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GO AND BEAR
FRUIT THAT WILL
REMAIN.

— JOHN 15:16 —

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Offer Your May Flowers to Mary

Welcome to the graceful month of May, a month dedicated to grow in love and devotion to Blessed Virgin Mary. Surely, we are excited to welcome the spring, not only because it is the end of the cold, chilly winter, but also a sign of hope and new life. The buds are sprouting, and the green is out. At the same time, it is also a time for pruning the trees for better shape and safety, and for the growth of the tree itself so that it can produce more flowers and fruits.

In the whole Church, the month of May is dedicated in honor of Blessed Virgin Mary. We begin this joyful month with the May crowning of Mary. It is a symbolic expression enthrone Mary as the queen of our hearts and our lives. Unfortunately, for some of us, the devotion to Mary is an old fashion. Cardinal Carlo Maria Martini of Milan writes in his book, 'The Gospel way of Mary' "from the second Vatican Council until now, the ecclesial elite, - priests, male and female religious, laypeople employed by the church, experience a kind of detachment, almost a block toward any sharing of affection for Mary, because they think something like that is mostly suitable for simpler people." Therefore, she is kept aside in many communities.

Recitation of the rosary is outdated or so boring for many of us. We easily forget our Catholic tradition and identity. The mysteries of the holy rosary, the Lord's prayer (Our Father), and hail Mary, all of those prayers are from the scripture. They are so scripture based. While visiting the homebound parishioners, one of the ladies gave me a wonderful idea about the beautiful way she recites the rosary. I have been doing it partially before. She has a special rosary. Each decade of the rosary is in different colors. Each decade is offered for different people in her life. Let us enter into this month of holy rosary with a strong desire to grow deeper in our love and devotion to Blessed Virgin Mary and try to participate in the recitation of the holy rosary in the church, before the Saturday or Sunday Holy Mass or with your family members every day at home before you retire in the evening. May the Immaculate Mother keep us all under the providence and protection of our Heavenly Father everyday of our life.

Yours In Jesus thru Mary

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Note: After Offering your May Flowers, recite the "Memorare" prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary & mention to Her your special petitions you wish to be granted by Her Son Our Lord Jesus; then find time to recite the Holy Rosary of the Virgin Mary.

The Memorare Prayer

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.



- † Altar wine at *Sacred Heart* for the month of *May* has been sponsored at the request of *Ron & Cathy Parry*.
- † Altar hosts at *Sacred Heart* for the month of *May* have been sponsored at the request of *Ron & Cathy Parry*.
- † Altar wine at *Saint Cecilia* for the month of *May* has been sponsored *in loving memory of Marie Cranker* at the request of *John & Sheila Cranker*.
- † Altar hosts at *Saint Cecilia* for the month of *May* have been sponsored *in loving memory of Norbert & Verna Bicheler* at the request of *John & Sheila Cranker*.

In last week's gospel passage, Jesus spoke about the vine and branches and how we need to stay connected if we are to survive since we cannot do that on our own. This week he continues by saying we need to remain in his love by keeping the commandments. We do this by loving one another as he loves us. One way to do that is to lay down our life for another. We can do that as Jesus did and as many of his disciples did and actually die a physical death in defense of our God or we can die to our own desires and do the will of God when we give of ourselves for the good of others. That usually means giving up something we wanted and instead helping someone in need. Maybe it's giving of the time we planned for ourselves and instead helped a neighbor in need or simply sat with them when they needed a listening ear. It could be donating money we saved for a special gift for ourselves and instead used it for someone who may have lost all that they owned in a fire. There are many ways we can show our love of God and neighbor or give of our life in various ways. By this, we bear the fruit that God wants of us, fruit that will remain so that whatever we ask of the Father in Jesus' name he will give us.

*God Bless,
Deacon Joe*

COLLECTIONS TOTALS - APRIL 27/28		
COLLECTIONS:	SH	SC
WEEKLY COLLECTION	818.00	1013.25
OTHER	355.00	25.00
CEMETERY	N/A	282.00
PARISH TOTAL	1173.00	1320.25

MASS SCHEDULE

- Sat. May 4, 4:00 pm (SH) - 1.)** † In memory of Ray Knapik, requested by Barbara Krawiecki & family.
2.) † For the repose of the soul of Angela Spagnola, requested by Barbara Krawiecki.
- Sun. May 5, 9:00 am (SC) - 1.)** † In loving memory of Bailey Alexandria Field, requested by Mom, Dad & Sammy.
2.) † In memory of Alex & Betty Adesse, requested by their daughters.
3.) For our confirmands, Colin, Cohen, Grace & Sigourney; may the Lord guide them on their faith journey, requested by Michele Furnare.

Tue. May 7 thru Sun. May 12, 2024

- Tue. May 7, 8:00 am (SH) -** For the people of the parish.
- Wed. May 8, 8:00 am (SC) -** † In loving memory of Leo Perry, requested by Pat Bouchard.
- Thurs. May 9, 8:00 am (SH) -** Blessings to all mothers in the month of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
- Fri. May 10, 8:00 am (SC) -** 15th birthday blessings for Jack Furnare, requested by his grandmother Michele.
- Sat. May 11, 4:00 pm (SH) -** † In loving memory of Frances Opalka, requested by her daughter Barbara.
- Sun. May 12, 9:00 am (SC) -** Prayers & blessings for a successful surgery, and recovery for Grace Furnare, requested by her grandmother Michele.

Lector/Eucharistic Ministers

May 4 (SH)	Mark Caffrey Kathy Avery	May 11 (SH)	Chris Caffrey Tony Stellato
May 5 (SC)	Kathy Marcais Michele Furnare	May 12 (SC)	Dianne Kierpiec Bill Quinn

Counters Schedule

May 6 (SH)	Barb Bilins Noreen Brownell	May 13 (SH)	Katherine Downing Kathy Avery
May 6 (SC)	Sandy Hayes Kathy Marcais	May 13 (SC)	Lorna Quinn Flo Stanton

Food Pantry



May 22 (SC)	Andrea Moran Louise Carville Michele Furnare
June 5 (SH)	Barb Bilins Wendy Hall



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Solemnity Of The Ascension Of The Lord: Ascension will be celebrated on Ascension Sunday, May 12 (vigil at SH on May 11). This is also Mother's Day weekend and we celebrate our mothers on earth and our mother The Blessed Virgin Mary.

Sacred Heart Spring Clean Up Day: There will be a spring clean-up day at Sacred Heart on Saturday May 18th from 9am to 12pm. We will be cleaning both inside and outside the church. As a volunteer you can help your church look beautiful. Breakfast items and coffee will be provided.

Sacred Heart Anniversary Planning Committee: On Thursday May 23, the 150th Anniversary planning committee will meet in the parish hall at 6:30pm. All those interested in help planning our anniversary festivities are welcome to come. If you are unable to come but are still interested in being on the committee, please contact the parish office.

Healing Mass: The First Thursday of each month we invite you at Sacred Heart's Church at 630 PM for a Healing Mass, Short Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Anointing with Sacred Oil & Rosary prayer, a Potluck Refreshment and a chance to meet parishioners. Please bring your family & friends!

Healing Mass at St. Cecilia is held on the first Friday of each month, at 8:00 AM in the basement chapel.

St. Cecilia's Church Restoration Fund: If you would like to remember or honor a loved one, please consider making a contribution to St. Cecilia's Church Restoration Fund. All donations will be used to preserve our beautiful church property. Thank you for your generosity.

First Holy Communion/Retreat Day: First Holy Communion will be on Sunday, June 9th. Therefore retreat day will be Saturday, June 8th from 10am—3pm.

St. Cecilia's Parking Lot Fundraiser We have 4 dates for parking this year. Please call/text Kelly @ 518 774 7250 to volunteer. The dates are as follows...

Sat. May 18

Sat. June 15

Thurs. Aug. 29 (fair)

Sat. Sept 14

Spaces For Tribes Hill Garage Sale— Memorial Day Wknd: If you or anyone you know would like to participate in Tribes Hill Garage Sale Weekend (Memorial Day Weekend) Sacred Heart will be renting spaces on the lawn to vendors. Spaces will be \$25. per day. Call the parish office @ 518-829-7301 for space rental or more information.

Upcoming Second Collections:

May 11/12 - Ascension

May 18/19 - Repair/Maintenance

May 25/26—European Relief

 Blessed
Virgin Mary



*The Sanctuary Lamp at Sacred Heart
burns this week with special intention*

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

May 5, 2024 - 6th Sunday of Easter

Once a man came to the Vatican and asked to see Pope John Paul II, claiming that they had been friends in Poland. When told of the man, the Pope said, "He is mistaken about our friendship. I don't recall ever having suffered with him." As it turned out, the man had never known the Pope. Now, I'm not sure if the story is totally factual. But doesn't the juxtaposition of suffering with friendship sound exactly like JP II? He understood that the deepest and most lasting friendships are forged in the fires of shared suffering. No suffering, no friendship. Amazing.

This week we hear Jesus say to the apostles and to us, "You are my friends if you do what I command you" (John 15:14). In Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, God entered the world of human suffering and transformed it into an avenue of friendship with Himself. Following His command — to love, to lay down our lives for others — will always entail suffering. But this suffering only deepens our friendship with Him. His suffering is ours; ours is His. We have become friends of God.

This week, how might you share your suffering with the Risen Jesus? How might he be sharing his suffering with you, in the lives of those around you? Be attentive to that, and you'll find that you are indeed a friend of God, because you've suffered together a great deal.

-Father John Muir

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Charismatic Renewal invites you to join us for:

PENTECOST Celebration

Sunday, May 19th, 2024

Rev. Martin Fisher

President

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

125 Eagle St, Albany

4:30—Prayer and Praise

(Music by "Joyful Heart")

5:00pm—Mass

(Healing Prayer to follow)



 OUR LADY OF
MARTYRS
SHRINE

Fultonville, NY
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May 12 *Fr. Resila*

May 19 *Fr. Juanito*

May 26 *Fr. DeMartinis*

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