

Mass Intentions for the Week

- 4-29 Mon 9:00 AM Doris Dean
By Nancy Ives
Healing for Jo Slovak
By Father Peter
- 4-30 Tues 9:00 AM Mary Alice Bagley
By the Lakin family
- 5-1 Wed 9:00 AM Pat Materazzo
By Josephine
- 5-2 Thurs 9:00 AM All deceased parishioners
- 5-3 Fri 9:00 AM Communion Service
- 5-4 Sat 4:00 PM Mary Bagley
By Audry Herbig &
Ian Ostrander
- 5-5 Sun 10:30 AM Anne M. Powell
By Jane Hamilton

Fifth of Sunday of Easter

Spring is the season for preparing fields and gardens for growth. Debris is cleared away. Soil is turned over for seeding. Dormant plants are nurtured for regrowth. A skilled grower knows how to trim and prune to encourage new, revitalized growth. With care and tending, the field or garden will be a beautiful and abundant sight. Jesus uses this imagery of pruning and growth to teach us about the nurturing relationship we have with the Father. The Father is the vine grower, Jesus is the true vine, and we are his branches. By remaining in Jesus, as branches of the vine, his Word remains in us and bears good fruit.

All we need to do is remain. Jesus says "remain" eight times in the eight verses of this Gospel. *Remain in me, as I remain in you*, he says. Remaining together in him, his Word bears fruit in us. As in today's second reading, Jesus' word is to *love one another*. As the Father trims and prunes us, we grow and flourish, bearing more and more fruit of love for one another.

We remain in Jesus, and leave the pruning and tending to the Father. The Father knows what we need -and don't need- to flourish and be fruitful. He knows what sins need forgiving and what fears and bad habits need breaking. He knows what regrets and old hurts need forgetting and what brokenness needs healing to make way for new, revitalized growth.

With his care and tending, the Father makes us -his vineyard- a beautiful and abundant sight. Imagine a vineyard at the height of the season. The fully blossomed leaves are bright green and open wide. The branches of the vine intertwine into ideal shape and form along trellised rows. The purple, green, or red grapes are heavy with juicy sweetness. So it is with us. With the Father's care and tending, we flourish. We grow together as a fellowship of disciples nourished by Jesus' word.

Like Saul in our first reading who speaks out boldly in the name of Jesus, we give witness as a flourishing and fruitful community. Those in need of Jesus and his saving love are attracted to the beauty and abundance they see. They are drawn to our fellowship. They desire the nourishment of Jesus' word, the care and tending of the Father, and love of the community.

Anyone who is new here or returning after time away: know that all are welcome in this vineyard. Remain with us, and together we will remain in Jesus, as his disciples. This is all we need to do: remain. Remain in Jesus, remain together, remain in his love. By the grace of his Word and sacraments, we will grow and flourish together. What a wonderful way to give God glory as we continue to celebrate this Easter season.

~Faith Catholic, Daily Homilies for Sunday and Weekday Masses

We are aware that the sound system is not working properly. A service call was made and the technician will be here sometime during the week of April 22-25. Your patience and understanding while we resolve this problem is appreciated.



Bird Feeder Sale

The weekend of April 27th & 28th our youth will be offering bird feeders for sale to raise

funds for a Faith Formation activity. They are asking for a \$10.00 donation for each bird feeder.



Scholarship

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 12th to the Faith Formation Office or to Paula Ciborowski.

Beginning tomorrow, Monday, April 29th, daily Mass will resume being celebrated in church.

Weekend of May 4th & 5th 2024

First Reading- Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12

Saturday 4:00 PM

Celebrant:

Fr. Peter

Lector:

Lorraine Keckeisen

Eucharistic Ministers:

Carole Ostrander

Altar Servers

Anderson & Garret Callender

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Gospel- John 10:11-18

Sunday 10:30AM

Fr. Peter

Kathy Saludo

Kristin Reuter

Brock & Easton Porter

Offerings on April 20th & 21st 2024-Weekly, \$1,932.00;



FAITH FORMATION

A JOURNEY FOR LIFE

April 28th- 9:00-10:15 AM Pre-K-10th grade classes
May 5th- 9:00-10:15 AM Pre-K-10th grade classes
Last class for the 2023-2024 school year



The Power of One Hour

The Power of One hour is a 5 part video series from the Diocese of Albany. The series breaks the Mass into five parts; Mass Prep, Introductory Rites, Liturgy of the Word, Liturgy of the Eucharist, and Communion and Concluding Rites. Each installment has a study guide for adults and children and can be accessed at www.rcda.org/powerofonehour. Read more about this program in the article from the Evangelist posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule.

Confirmandi Retreat

On Saturday, May 11th from 9 AM -5 PM the RCDA Committee on Scouting is sponsoring a retreat at the Shrine of North American Martyrs in Fultonville, NY. Lunch is included with your \$10.00 registration fee. See the flyer in the vestibule for more information and to register go to scouting@rcda.org or call 845-662-1075.

A heartfelt "thank you" for showing Our Lord's love for all mankind. Because of your generosity during our Lenten sock and undergarment collection, 444 pairs of socks and 251 undergarments have been distributed to St. Paul's Homeless Ministry, area schools, Safe Against Violence shelter, Catholic Charities, Headstart and Birthright, May you be blessed for your generosity.

Join us next Sunday, May 5th at the 10:30 AM Mass for our annual May Crowning of Mary.

Charismatic Renewal of The Diocese of Albany invites you to join them on Sunday, May 19th for a Pentecost Celebration. See the announcement on the bulletin board in the vestibule for more information.

April Bulletin Quotes

"Virgin of Guadalupe, Patroness of unborn children, we implore your intercession for every child at risk of abortion. . . . Guide our public officials to defend each and every human life through just laws. Inspire us all to bring our faith into public life, to speak for those who have no voice. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Love and Mercy itself. Amen."
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "A Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe"

Celebrate Easter's 50 days

Easter is the most important feast of the Christian year—so important that the Church sets aside a seven-week season to rejoice in Christ's victory over sin and death. Each week of the Easter season we will provide a few ideas to help celebrate the fifty days.

- 1-Honor the risen Lord's mother by learning about "Mary's gardens" (www.mgardens.org)
- 2-Plant some seeds
- 3-Read about the disciples' amazing catch of fish (John 21:1-114), then go fishing together.



The National Day of Prayer is an annual observance held on the first Thursday of May, inviting people to pray for the nation. It was created in 1952 by a joint resolution of the United States Congress, and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman. The Task Force represents a Judeo-Christian expression of the national observance, based on our understanding that this country was birthed in prayer and in reverence for the God of the Bible. There are copies of the prayer, on bright pink paper, that will be prayed around the country in the vestibule. Additional information and a family plan for prayer can be found at <https://www.nationaldayofprayer.org>

Please pray for the following people, who have requested our prayers: Gussie Shifflett, Steve Pickwick, Joe LaFave, Ginni Roe, Gabi Bakeman, George Mertz, Kimberlee Roe, Grady Charles Weigand, Kevin, Michael Bell, Barbara Bennett, Daniel Rickard, Mark & Andrea, Kim Sumski, Dorothy Kashuda, Alyson Sabillon, Linda Falk, 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, Joseph Dermody, Alice Anderson, Sandy Kemp, [George Walters](#), Lorraine Keckeisen, Maria LaBar, Kathryn Wickham, [Patrick](#), John McCann, Natalie Stone, Marian Heeps, Mary Kolermous, Clare Sterchak, Terri Cristofaro, Liliana, Nancy Daugherty, Mark Morotwe, Sharon Guenther, Kira Cronk, Terry Yackel, Jack Yackel, Jim Mylotte, Alice Walters, [Rev. Steve Deckard](#), Terry Nicolini, Nick Gibson, Andy Woods, Bob Jenks, Jane, Dolores Storzinger, Alexis Spencer, Susan Chidester, Ines Warlock, Alyce Hopkins, [Bob Oliver](#), Rose LoCasci, Eugene & Yvonne Cutler, Timothy Bell, Barb Doyle, Tom DeMulder, Ruth Glaum, Holly North, Dixy Pflug, Tony & Lila Donnolo, Stefanie Smith, Celeste Hartman, Aidan Burns, Bill, Alicen Knapp Ferroletto, Assunta Siniscalchi, James Jennings, Marge Suriano, Marlana Keath, Marian Agyemang, Frank Holley, Nicholas Gaedeke, Pat Hamilton, Gary Maraia, Rachel Feyh, Marge LaFave, Denise Dinato, Joe Maggio, Olivia Ross & family, Eric Roll, Barbara Haynes, Jess Johansen, Renee Joseph, Susan Pondolfino, Charlie Washburn, Sean Granan, Marge Ramsey, Beverly Pierce, Fran Groshans, Marion Kiselica, a dear friend, Pat Nabinger, James Stanley, Chris Smith, Marlana, Pat Elbrecht, Bonnie De Salvo, Lori White, James Rattrie, Danielle Guglielmo, Ellen Reuter, Jaxson Beadle, Francis & Alfredine Duguay, Joan Rice, Stephanie Soldinger, Rowan DeCocker, Bonnie Tabone, Austin Kilmer, Nancy Herron, Mike Wombacker, Daniel, John Gilmore, Will Sterchak, Donna Khan, Anthony Barber, Jr., Payton Lakin

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

