issues the love commandment after Judas leaves the room. The spirit of self-interest must depart before the command of love can be heard and take root in the community of faith. So long as we’re concerned with defending our wealth, saving our skins, having our way, love has nowhere to go in us. We can say we love our families, our Church, our country, but if self-interest is in the room, we’re possessed by that spirit and nothing more.

Is self-interest really such a bad thing? Why not seek to be Number One and to love ourselves before anything else? Certainly, self-loathing is unproductive, and self-regard is healthy and necessary. But a world of self-interested people looks like—honestly, it looks like the world we have right now, full of grasping, greedy injustice inevitable, and violence a virtue. The love command is not a suggestion. It’s the only way to the people seeking dominance over others. It’s a world where fear is institutionalized, Kingdom coming.

*Question of the week: you love someone, what happens to self-interest?*

LET US PRAY... Lord God, we seek the arrival from ahead of us, the Kingdom coming, the satisfaction of our heart’s desire. Help us to remember that our hearts will be restless until they rest in you. Amen.

### Religious Education Information

**NEW PHONE NUMBER: Monday-Thursday call 856-845-6826**

**Sunday the number remains the same; 856-845-1660.**

**Registration for 2019-2020:** A Letter with information for the 2019-2020 year has been mailed. Summer Session will be the week of June 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> from 8:30-3:00 for the ONE WEEK for grades 1-8. Traditional Sunday morning for grades 1-6 and Traditional Sunday evening for grades 7 and 8. Home Schooling is held on the third Sunday of the month. **If you have not registered call the office and make an appointment to register your child/ren. Summer Session is filling up quickly. At the time of registration kindly bring the completed reflection forms.**

### Service

**Altar Servers:** Holy Angels Parish offers children the opportunity to participate at Mass in a special way as an altar server. The ministry offers to our youth the opportunity for service at the

altar. For children 3<sup>rd</sup> grade through high school we will be having training beginning at the end of April. If interested contact Deacon Vince at [dvladini@outlook.com](mailto:dvladini@outlook.com) or 609-932-6170.

**PEANUT BUTTER/JELLY** will be on **Wednesday, June 12th 6:30-7:30 pm**. **If you are planning to attend kindly bring a loaf of bread. Thank You! Our bread supply is running low. If you can donate a loaf or two bring the bread to class and I can place them in our freezer.** THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS who come month after month to make this happen.

**St. Vincent de Paul:** Thank you for your generous support throughout the year! If you or someone you know needs assistance, please call our help line: 856-848-7744. We are also looking for additional volunteers to help carry on our work. If you'd like to join us in this mission, please call the number above or join us at our next meeting: Tuesday, May 14th·7:00PM · Ministry Center

**St. Joseph's House of Camden:** is a non-profit shelter dedicated to caring for the homeless. The shelter is in need of casseroles. Contact Jerry Campbell at 856-435-0509 or email at [ccusato1@comcast.net](mailto:ccusato1@comcast.net) or Irene Clark at [iclark@holyangelsnj.org](mailto:iclark@holyangelsnj.org) or bring them to Family Faith Formation also Holy Angels Catholic School. (Students preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation who are using casseroles for service need to make 2 casseroles.) List the ingredients and tape it to the top of the casserole. Thank You! Next casserole pick up will be **Monday, June 3, 2019.** Thank You! St. Joseph House is also collecting coffee, tea and hot chocolate.

### **Events**

**DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS** If in this calendar year (1/1/19 through 12/31/19), you are celebrating a milestone wedding anniversary of 25, 50, 60 or 70 years or more of marriage, please join us in celebrating! Sunday, June 16th 3:00PM Mass St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish 591 New Jersey Ave · Absecon 08201 Celebrant: Bishop Sullivan A light reception will follow in the parish hall. Registration deadline is May 6, 2019. For more information and registration forms please contact your parish office.

**DYNAMIC CATHOLIC MISSION** There is no question that we are living in difficult times. How can you bring purpose into your everyday life? Discover your mission at the Ordinary Lives, Extraordinary Mission event. John Wood will be at the Church of the Incarnation, 240 Main Street, Mantua on Saturday, May 18th, 9:30AM–2:00PM to present “Ordinary Lives, Extraordinary Mission”. Tickets are \$20 per person and are available at: [www.DynamicCatholic.com/Mantua](http://www.DynamicCatholic.com/Mantua)

**MEMORIAL DAY MASS SCHEDULE** Remembering Those Who Have Served and Who Have Gone Before Us Memorial Day Masses are held in most of our Catholic cemeteries to honor those

who have served our country and paid the ultimate sacrifice. Please join us on May 27th. For a complete listing of locations and times, please visit us at [SouthJerseyCatholicCemeteries.org](http://SouthJerseyCatholicCemeteries.org). "I command you: be strong and steadfast! Do not fear nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God, is with you wherever you go." - Joshua 1:9