

Seventh Sunday of Easter**June 1-2, 2019****Fr. Anthony Ligato*****An eternal bond of unity made possible by Jesus!***

Have you noticed what has been happening over the past several years with Clubs, Fraternal organizations and other civic groups, they can't get people to volunteer to join and help further the mission of these organizations. These clubs and organizations are sadly disappearing from our civic communities. Look what has happened with the Flag Day Parade in Troy or the Uncle Sam Parade in Lansingburgh, they are no more because they could not get volunteers or support. Even some of our Veterans organizations can not find enough support for their Posts and organizations. This is the sad reality of today.

We are not immune to this in the Church, organizations such as Altar Rosary Societies, Women Guilds, Church Men Clubs, Knights of Columbus Councils and other such organizations, are finding it increasingly difficult to attract new members. As a matter of fact, the church as a whole is finding it increasingly challenging to attract new parishioners and when we do it is difficult to get parishioners to join these important and venerable organizations which help further the mission of the church. These are the groups that do the backbone of the work in all our parishes. If they are not there, who will do the work? These organizations help people to feel connected to the entire Body of Christ, through volunteering for ministry or through the ministry they provide to others. They visit the home bound keeping them connected and reminding them they are not forgotten. They bring social services such as food, clothing and other needed items to the poor, the impoverished and marginalized. Without these organizations what happens to these people?

What is the cause of this? Sociologists will point to many different reasons for this shift in the need for people of like mind and values coming together in mission and support. Here are some of the reasons, a shift in values. People today do not feel the organizations of past generations speak to their values and concerns. Social Media, people have found a community in cyber space, whether or not this community is real or perceived it has affected how people interact with one another. This has caused us to be more isolated from one another and even from ideas. We can comfortably only expose ourselves to the ideas, morals and values that do not challenge us. And when we don't like the beliefs or values someone else shares on Facebook, twitter or other social networking sites, we can attack them from the safety and comfort of our homes. But at the end of the day when we put the smart phone down or walk away from the computer, we are alone! As Roman Catholics, our Christian world is defined by the Eucharistic. Everything we profess in faith proclaims our union with the Father, made possible by the union we have in the Son through the power of the Holy Spirit. Our union with our Lord Jesus Christ which brings us into union with the Father means at the end of the day we are never alone. As a matter of fact we are brought into union with everyone through Jesus Christ, that everyone who has

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gone before us from Abraham, Isaac and Jacob to the Prophets of the Old Testament to our Blessed Mother, the Apostles, Martyrs and all the Saints; we as the faithful are caught up in God's unfolding plan of salvation which we experience each time we come together in communion to receive the Eucharist. We are definitely not alone!

Through our participation in the Eucharist we experience in our lives today the future promise of God's glory. "Lifting his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed saying, Holy Father, I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me." (John 17: 20-21) Jesus' union with the Father is seen in our own union with Jesus Christ and with one another. The cross becomes a contradiction, it is sign of suffering and death as well as being a sign of hope and new life. When we look at the cross we see beyond the cross to the empty tomb and to the Ascension. What Jesus has done for us in the past, we remember in this Eucharistic celebration. We are in union with this past event because it is not happening in the past but rather it is happening in the present moment and we are in union with the event in this present moment. That is why having the crucifix of our Lord Jesus Christ always before us reminds us of what has brought us into union with the Father, this great sacrifice of the Son. It is made present to us today through the power of the Holy Spirit. It conveys for us today the future promise and glory of the resurrection. Our union with God for all eternity.

The knowledge of union lived out and experience by St. Stephen who was the first martyr of the Church, gave him the courage and faith to know that even as he was being martyred, he was not left alone. "As they were stoning Stephen, he called out, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. Then he fell to his knees and cried out in a loud voice, Lord, do not hold this sin against them." (Act: 7:55-60) Stephen prayed to Our Lord Jesus Christ in the same way Christ prayed to the Father when he was on the cross, "Father forgive them for they know not what they do." Stephen forgave Saul (Paul) who instigated the stoning. His ability to forgive was because he was in union with Jesus Christ. If we could all only be in union with Christ in the same way Stephen was and is, how much more we could forgive. We just have to remember; we are not alone!

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Anthony

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Seventh Sunday of Easter

PRAYERS

We will pray for those who are ill, hospitalized, recuperating and all those who are in need of prayers. If you know someone who could use prayers, please call the Parish Office and leave their name for inclusion in the bulletin. Please make sure you have their permission to do so. This week we pray for the following people:

Jacqueline Ackner, Anne Antdomi, Raymond Bagley, Carol Bennete, Colleen Bornhorst, Ann Burke, Bryce Chapman, Jordan Correll, Bob & Rose Davignon, Michelle Darcy, Chester DeBell Sr., Tina Demczar, Edward Doin, Edward Dworakowski, Theresa Dworakowski, Joseph Esposito, Thomas Esposito, Ralph Esposito, Dina Fasola, Donna Flinton, Brenda Flynn, Dick Galvin, Marilyn Gorman, Dave Grinko, Pat Harley, Tony Huneau, Mary Ellen Gibson, Margaret Hoban, Debbie Hopkins, Monique Inyard, Dorothy Jones, Mary Keeley, Edward Kehn Jr., Richard Abeott Kibbey, Tayla Kreiger, Anthony Mainello, Craig Maloney, Jimmy Margo, Charlie Martinec, Mary McMahan, Chuck Miorin, Debra Moulton, Anne McHugh, Morgan McEvilly, Stella Muzicka, Christine Pangburn, Dawn Perlmin, Mary Phibbs, Ron Quell, Jack Reid, Bonnie Ritrovoto, Laney Robillard, David & Roni Ruppert, Christopher Russell, Jason Russell, Kirstin Shoemaker, Kenny Schroeder, Kaleb Schwartz, Derrick Senior, Margaret Shields, Mary Signorelli, Courtney Sims, Anne Stevens, John Sullivan, Shirley Talbot, Joseph Tenzyk, Anthony Valenti, Ashley Valenti, Madeline Valenti, J. Van Amburgh, Holly Wait and Sharon Wiliking.

ACTIVE, RESERVE AND NATIONAL GUARD

PRAYER LIST

We would like to pray for all our military personnel in our Parish and we would like to include their names in the bulletin each week. We request that you assist us by submitting the names to the Parish Office so that these service members can be included in our prayers. **SFC. Michael Baker, Matthew S. Cannon, Staff Sergeant Colton Correll Staff, Third Class Petty Office Christopher Fox, USMC—CPL W (Mac) Harkin, Richard Abott Kibbey, Prt. 1st Class Patrick Long Marines, AB Mary B. McDade, 1st Lieutenant Joe McMillen, First Sergeant Aime Moore, LCpl. Matthew T. Nero US Marines, Airman 1st Class Michael D. Jennings, Master Sergeant Richard Palasz, Specialist Joshua Abbott .**

SANCTUARY VOTIVE CANDLE

St. Jude the Apostle Church provides the opportunity for a sanctuary votive candle intention. This intention is the same cost as a mass intention. The sanctuary candle is in memory of a particular person. It will appear weekly at the top of the daily mass intention in the bulletin. If you would like to have a sanctuary votive light please call the Parish Office.

DID YOU KNOW?

We bring Communion to those in our parish community who are homebound and cannot attend Mass. If you know of someone who is unable to attend Mass and would like to receive communion and a visit, please call the Parish Office at 283-1162.

2019 BISHOP'S APPEAL

We are in the midst of the 2019 Bishop's Appeal. We have gotten off to a very good start and I want to thank everyone who has pledged. We will continue the Bishop's Appeal Campaign throughout the month of May and June. You will find envelopes and pencils at the end of each row. You can place your envelope in the regular collection, or you can mail it in or drop it off at the Parish Office. Your support is greatly appreciated in helping us meet our assessed goal for the 2019 Bishop' Appeal.

2019 Assessment goal: **\$48,556.00**

Pledges to Date: \$40,614.00

Number of Gifts to Date: 175

Thank you for your support,
Fr. Anthony Ligato

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Many thanks for all who participated in the Memorial Day Parade for St. Jude the Apostle! A Great way of evangelize!!

Have you ever wanted to learn how to dance?

St. Jude the Apostle has the opportunity to offer this year FREE tuition for St. Jude Parishioners for a 12 week beginner Clogging Class! The Cloggers are that wonderful group who attends our Festival every year,. If you are 7 years of age or older, the beginner class starts on Tuesday, September 17 at Tamarac Middle School Cafeteria at 6PM. Contact Fran Beaudoin at 518-279-3067 to register!

PENTECOST

Pentecost will be here next week making the end of the Easter Season. The Church color for Pentecost is Red and we would love to see as many of you as possible wearing red. A Community in red celebrating Pentecost brings us all together.

PARISH NUSRSE

Here are some Guidelines for Blood Donation:

- Age 17-no upper age limit
- Asthma and/or allergies-as long as there is no shortness of breath you are good to give.
- Blood Pressure-Must be between 80/50 to 180/100 at the time of donation.
- Any one with a fever is not eligible to donate.
- A whole blood donor can donate every 56 days

Please consider donating this year on June 22 from 8AM until 1PM in Dammann Hall.

JUNE 6, 2019

ST. JUDE THE APOSTLE SCHOOL

Wynantskill, NY



Red Nose Day 2019

St. Jude the Apostle School did their part to help eliminate childhood poverty by participating in Red Nose Day 2019! Our red noses could be seen all around the school and even as far away as the Bronx Zoo!

“A Red Nose encourages people to come together, share a laugh, and gives the world something to smile about. It’s a powerful way to start a conversation about Red Nose Day and its goal: to end child poverty one nose at a time.”

From Fr. Paul Smith

From June of 1959 to September of 1964, I had the privilege of servicing and being served by the people of St. Jude Parish and School, My first assignment and source of so many beautiful memories. In gratitude, I wish to invite any and all friends to a fun time on Sunday afternoon, June 23rd, 2019 from 12PM until 4PM at St. Lucy’s Parish Center in Altamont, where we can reconnect over ice cream and punch and just celebrate on a summer afternoon. Kindly RSVP to Karla at the Parish Office, 283-1162. There will be 2 parish lots or the Altamont School lot located directly across the street for the St. Lucy Parish Center for Parking! Hope to see you there!



Sunday Funday with the Tri-City Valley Cats

August 25, 2019

Tickets are \$5.00 each and it includes the game, fireworks and a voucher for a hot dog, chips, and a soda!

Pastoral Council members will be selling tickets in the vestibule of the Church after all masses. There are only 250 available and sell quickly so get yours early!



DOORS OF HOPE

This is our local food pantry that aids our community members. The needs of those who are struggling never diminish. Please give generously to help our community pantry provide food and personal care items to those in need. Suggested items needed are: *pancake mix, syrup, cereal, canned pasta/meat meals, shampoo, feminine products and bar soap.*

16 bags were received and brought to Doors of Hope last week. Thank you for your generosity.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

ROAR!



July 8-12, 2019 (9:00a.m.-Noon)

(\$30.00 For 1 Child, \$15.00 For each additional child)

Life is wild, but God is good.



ESCAPE TO ATHENS WITH PAUL
July 22-26, 2019
9:00a.m.-Noon

(\$30.00 For 1 Child, \$15.00 For each additional child)

Please call the Parish Office for a Registration Form (518) 283-1162

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TEAM PATHWAYS

I know some of us have been inquiring about registering for next year already, which is great. I am going to attach a link so you can reg. Online. The link will send you to google form to fill out and submit.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1g3vijpiUk73J8vryCInEK4vIZg2aVnRcfcuygIPVFv8/viewform?edit_requested=true

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Announced Masses

Saturday, June 1

4:00PM Joseph Frost, *Mon, Dad, Matthew & Taye*
David Manning Jr., *Wife & Family*
Mary Marzola, *T.J. & Jan Jackson*
Frances Kippen, *Anne & Leonard*
McHugh
William Zullo, *Sue, Nadine, Mary Ellen*
& Connie

Sunday, June 2

9:00AM Evelino DiFiore, *Dom & Sue DiFiore*
Richard Stuffbeam, *Family*
Joseph & Frances Sheeran, *Family*
11:30AM Robert Collins Van Vorst, *Family*
Richard Dworakowski, *Mary Ann Grace*

Monday, June 3

8:00AM Anne Giordano, *Daughter*

Tuesday, June 4

8:00AM Ric Dworakowski, *Andy Maloney*
Ronald Bolduc, *Susan Roz*

Wednesday, June 5

8:00AM Philomena Riccardi,
Lindo & Marilyn Signorelli

Thursday, June 6

8:00AM Kevin Gilooly, *Family*

Friday, June 7

8:00AM Ric Dworakowski,
Joe & Marie Kruczynicki

Saturday, June 8

4:00PM Harry Hannigan, *Son*
Ned McLaughlin, *TJ & Jan Jackson*
Louise Kehn, *Ed & Maureen Kehn*
Phillip Martiney, *Monahan Siblings*

Sunday, June 9

9:00AM Carolyn Gerrard,
Marianne Shoen Hunter & Family
Jarid Valenti, *Mom*
Bill Barber Jr., *Sister Ada*
11:30AM Richard Dworakowski, *Toni Brown*

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Weekend of June 8th & 9th, 2019

	<u>4PM</u>	<u>9AM</u>	<u>11AM</u>
Lectors	1. M. Collins	N. Clemenzi	K. Giglia
	2. J. Flanigan	J. Dalmata	L. Burzesi
Ministers	H. C. Tenzyk	Dcn. Warren	MH. Donnelly
	1. A. Devine	A. Maloney	S. Moore
	2. T. Devine	J. Miller	Jessica D.
	3. K. Harriman	R. Palasz	
	4. M. Hunt	L. Terry	
Altar Servers	1. N. Harriman	M. Ascioti	G. Moore
	2. A. Harriman	I. Joseph	S. Moore
	3. A. Hein	N. Ascioti	R. Moore

Readings for the week of June 2, 2019

Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53

7th Sunday of Easter: Acts 7:55-60/Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9 [1a, 9a]/Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/Jn 17:20-26

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab [33a]/Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 [33a]/Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab [33a]/Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab [19a]/Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 [cf. 7b]/Jn 21:20-25

Next Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39.

Week Ending May 26, 2019

Amount Received From Offertory Collection	\$5,036.00
Amount Received from Electronic Giving	
Total Received Last Weekend	\$5,036.00
Budgeted Weekly Need	\$4,977.00
Last Week's Difference: Over (Under) Budget	\$59.00
Year-To-Date Fiscal Year	
Received Year - to - Date	\$262,207.14
Budgeted Year -To -Date	\$258,344.00
Year - To - Date Difference: Over (Under) Budget	\$3,863.14

COLLECTION COUNTER TEAMS

June 2, 2019 Team #1 Mary Ellen Hunt
 June 9, 2019 Team #2 Peter McMillen
 June 16, 2019 Team #3 Bob Myron
 June 23, 2019 Team #4 John Waterbury
 June 30, 2019 Team #5 Cherie Aanonsen
 July 7, 2019 Team #6 Tanya Halse
 July 14, 2019 Team #7 Rose Galipeau
 July 21, 2019 Team #1 Mary Ellen Hunt

Mass Schedule for our Local Catholic Community

Sacred Heart Sat. 4PM, Sun. 8:30AM & 10:30AM
 Weekday Mon.-Fri. 9AM

St. Jude Sat. 4PM, Sun. 9AM & 11:30AM
 Weekday Mon.-Fri. 8AM

St. Michael Sat. 5:15PM, Sun. 7:30AM & 10:15AM
 Weekday Mon-Thru. 12:10PM

Van Rensselaer Manor Tuesdays at 1:45PM