

**May 25, 2025**

***From Father Kirby...***

Happy Easter, Team Grace! As Christians, we continue to celebrate and rejoice over the Lord's Resurrection. Darkness has been scattered, death has been overcome, and sin has been vanquished. We are free. Alleluia! Let us rejoice and give thanks!

I'm happy to announce that our parish has been named *The Best of the Best Place of Worship* in Indian Land for 2025. The parish received an award this past week. We're humbled by the acknowledgement and will continue to do the Lord's work.

Thank you to everyone who offered prayers, cards, and gifts for my birthday. I'm very grateful. It was a joy to celebrate my 50<sup>th</sup> with our parish family!

Some things happening at the parish this week:

This Monday, May 26, is Memorial Day. As a nation, we pause and remember those who have died in defense of our freedoms. We'll have a Memorial Day Mass at 11:00 AM. A Procession and Blessing of a Memorial Wreath at the Holy Angels Columbarium will follow the Mass. Confessions will be heard before Mass from 10:00 AM – 10:30 AM. A Fellowship will follow after the Mass in the parking lot near the Holy Angels Columbarium. After the Mass and Fellowship, the campus and church building will be closed in honor of the holiday. All other events are suspended.

After sustained efforts by our Director of Buildings and Grounds, our air conditioning is now fully functioning in all parts of the church building. It's been a rough several weeks, especially for those in the Mass Training Room. Thank you for your patience! I'm grateful to now report that the entire system is now up and running.

The parish hosts the public praying of the holy Rosary several times a week: Mondays at 5:00 PM and Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at 11:30 AM. All are invited to come and be a part of this prayer time!

This Thursday, May 29, we're happy to welcome Dr. Michael Martocchio, the diocesan Director of Catechetics and Christian Initiation, to the parish. MJ Wallace and I will be meeting with him to review our catechetics program. *Due to these meetings, we will not have morning Confessions on May 29.*

This Friday evening, May 30, the parish is honored to host author and television personality, [Johnnette Williams](#). Johnnette is popularly recognized as the host of the EWTN show, [Women of Grace](#). We'll have a Sacred Music Concert at 6:30 PM and then Johnnette will give a talk on *Experience Grace in Abundance* at 7:00 PM. After the talk, we'll have a Fellowship and Book-Signing in the Parish Hall. Free copies of Johnnette's book on grace will be available to all participants.

The [calendar for the program year](#) 2025/2026 is now posted on our parish website. The calendar describes all our events and programs for the year. This is posted for your reference and information.

Some other events I'd like to highlight:

As a reminder, our Mass intention book for the coming program year (July 1 – June 30) opened yesterday, Saturday, May 24. I encourage everyone to make their Mass intentions as soon as possible since our Mass intentions for the year usually fill up pretty quickly.

Our next First Friday and First Saturday will be on June 6-7.

From June 9 - 18, I'll be away on a Jubilee Pilgrimage in the Footsteps of Saint Paul. I look forward to praying and offering Mass in the many places we've been hearing about in the Acts of the Apostles this Easter Season! Please know of my prayers for you and your families.

For the week of June 9 – 13, we're currently working to arrange for some pressing repairs to our parking lot. I'll have more updates by next Sunday.

On Saturday - Sunday, June 14-15, Father David Rivera from the Diocese of Camden, NJ, will be visiting our parish. Father Dave will hear our parish Confessions on Saturday at 3:00 PM and offer our Sunday morning Masses. *Welcome, Father Dave!*

On Monday – Tuesday, June 16-17, Father Robert Morey will be visiting the parish to hear Confessions and offer our daily Mass while I'm away. *Welcome, Father Morey!* Our schedule remains the same on these days except that there will be no *morning Confessions* on Tuesday, June 17. There will still be Confessions on Monday evening and Tuesday afternoon.

On Wednesday, June 18, there will be no public Mass. We will still have the Saint Joseph Prayers at 9:30 AM and Morning Prayer (Lauds) at 10:00 AM. The Saint Dymphna Novena will be prayed at 12 Noon and Adoration will follow until Benediction at 2:15 PM.

As a reminder, our parish staff can be readily reached via email. [Here is the staff directory.](#)

More updates next week! Oremus pro invicem (let's pray for one another)!

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