

## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

5-15	Mon	9:00 AM	James Householder By Mom
5-16	Tues	9:00 AM	Maria Vasquez By Gabby Psynik
5-17	Wed	9:00 AM	Sylvester Faiola By Dennis & Margaret Porter
<b>Feast of the Ascension of the Lord</b>			
5-18	Thurs	9:00 AM 5:30 PM	All Parishioners Rosalie Gatto By the Gatto family
5-19	Fri	9:00 AM	Communion Service
5-20	Sat	5: PM	Ed Abbot Jr. By the Blincoe family
5-21	Sun	8:30 AM	Phillip Lamendola By Dan & Ginni Brandt
	Sun	10:30 AM	Father Gordon By the Stillmans



Please join us in celebrating Father Doctor Ben's completion of his Doctoral Degree in Educational Leadership. His four years of work and dedication to pursuing his doctorate are a very special milestone to Father Ben and his family. We will gather in the Parish Center on May 28<sup>th</sup> after the 10:30 AM Mass. We will have finger foods, cake and beverage.

### Mark Your Calendars

On July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Bishop Scharfenberger will be at Rosa Mystica House of Prayer in Edmeston, New York to celebrate her feast day. Eucharistic Adoration begins at 9:00 AM and ends at 1:00 PM. Mass with Bishop Scharfenberger will begin at 2:00 PM. There is no fee for this event but to register contact Janine at 607-206-2523 or email at [RosaMysticaJanine@gmail.com](mailto:RosaMysticaJanine@gmail.com). For more information see the flyer on the bulletin board in the vestibule.

### 6th Sunday of Easter

It is a good thing to honor our loved ones both in their lifetime and after their death. But I believe that it is more touching and beautiful when we appreciate them in their lifetime. It is important to often show to those around us how much they mean the world to us. This Sunday we take time to honor all our mothers both living and dead for their role in our lives. We thank God for all our mothers including adoptive mothers, Godmothers, grandmothers and stepmothers for their love and sacrifices for us.

We remember all of them in our prayers that God will bless them with long life, happiness and peace and for all our deceased mothers that the Lord will bring them into the joy of his kingdom.

As we enter the final weeks of Eastertide we get ourselves ready for the celebration of the feasts of the Ascension of the Lord and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. For Catholic faithful in the New York Province, each year, we observe the feast of the Ascension of the Lord on the Thursday proper. This day is a holiday of obligation. I ask all of you to please check the bulletin for the mass times and do your best to attend mass on this day.

The readings for this Sixth Sunday of Easter talk about how the Holy Spirit energized and sustained the disciples to proclaim the gospel to all peoples. The readings also bring us to reflect on how the Holy Spirit operates in our lives and enables us to live out our faith and grow in our relationship with God and others.

In the first reading, the Holy Spirit strengthened Phillip to preach the gospel to the people of Samaria. This was a hostile territory as the Samaritans did not see eye to eye with the Jews. Phillip had courage to bring God's word to the people and he made a great impression on them. Many of the people accepted the Christian faith and they were baptized. Miraculous signs and healings were performed among the people. The Apostles rejoiced when they heard about the success of Phillip's preaching ministry. They sent Peter and John to Samaria to pray with the new believers and lay hands on them. Peter and John laid hands on the new believers and they received the Holy Spirit. This action completed the Christian initiation in the new believers. It points to the bishops as the chief administrators of the sacrament of confirmation.

In the second reading, Peter calls us to good conduct, to defend our faith with patience, gentleness and respect even in the face of hostility or persecution. He tells us to be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks us the reason for our hope.

Our hope is based on Jesus who is constantly with us through the Holy Spirit. He empowers us to live out our faith and remain connected to him.

In the gospel, Jesus assured his disciples that he will not leave them orphans but that he will ask his father to send them another Advocate to defend, strengthen and instruct them in their ministry. He promised to send them the Spirit of Truth to remind them of all that he taught them.

Jesus talked about the need to keep to his commandments. For him, keeping to his commandments is a true sign of love. It is the way by which we express our love for him. If we love him, he and his father will love us in return and he will reveal himself to us.

How do you and I prove our love for God? We show our love for God when we reach out to others and serve their needs. We keep to Christ's commandment when we follow his way of sacrificial and self-giving love and seek the good and the interest of others.

We need the wisdom and guidance of Christ to live the life of faith, hope, and love. Like the disciples and the early Christian believers let us remain docile to the Holy Spirit and continue in our baptismal vocation to bear witness to Christ by word and deed.

As we gather around the table of the Lord to share in his living word and the bread of life, let us find reason to praise God for his love and goodness for our lives. Let us praise the Lord for his intimate presence in our lives and for our mothers who show us tender love and kindness.

Happy Mother's Day to all devoted and loving mothers!

God bless

Rev. Dr. Ben

### Weekend of May 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023

First Reading- Acts of the Apostles 1:12-14

**Saturday 5:30 PM**

**Celebrant:** Fr. Ben

**Lector:** Chris Berkeley-Hartjen

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Bill Babbage

**Altar Servers:** Brock & Easton Porter

Second Reading- 1 Peter 4:13-16

**Sunday 8:30 AM**

Fr. Ben

Dorothy Yaiser

Mary Early

Jack, Henry & Ella Grigoli

### 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Gospel- John 17:1-11

**Sunday 10:30AM**

Fr. Ben

Kathy Saludo

Paula Ciborowski

Anderson & Garret Callender

Offerings of May 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Regular, \$2,201.00; Fuel, \$205.00; Repairs, \$160.00; Religious Education, \$5.00; Feast of the Ascension, \$20.00; Easter, \$20.00



### May Bulletin Quotes

"O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties."  
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "A Prayer for Pregnant Mothers"

May 14<sup>th</sup>- 9:20-10:20 First Communion Class meets

The weekend of May 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 the regular collection, Easter and Ascension was \$2,241.00. The budget for the regular collection is \$2,736.00. Last weekend, the regular collection was \$495.00 below budget. Since July 1, 2022, we have collected \$113,829.00, which is \$6,555.00 below budget.

### Upcoming May Meetings and Events

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

- 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 Church 6:30 PM
- 25<sup>th</sup>- Share the Bounty 4:30-6:30 PM

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter - Beloved, Come to Him

Treat your wife to a special get together, just the two of you. 1 Peter 3:15-18: Beloved: Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts. John 14: 15: Jesus said to his disciples, If you love me, you will keep my commandments. Check out a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. You will learn new skills to enrich and enhance your loving relationship. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences listed below. 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://www.mectw.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

### 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](mailto:chcollier@yahoo.com) by June 1, 2023

### 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 <https://nyseucharisticcongress.org> See the flyers on the bulletin boards in the vestibule for more information.

### 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.

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

How do you experience God? Where is God in your life? What might God be speaking to your heart? As Christians we believe that God is always with us, every minute of every day, in every encounter. Meeting with a spiritual director regularly can help you discern where God is leading you. This ancient practice of a trained Christian walking with another Christian helps to deepen our faith experience with Jesus Christ. Sessions with a spiritual director are typically held once a month and last for an hour. If you are interested, contact Cindy Korb, C.S.D at 607-267-0539 or at [listeningpresence518@gmail.com](mailto:listeningpresence518@gmail.com) or the Consultation Center in Albany.

 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 [quiltedduck@gmail.com](mailto:quiltedduck@gmail.com).

**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 Oliver](#), 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 Feroletto, Assunta Siniscalchi, James Jennings, Marge Suriano, Marlana 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, Olivia 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 Kiselica, a dear friend, Anne Powell, Father Peter, John Miller, Pat Nabinger, James Stanley, Chris Smith, Marlana, Pat Elbrecht, Anielle (AK), Dorothy Cronin, Anthony Barber, Jr Evelyn Hitch, Asa Dema, Bonnie De Salvo, Lori White

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

