#### **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

# Mass Intentions

5-8	Mon	9:00 AM	Rose Meder
			By Ricky Ashmore
5-9	Tues	9:00 AM	Helen Mulkins
			By Marge LaFave
5-10	Wed	9:00 AM	Patrick Materazzo
			By his wife Josephine
			& family
5-11	Thurs	9:00 AM	Chuck LaFave
			By Marge LaFave
5-12	Fri	9:00 AM	Communion Service
5-13	Sat	5: PM	Chuck LaFave
			By Marge LaFave
5-14	Sun	8:30 AM	James Sliney
			By Yvonne Sliney
	Sun 10:30 AM		Judith Lauer Klein
			By Bridgitte Shepardson

## **NYS Eucharistic Congress**

Catholics from across New York State are planning to come together at Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine in Auriesville on October 20-22, 2023 to celebrate the real presence of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. The Congress will feature inspiring talks, Mass, Eucharistic adoration, opportunities for confessions, inspiring music and more. For details and to register, log onto <u>https://nyseucharisticcongress.org</u> See the flyers on the bulletin boards in the vestibule for more information.



It's that time of year! If you would like to give our Heavenly Father a helping hand in caring for creation

please volunteer to help with our Biblical Gardens. It involves maintaining the gardens and planting annuals. Times and days are flexible and any age is welcome to join in. Please contact Pat Smith at 607-563-3118, text at 607-338-2165 or email guiltedduck@gmail.com.

If you or someone you know could use a motorized wheelchair, please contact Chris Granan at 607-563-1503.

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We are still on our Easter journey allowing our Risen Lord to open our eyes to the truth of transcendence reality. We ask for his grace and the strength to steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life.

The readings for this fifth Sunday of Easter talk about our share in the life and ministry of Jesus Christ. The readings remind us of our baptismal call to love and serve Christ in one another.

In the second reading, Saint Peter tells us that we are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people set apart for God's mission on earth. He helps us to know our Christian dignity, as living stones built into a spiritual household.

As baptized Christians, we share in the life and ministry of Christ in his love, trust, prayer and humble service to others.

This call to discipleship involves challenges such as we find in the first reading where the early church in Jerusalem experienced some form of internal conflict or crisis. There was dissension between the Hellenists and the Hebrews over the daily distribution of food to the widows. The Hellenists were the Jews born and bred outside Palestine. These Greek-speaking Christians complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected or overlooked in the daily distribution of material goods.

The Apostles addressed this internal conflict by appointing seven deacons filled with the Spirit and wisdom to oversee this special task so that they can devote themselves to prayer and the ministry of the word. The seven deacons worked tirelessly to serve the physical needs of the Christian community and there was peace and unity among all members.

In the gospel, Jesus spoke to his disciples about his betrayal and imminent death. This pronouncement threw the disciples into confusion, fear, and doubt for their future. Jesus told them to not let their hearts be troubled but have faith in God and faith in him. He promised to prepare a place for his disciples in his father's house and return to take them to himself so that where he is they too can be with him.

Thomas wanted be certain of where Jesus was going. He asked for a roadmap or some kind of global positioning system (GPS) that will direct him and the other disciples to God's house.

Jesus declared: "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no one comes to the father except through him."

Philip said to Jesus "Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us." Phillip spoke on behalf of all of us. His words reveal the longing of our human hearts. We seek the face of God, to know him, love him and serve him.

It is through Jesus that we have access to God, the father. Just as Jesus has an intimate relationship with God so he invites us to be one with his father and others. As Christians we are called to bring encouragement, comfort, and hope to troubled hearts. This week let us think of how we can bring Christ's presence to others through our words and actions. Let us prove ourselves as living stones built on Christ who walk in his way, rejoice in his truth, and share in his risen life.

God bless

Rev. Dr. Ben

Veekend of May 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 First Reading- Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8, 14-17 Saturday 5:30 PM Celebrant: Fr. Ben Lector: Jane Artis Eucharistic Ministers: Pat Elbrecht Altar Servers: Jack, Henry & Ella Grigoli

Second Reading- 1 Peter 3:15-18 Sunday 8:30 AM Fr. Ben Kerri Green Ginni Brandt Anderson & Garret Callender 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Gospel- John 14:15-21 Sunday 10:30AM Fr. Ben Judy Roldan Pat Smith Ayla, Quinn & Liam Gronwall

Offerings of April 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 Regular, \$2,539.00; Fuel, \$115.00; Evangelist, \$50.00



May 7th-9:20-10:20 AMPreK-10th grade classesRetreat for First Communion Classbegins with 10:30 AM MassMay 14th-9:20-10:20First Communion Class meets

The weekend of April 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023 the regular collection was \$2,539.00. The budget for the regular collection is \$2,736.00. Last weekend, the regular collection was \$197.00 below budget. Since July 1, 2022, we have collected \$111,588.00, which is \$6,060.00 below budget.

## Upcoming May Meetings and Events

## All meetings are held in the Parish Center unless otherwise noted.

- 10<sup>th</sup>- Rosary Society praying the Rosary after morning Mass
- 11<sup>th</sup>- Finance Council meeting Old Church 6:30 PM
- 14<sup>th</sup>- Mother's Day Breakfast after 8:30 & 10:30 AM Masses
- 15<sup>th</sup>- Knights of Columbus meeting 6:30 PM
- 18<sup>th</sup>- Pastoral Council meeting Old Church6:30 PM
- 25<sup>th</sup>- Share the Bounty 4:30-6:30 PM

## Knights of Columbus Scholarship



The Knights of Columbus Council 4937 is once again offering a scholarship to a graduating high school senior. Applications are available in the vestibule and can be submitted to Chuck Collier at chcollier@yahoo.com.

## Alice Holzel Scholarship

Alice Holzel, a parishioner of Sacred Heart who passed away in 2021, bequeathed money to establish a scholarship for graduating seniors who are registered parishioners of Sacred Heart. Applications for this scholarship are available in the blue folder on the vestibule bulletin board. Applications must be returned by May 14<sup>th</sup> to the Faith Formation Office or to Paula Ciborowski.

## **Covers of Love**

The Covers of Love at Saint Paul's Church on River Street in addition to the items listed on the bulletin board in the vestibule is in great need of men's undershirts size Large and Extra Large. Donations can be dropped off in the receptacle in the vestibule or you can take your donations to Saint Paul's on Wednesday mornings between 9:30-11:00 AM. If you have questions contact Karen Jones at 607-829-8327.

## May Bulletin Quotes

"Without a foundational, practical formation, it is difficult for our consciences to guide us well in concrete situations. As Catholics, we have the immense gift of the teaching authority of the Catholic Church and can turn to it for help forming our consciences. For example, learning about Christian moral principles, reading the Catechism of the Catholic Church, or researching what the Church says about a challenging teaching will help us grow in knowledge of the truth."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Understanding Conscience"

## Worldwide Marriage Encounter - Beloved, Come to Him

1 Peter 2:4-5: "Beloved: Come to him, a living stone, rejected by human beings but chosen and precious in the sight of God, and, like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house..." Come build a spiritual house within your marriage by signing up for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. There you and your spouse will come together to learn how to build the best relationship and strengthen your marriage. Worldwide Marriage Encounter sponsors a variety of inperson and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Registration is limited: there is a \$100 application fee. For more information or to apply, call Frank & Margie Pearson at 860-337-2447 or https://wwmectw.org/

June 2-4, 2023 in Upton, MA

Jun 23-25, 2023 and September 22-24, 2023 in Huntington, NY August 11-13, 2023 in CT October 20-22, 2023 in VT

## Attention Single Women: Could God be calling you?

Do you think God may be calling you to the religious life-a life of love and service through the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience? Would you like to learn more about such a life? If you would like to learn more about the religious life, please contact Sister Laurie-Marie, C.R. at <u>lauriemarie.parisi@rcda.org</u> or call 518-453-6690 for more information.

Sexual Abuse is a sin and a crime. The Diocese of Albany urges all who suspect abuse of a minor by a member of the clergy, church employee or volunteer, to report this to a local law enforcement agency or District Attorney's office. Additional information for reporting may be found at <u>https://www.rcda.org/offices/protectingchildren-young-people</u>. You may also contact the Diocesan Assistance Coordinator, Frederick Jones, at 518-453-6646 or <u>assistance.coordinator@rcda.org</u>.

Please pray for the following people, who have requested our prayers: Gussie Shifflett, Steve Pickwick, Joe LaFave, Ginni Roe, Gabi Bakeman, Bettye Pete, George Mertz, Kimberlee Roe, Grady Charles Weigand, Kevin, Michael Bell, Barbara Bennett, Daniel Rickard, Andre' Lundstrom, Mark & Andrea, Kim Sumski, Dorothy Kashuda, Alyson Sabillon, Linda Falk, Jake Delay, Debra Barnard, Diane, Bonnie La Voie, Doug Williams, Faith Williams, Don Butler, Debra Patterson, Ed Nicol, Dawn Maruszewski, Carey, Madlyn Sumski, Alex Roberts, Paul J. Hamilton, Sr., Ray & Mary Munetz, Jazmers Moore, Bruce Allen, Kimberly Bosket, David Rivera, Jackie Bargher, Matthew Baxter, Darline Smith, Daniel, Joseph Dermody, Alice Anderson, Jeremy Matviak, Sandy Kemp, George Walters, Lorraine Keckeisen, Maria LaBar, Kathryn Wickham, Patrick, John McCann, Natalie Stone, Marian Heeps, Mary Kolermous, Clare Sterchak, Terri Cristofaro, Nancy Daugherty, Mark Morotwe, Sharon Guenther, Kira Cronk, Liliana, Terry Yackel, Fr. Hearn, Jack Yackel, Jim Mylotte, Alice Walters, Mariah Pierce, Rev. Steve Deckard, Terry Nicolini, Tammy Byrnes, Nick Gibson, Andy Woods, Bob Jenks, Jane, Dolores Storzinger, Alexis Spencer, Susan Chidester, Maureen Joy, Ines Warlock, Alyce Hopkins, Bob Dliver, Eugene & Yvonne Cutler, Rose LoCasci, Timothy Bell, Jamie Mathewson, Barb Doyle, Ruth Glaum, Tom DeMulder, Holly North, Dixy Pflug, Maryann Cottrell, Tony & Lila Donnolo, Stefanie Smith, Celeste Hartman, John Alksnis, Aidan Burns, Bill, Alicen Knapp Feroleto, Assunta Siniscalchi, James Jennings. Marge Suriano, Marlena Keath, Marian Agyemang, Frank Holley, Nicholas Gaedeke, Pat Hamilton, Alfredine Duguay, Gary Maraia, Leon Matthews, Rachel Feyh, Mike Andersen, Marge LaFave, Denise Dinato, Joe Maggio, Theresa Horton, Dlivia Ross & family, Steve Barber, Anne Terzo, Eric Roll, Regina Mathewson, Vicki Czapnik, Paul McCarthy, Barbara Haynes, Jess Johansen, Renee Joseph, Susan Pondolfino, Sean Granan, Charlie Washburn, Marge Ramsey, Beverly Pierce, Fran Groshans, Marion Ki

Please Note: All names will remain on our list and all will be prayed for unless our office is notified to remove an individual.

