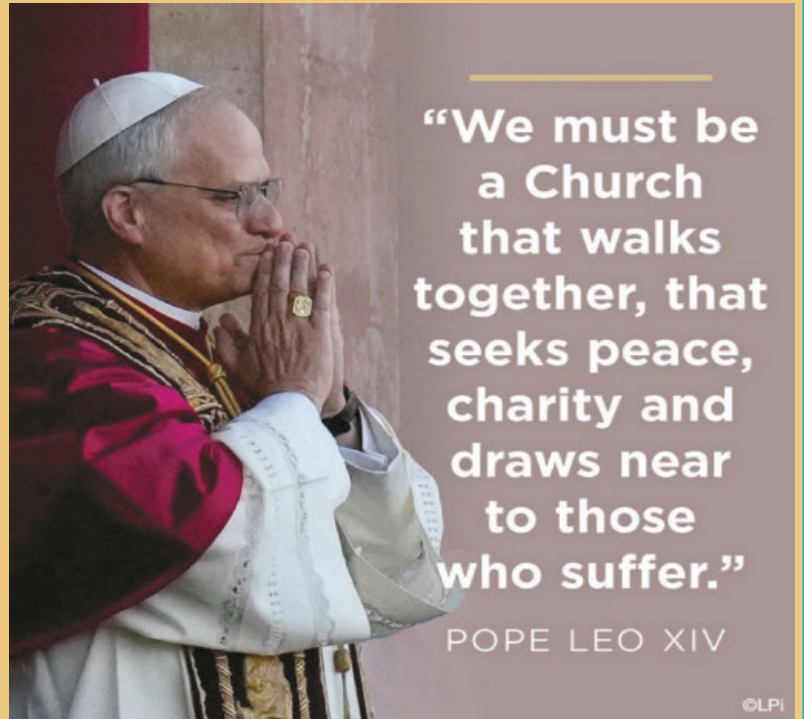




5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

[Jesus said,] "My children, I will be with you only a little while longer.
I give you a new commandment: love one another."
- Jn 13:33a, 34a

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**"We must be
a Church
that walks
together, that
seeks peace,
charity and
draws near
to those
who suffer."**

POPE LEO XIV

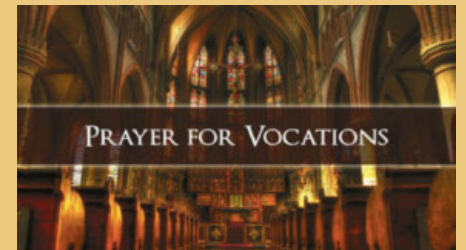
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PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

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Father, you are the Lord of the Harvest, You made each one of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ. We ask you to inspire the young men and women of the Diocese of Albany, whom you call to the priesthood and consecrated life, to boldly follow Your Will. Send laborers into Your great harvest to preach the Gospel, to serve the poor with love, to comfort those who suffer, and to strengthen these your people with the Holy Sacraments. We ask this through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

ALL: Holy Mary, Protector & Mother of holy Vocations,
Intercede for us.
ALL: Send O Lord, Holy Apostles to your Church!

*O Sacred Heart, O Love Divine
Do keep us near to Thee
And make our love so like to Thine
That we may holy be*

[REFRAIN]

*Heart of Jesus, hear
O Heart of Love Divine
Listen to our prayer
Make us always Thine*

*O Temple pure, O House of gold
Our Heaven here below
What sweet delights, what wealth untold
From Thee do ever flow [REF]*

*Ungrateful hearts, forgetful hearts
The hearts of men have been
To wound Thy side with cruel darts
Which they have made by sin [REF]*



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.

IN LOVING MEMORY

† Altar wine and hosts at **Sacred Heart** for the month of **May** have been sponsored in memory of the **60th anniversary remembrance of Frank & Lena DeRosa** at the request of **their children**.



Sat. May 17, 4:00 pm (SH)- 1.) † In memory of Claudia Rokitowski, requested by Deb Swarczewski.
2.) † In loving memory of Frank & Lena DeRosa, requested by their children.
3.) † Birthday remembrance of Louis Zanella, requested by Wendy, Billy & kids.

Sun. May 18, 9:00 am (SC)- 1.) † In memory of Leo Perry, requested by Dianne & Martin Kierpiec.
2.) † In memory of Fr. Pascal Iannotti, requested by Pat & George Galeazza.

Tues. May 20 thru Sun. May 25, 2025

Tue. May 20, 8:00 am (SH) - † In memory of Ann Downs, requested by Joyce Mancini.

Wed. May 21, 8:00 am (SC) - For the people of the parish.

Thurs. May 22, 8:00 am (SH) - For the people of the parish.

Fri. May 23, 8:00 am (SC) - No intention requested.

Sat. May 24, 4:00 pm (SH)- 1.) † In memory of the deceased Sargalis family members, requested by Mike & Janet Zilka and family.
2.) † In loving memory of John & Josephine Bartman, requested by their daughter Janice DeJulius.

Sun. May 25, 9:00 am (SC)- † In memory of Joseph Sullivan, requested by Dianne & Martin Kierpiec.

COLLECTIONS TOTALS - MAY 10/11

COLLECTIONS:	SH	SC
AMOUNT NEEDED	1589.00	1794.00
WEEKLY COLLECTION	1017.00	978.00
REPAIRS/MAINT	227.00	60.00
OTHER	370.00	97.00
PARISH TOTAL	1614.00	1135.00
ATTENDANCE	59	62

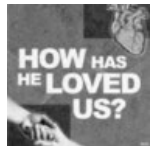
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GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE *May 18, 2025 - Fifth Sunday of Easter John 13: 31-35*

I've always found it amazing that Jesus never says to his disciples the straightforward and bumper stickery words "I love you" or "I will always love you" (a la Dolly Parton's song). Why doesn't Jesus say, "I love you"?

Well, actually he does, but in particular ways. He says, "As the Father loves me, so I love you" (John 15:9) thereby rooting his love for us in the space of the Holy Trinity. This week he commands, "Love another as I have loved you" (John 13:34). He presents his love for us as a completed action which continues into the present moment. How has he loved us? By becoming one of us, one with us, and finally giving his life for us in his suffering on the cross. We weren't there when he did that, but neither were his Apostles (except one). Still, that action is his great "I love you" to us.

His love is also hedged in a command: "Love one another." So how can we practically follow it? The great St. John XXIII wrote in his diary that each day he followed this rule: "Only for today, I will do one good deed and not tell anyone about it." The hidden nature of a good deed is a sign that it is truly loving. This week, take on St. John XXIII's practical method of following Jesus' great commandment of love. It's a splendid way to say, "I love you."



-Father John Muir
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Second collections

May 17/18 - Catholic Charities
May 24/25- Central & Eastern Europe

Lector/Eucharistic Ministers

May 17 (SH)	Cathy Parry Katherine Downing	May 24 (SH)	Katherine Downing Theresa Kovian
May 18 (SC)	Ann Mahon Michele Furnare	May 25 (SC)	Ken Stuff Andrea Moran

Counters Schedule

May 19 (SH)	Katherine Downing Kathy Avery	May 26 (SH)	Deb Swarczewski Noreen Brownell
May 19 (SC)	Sandy Hayes Kathy Marçais	May 27 (SC)	Linda Coyne Ann Mahon

Food Pantry

May 28 (SC)	Dianne Kierpiec Kathleen Harris Ann Mahon
June 4 (SH)	Barb Bilins Wendy Hall



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Garage Sale Weekend : Please help spread the word. We need vendors. We need volunteers to help with food sale and also people to supply sweets to sell. Please share our flyer when you are out and about this week.

Sacred Heart May Potluck : Our monthly potluck will be held on Saturday, May 17 (after the Vigil Mass). The theme for May is "BBQ Bonanza". Please join us. Although it is welcome, there is absolutely no obligation to bring food.

Saint Cecilia Parking Fundraiser: Our final parking date this season is Friday, August 29 (fair, all day) Please call Kelly@ 518-774-7250 with any questions or to volunteer. Thanks so much!

Healing Mass: The First Thursday/Friday of each month we invite you to Healing Mass

Sacred Heart: Thus. @ 8am

St. Cecilia: Fri @ 8am in the basement chapel.

Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine: The shrine in Auriesville is open for the season, including 3:00pm Sunday Mass. Please remember to drop your contribution envelopes to your parish if you attend Mass elsewhere.

Charismatic Renewal invites you to join us for:

PENTECOST Celebration
Sunday, June 8th 2025
Rev. Martin Fisher, Presiding
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)

Contact us at: Catholic Charismatic Renewal programs, please email us at AlbanyCRR@gmail.com or visit us at albanycrr.org

Parking Available
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Jubilee Pilgrimage Sites In Our Diocese:

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
125 Eagle St, Albany
Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine
136 Shrine Rd, Fultonville

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha National Shrine
3636 NY5, Fonda

Our Lady of Knock Shrine
2052 Route 145,
East Durham

Rosa Mystica Shrine
484 Angel Hill Rd, Edmeston

I received correspondence from the Diocese last week about our Diocesan Appeal. It seems we have not reached the goal set by our Diocese for the annual assessment. The Appeal goes from July 1 to June 30th every year so we have only about one month to reach that goal. With the announcement of possible church closings because of a decrease in Mass attendance and priests to serve all our parishes we don't need to be placed on that list because we don't support our Diocese. We need to show them we are viable and valuable to our community and Diocese. We need to show them we can meet our assessment that supports so many necessary ministries such as Catholic Charities, priest and deacon training and priest retirement as well as so much more.

If you are able to support this most important appeal please send your gift to THE DIOCESAN APPEAL, Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany, 40 North Main Avenue, Albany, N.Y. 12203 or go on line to RCD.A.ORG and give that way. Be sure you let them know it is for our church so we get the credit and if you can do it today you won't worry about forgetting to do so.

Thank you and God Bless,
Deacon Joe

2025 DIOCESAN APPEAL

	<u>SH</u>	<u>SC</u>
AMT NEEDED	8156.00	5000.00
CONTRIBUTIONS	6250.00	3270.00
BALANCE	1906.00	1730.00

150th Anniversary Commemoration of Sacred Heart Parishioners ~May 11th thru May 24th~

Baptisms

May 11, 1975 Sarah Jane Healy May 15, 1983 Kristina Teresa Kline
May 15, 1988 Mitchell Alan Eckler May 15, 2016 Michael Joseph Meyer, Jr.
May 16, 1982 Nathan David Vertucci May 16, 1999 Daneil George Parslow
May 18, 1986 Kristina Michelle Whelby May 19, 1985 Kyle David VanSchaick
May 19, 1991 Samuel Karl Schwabrow May 21, 1967 Ronald Gregory DiMartio
May 21, 1989 Asheley Lynn Kruger May 23, 1971 Michele Ann Peterson
May 23, 1971 Cheryl Ann Darling May 24, 1970 Eugene Leo Perry
May 24, 1974 Herbert Frank Lansing May 23, 1981 Sarah Marie DiMezza
May 24, 1992 Robert Thomas Jacobs May 23, 2003 Michael Anthony Castelluccio
May 24, 2003 Lorenzo Antonio Castelluccio

Marriages

May 13, 1989 Timothy Francisco & Kelley Scott
May 15, 1971 John Phillip Luciano & Linda Ann Saulimskas
May 17, 1981 Louis Romano & Vicki Lee Gill
May 18, 1991 George Jacobs & Katherine Vila
May 19, 1990 Tracy Paul Craig & Sarah K. Paton
May 24, 1980 Michael Frances Collins III & Louisa Pupa

Deaths

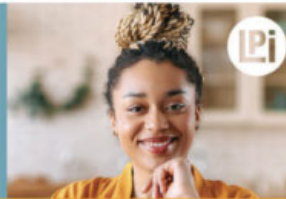
May 11, 1974 Michael Kfymkiw May 11, 1999 Mary Hamer
May 11, 2009 Rena Wells May 11, 2012 Francis Jacobs
May 12, 1982 Sadie Soltys May 13, 2006 Nicholas Bottisti
May 14, 1982 Edmund Cooley May 15, 1982 Paul D. Schmidtman
May 16, 1968 William Zabo May 16, 1984 Linda Lee McCumber
May 16, 2022 Marie Peluso May 17, 1991 Emma Lane
May 17, 2006 Alica Lane May 19, 2000 Mary Jacobs
May 21, 1996 Rita Cassidy May 24, 1985 Norman Benjamin
May 24, 2002 Henry Buanno

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