

May 3, 2026

5th Sunday of Easter

We are a New Creation ..Beautiful in Every Way !



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Sunday Mass - 11:15 AM  
Tuesday - 9:00 AM  
Confessions - Saturday 2:00 PM  
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Mon - Thurs 9:00 AM - 12:00PM

Bishop Mark O'Connell  
Bishop Emeritus Edward Scharfenberger

**Liturgy Schedule**

**Saturday**

**May 2, 2026 - 4:00 PM**

✠ Don Collins - By: Kim & Linda Balfour

**Sunday**

**May 3, 2026 - 11:15 AM**

✠ Frank Williams - By: Joan Williams

**Tuesday**

**May 5, 2026 - 9:00 AM**

✠ Elizabeth Balfour - By: Kim & Linda Balfour

**Saturday**

**May 9, 2026 - 4:00 PM**

✠ For All Mothers

**Sunday**

**May 10, 2026 - 11:15 AM**

✠ For All Mothers

**Tuesday**

**May 12, 2026 - 9:00 AM**

✠ For Grandparents, Aunts & Uncles

**Thursday**

**May 14, 2026 - 5:30 PM**

✠ Ascension Thursday

**EASTER 50: DAYS THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

Ever since the very beginning, disciples of the Way...disciples of Jesus Christ would gather and recall the mysteries of redemption. That somehow through the workings of the Spirit, the faithful would remember and celebrate that the boundless Love of God would be made present to people of every age and place...that there was no confining, deadening, or entombing the Life of Christ among us. Our faith is sacramental...not just remembered as a past event or a history to be recounted...but as an ongoing story that gives life...The Resurrection happens among, within, and through us...we are bold witnesses to the new Creation for all people. God's dream is our work. Each person makes a difference! We are always sent forth to embody Christ's love, Christ's justice, Christ's healing, and Christ's presence in every aspect of our life and the life of our world community. Never say, "I don't matter." because you do! You make all the difference in the world. Remember that our faith is not self centered...we are selfless...going out of ourselves to witness to the beauty, wonder, and sacredness of all life. May the restless Spirit of Resurrection within you never settle for less, the uninspired, the tired, the routine, the negative, or the untrue...but may you always seek to live the ideal, the truly creative, the most unsettling, the wildly adventurous, with the deepest respect and highest love for all people. The stone has been rolled away...let us journey forth...together! To share the image of resurrection, color a butterfly that will be placed on our Cross as a sign of hope

**Mass at Kingsway**

We will be celebrating Pentecost at Kingsway on Tuesday, May 19 at 2:00 & 3:00 PM. If you can help out please contact the office

**Please Pray for our Sick and Homebound**

Bella Stuart, Charlotte Marks, Joan Williams, Lorraine Duffy, Mary Brewer, Ken Chrinian, Paul Reveal, Ron Fagan, Jack Finn, Diane McCulloch, Gay Wolfgang, Colleen Schlicht and Lily Davis

**Beatitudes of Christian Living**

"Only in the heart of Jesus do we find the deep strength our soul needs." ~ Servant of God Elisabeth Leseur

When we anchor our lives together in His heart, we become a community strengthened by grace, steady in hope and ready to carry His love into the world

**Thinking of You.**

If you know of anyone in our parish or your family, that is in need of sunshine (Birthday, Get Well, Thinking of You) contact Barb Willoughby at (518) 469-4073. She will get a card out to them.

**4/25 & 4/26**

Candles	\$ 77.00
Collections	\$ 2,846.10
Rice Bowl	\$ 1,021.67
Food Pantry	\$ 1,230.00

Thank you for your contributions

**Quesadilla Nite**, Tuesday, May 5, 5:00 PM in Our Lady of the Valley Hall. A fiesta of Schoharie and Mexican delights, salads, rice, chicken and beef quesadillas, and Mariachi Music. Please bring a dessert to share.

**Bishop Mark O'Connell's Visit**

Saturday, June 27 - 4:00 PM. Mass Our new Bishop will be here at 2:00 PM in our hall to meet with parishioners. You are invited to this discussion sharing snacks and participating at Mass

**Rachel's Vineyard**

Healing the trauma of abortion, one weekend at a time

**Hope and Healing After Abortion**

*Rachel's Vineyard is a ministry that focuses on healing and hope for those grieving the loss of a child from an abortion*

DATE: May 29-31, 2026

PLACE: Dominican Retreat & Conference Center, Niskayuna, NY

**Mother's Day**

The Pastoral Council will be hosting a coffee hour next Sunday May 10 in the hall, following the 11:15 AM Mass.

The Knights of Columbus will also be handing out flowers after both Masses to all the women of the parish

**Ascension Thursday Mass**

May 14 - 5:30 PM at LaSalle Park Pavilion, Schoharie. After Mass, we are having a submarine sandwich picnic; please bring a salad or dessert to share.

**Pastoral Care Ministers Retreat  
June 11, 2026  
9:30 AM to 3:00 PM  
Carondelet Hospitality Center  
385 Watervliet-Shaker Road, Latham**

***The Hidden Face of Hope***

**Memorial Day Parade**

Will be on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 at 6:30 PM

**Prayer Ministry** prays for anyone in need of prayer. You can request prayers or join in this ministry. Call James Keller at (518) 295-7970 or at jamesakeller@msn.com. From our lips to God's ears. Give your concerns to God and join your parish family in faith.

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE	
Saturday, 5/2	Saturday, 5/9
LECTOR Joe Oehler	LECTOR Jeannette Coppolo
<b>EUCARISTIC MINISTERS</b> Ruth Kulesa Mary Ann Conway Jeannette Coppolo	<b>EUCARISTIC MINISTERS</b> John Hochmuth Dianne Church Cindy Wright
Sunday, 5/3	Sunday, 5/10
LECTOR Pat Van Slyck	LECTOR Santino Bailey
<b>EUCARISTIC MINISTERS</b> Raquel Okyay Cathy Callahan Jose Flores	<b>EUCARISTIC MINISTERS</b> Josephine Errichetto Janet Korwan Peg O'Connor
<b>COUNTERS</b> Janet Korwan Noel Luby Ellen Snowdon	<b>COUNTERS</b> Janet Ingro Janine Dowling Kris Zedaker

**GIFT:** Please welcome **Mia Flores Seibert** to the table of the Lord this weekend.  
Confirmation Schedule: Small Group Session 5:  
(Mystagogy): Sunday, May 31 at 1:00 PM in the center

**Congratulations** to our parishioners that were confirmed this past weekend at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Collin Castle, Jack Mormando, Fletcher Mormando, Maya Murphy & Elise McDonald. Cards are available to share a message or prayer in the entranceway.

**May is Mental Health Awareness**

**See the Person, Support the Journey.** "Supporting someone living with a serious mental illness starts with understanding. Learning about mental health conditions can help you respond with empathy and confidence." (www.samhsa.gov) Remember all those who experience mental illness, their families, and care providers in your daily prayers this month. For information about local mental health resources visit [worksofmercyschdy.org](http://worksofmercyschdy.org) and click on our "Resources" tab. **If you believe danger to self or others is imminent call 911**

**Women's Group**

The women's group will be meeting this Wednesday, May 6 at 2:00 PM in the hall

**Our Lady of Fatima Mission Statement**

At our Lady of Fatima, Delanson, we are God's people sharing a responsibility to witness God's unconditional love and to bring God's healing presence to our world through our service to our community and beyond.

**WE PRAY EASTER**

Our Church is alive with flowers, colors, aromas, and Easter faith during these 50 Days of Resurrection. Our music and song gather, inspire, and uplift. Each week we exclaim "Glory to God", singing of a new Creation. Our response to the Acts of the Apostles (our first reading during Easter) is Psalm 118 "Sing to the mountains, sing to the sea, Raise your voices, lift your hearts. This is the day the Lord has made. Let all the earth rejoice. "We approach the Gospel with the exuberant Caribbean "Alleluia. Jesus is the way the truth, the truth, the life. We renew our faith in a resounding "I do to" to the Creedal questions. When we gather around the Lord's Table we sing of our mystery: "Save us, Savior of the Lord, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free. "We are sent forth with an Alleluia in our heart witnessing to the unconditional love of God.

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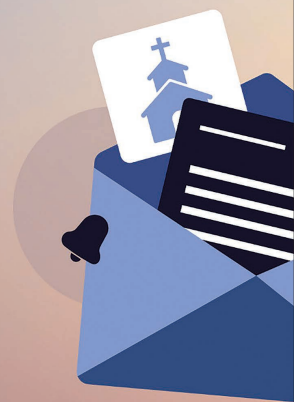
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