

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 7, 2023

SAINT CECILIA CHURCH, FONDA NY
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“In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?” - Jn 14:2

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COLLECTIONS & ATTENDANCE

APRIL 29 & 30, 2023—WEEKEND TOTALS:

| COLLECTIONS: | SH | SC |
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| WEEKLY COLLECTION | 1417.00 | 691.00 |
| OTHER | 30.00 | 105.00 |
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| PARISH TOTAL | 1447.00 | 796.00 |

OTHER- E-GIVING, VIA USPS

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sat. May 6, 4:00 pm (SH) - In memory of the deceased members of the Roginski family, requested by George Stanwick.

Sun. May 7, 8:30 am (SC) - 1.) In memory of Alex & Betty Adesse, requested by their daughters.

2.) In memory of Nicholas Galeazza, requested by George & Pat Galeazza.

Mon. May 8 thru Sun. May 14, 2023

Mon. May 8, 8:00 am (SC) - Healing intentions for Ed Kosinski, requested by Michele Furnare.

Tue. May 9, 8:00 am (SC) - Healing intentions for Gale Habla Russell, requested by Michele Furnare.

Sat. May 13, 4:00 pm (SH) - 1.) In memory of George & Maria Kovian, requested by Christine Wolff & Theresa Kovian.

2.) For the repose of the soul of Belinda Douglas, requested by George Stanwick.

3.) In memory of Frances Opalka, requested by her daughter Barbara.

Sun. May 14, 8:30 am (SC) - 1.) In memory of Ralph & Sadie Mancini, requested by their children.



Lector/Eucharistic Ministers

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| May 6 (SH) | Katherine Downing Kathy Avery | May 13 (SH) | Christine Caffrey Tony Stellato |
| May 7 (SC) | James Wray Michele Furnare | May 14 (SC) | Kathy Marcais Bill Quinn |

Counters Schedule

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|-------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|
| May 9 (SH) | Chris Caffrey Barb Bilins | May 16 (SH) | Katherine Downing Kathy Avery |
| May 8 (SC) | Bette Papa Sandy Hayes | May 15 (SC) | Lorna Quinn Flo Stanton |

Food Pantry

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| May 24 (SC) | Bette Papa Flo Stanton Marjorie Savoie | |
| June 7 (SH) | Barb Bilins Wendy Hall | |

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

May 7, 2023 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

If you had to summarize the essential core of the Christian life, what would it be? Mercy, truth, or love, perhaps? The readings today suggest another word which may surprise you. That word is *priesthood*.

St. Peter says to us, “**You are a ‘chosen race, a royal priesthood...**” To be part of a priesthood is to offer a particular sacrifice in order for the community to survive and thrive. Jesus is the great high priest because he offers the one perfect sacrifice which heals and perfects the entire human race. Peter the Apostle wants us to know that all the baptized share in this priestly ministry. The whole of our lives, including every detail, is meant to become our acceptable offering to God.

The baptized exercise this priesthood in many ways, I’ll mention three. At Sunday Mass, in private prayer, and in daily work. At Mass, we offer the sacrifice of our lives with that of the priest, who symbolizes Christ the Priest. In our prayer, a “morning offering” prayer is a great way to offer up all the joys and sufferings of the day to come. In our daily work, we sacrifice our time, comfort, money, and energy to do good for others. All this gives the deepest possible meaning to our lives: we share in the priesthood which saves the world. That’s at the core of our faith.

~Father John Muir

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The month of May is the "month which the piety of the faithful has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady," and it is the occasion for a "moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world [pay] to the Queen of Heaven. During this month Christians, both in church and in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance" (Paul VI: Encyclical).

This Christian custom of dedicating the month of May to the Blessed Virgin arose at the end of the 13th century. In this way, the Church was able to Christianize the secular feasts which were wont to take place at that time. In the 16th century, books appeared and fostered this devotion.

The practice became especially popular among the members of the Jesuit Order — by 1700 it took hold among their students at the Roman College and a bit later it was publicly practiced in the Gesu Church in Rome. From there it spread to the whole Church.

The practice was granted a partial indulgence by Pius VII in 1815 and a plenary indulgence by Pius IX in 1859. With the complete revision of indulgences in 1966 and the decreased emphasis on specific indulgences, it no longer carries an indulgence; however it certainly falls within the category of the First General Grant of Indulgences. (A *partial indulgence* is granted to the faithful who, in the performance of their duties and in bearing the trials of life, raise their mind with humble confidence



Parish Announcements

Second Collection: Our second collection will be for repairs and maintenance for our church buildings and grounds. Thank you for your continued support of our parishes.

Sacred Heart Daily Number Drawing: The Daily Number Fundraiser has returned to our parish. Tickets will be available for the June drawing. Please help support the fundraisers of both parishes. **It counts!!!**

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Sacred Heart- \$8538. Assessment with a balance of **\$5,329.**

Fr. Juanito's Availability: For sacramental needs, please contact the parish office to set up a meeting. Please notify the parish office if a family member has been admitted to a healthcare facility or hospital. To contact Fr. Juanito via phone or email, (609) 772-1602 or frijbcasper@yahoo.com

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May 18—Ascension

May 28—European Relief

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



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