

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK 

5-22	Mon	9:00 AM	Daniel J. Rice By Ada & family
5-23	Tues	9:00 AM	Maria Vasquez By Paula Ciborowski
5-24	Wed	9:00 AM	Joan Kaiser By Dick & Audrey Regan
5-25	Thurs	9:00 AM	Joanne Loucks By Dennis & Margaret Porter
5-26	Fri	9:00 AM	Communion Service
5-27	Sat	5: PM	Hank Steinmiller By Steve & Kathy Tiska
5-28	Sun	8:30 AM	Randy Simonds By Roberta Simonds Trask
		Sun 10:30 AM	Raymond Keckeisen & Msgr. Cox By Ray & Lorraine Keckeisen

7th Sunday of Easter

We extend a warm welcome to Fr. Joseph J. McLaughlin and his sister who are worshipping with us in this Sunday mass. Fr. Joe is a retired priest of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. He and his sister attended their grand-nephew's graduation ceremony yesterday at SUNY Oneonta and he offered to preside over the 8:30 am mass for us this weekend. I thank him for his kind help. On another note, I express my gratitude to Chris Smith, Paula Ciborowski and Jane Artis for attending my doctoral graduation ceremony last Friday night at Le Moyne College. I thank them so much and all of you who remembered me in your prayers. God bless all of you for your good hearts.

We are nearing the end of the Easter season. Last Thursday we celebrated the feast of the Ascension of the Lord and come next Sunday we commemorate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

On this Seventh Sunday of Easter our readings bring us to reflect on the importance of prayer and the need to stay united in love and faith.

In the first reading, we learn about what the Apostles, our Mother Mary and the other women did in the days between Ascension and Pentecost. They all gathered in the upper room and devoted themselves to prayer for the coming of the Holy Spirit. They waited in prayer for the Spirit's guidance and empowerment.

The Apostles, our Mother Mary and the other women show us the importance of communal prayer, the need to come together in worship and to seek strength from our living and loving God.

It is always a joy to see parents come to Mass with their children and worship with them. This helps to bring our children to deepen their own relationship with God and grow in their faith.

I encourage families who have it as their common practice to pray together at home and commit themselves, their marriage, children, job, happiness, joys, troubles, and difficulties to God. This is a good way to help ourselves and our families to remain united with the Lord.

As a parish family it is also important for all of us to come to mass and to worship collectively in spirit and truth.

The gospel text brings us to the last supper scene where Jesus offered his high priestly prayer to God on behalf of his disciples and all believers. In this prayer, Jesus showed his care and concern for his disciples and all of us. He prayed for love and unity to be among his followers so that the world may believe that he sent them. He asked God to protect his disciples from the hands of the evil one and for them to be consecrated in truth.

Jesus included all of us in his priestly prayer. He continues to intercede for us that we will unite in a common purpose to witness to world about his mission and teachings.

In the second reading, Peter exhorts us to live for Christ even if it results in persecution. He says that whoever is made to suffer as a Christian should rejoice for sharing in the suffering of Christ. We need God's help, his heavenly grace, strength and courage to remain obedient to his will and live always for his glory.

As we prepare for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost let us ask the Lord to renew us in our common mission to wholeheartedly serve him and one another in love, humility, and truth.

God bless
Rev. Dr. Ben



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 28th after the 10:30 AM Mass. We will have finger foods, cake and beverage.

Pastoral Care Ministry Day of Rest & Spiritual Renewal

On June 145, 2023 at St. Edward the Confessor in Clifton Park from 9:20 AM to 3:00 PM you are invited to spend the day refreshing and renewing your spirits with Fr. Richard Gielow, the National Spiritual Advisor to the Ladies of Charity of the United States and others involved in Pastoral Care Ministries. For more information and to register see the flyer on the bulletin board in the vestibule.

Weekend of May 27th & 28th, 2023

First Reading- Acts of the Apostles I:I-II

Saturday 5:30 PM

Celebrant: Fr. Ben

Lector: Sheri Youngs

Eucharistic Ministers: Nancy Kahane

Altar Servers: Ayla, Quinn & Liam Gronwall

Second Reading- Ephesians I:17-23

Sunday 8:30 AM

Fr. Ben

Ginni Brandt

Bill Babbage

Brock & Easton Porter

Pentecost Sunday

Gospel- Matthew 28:16-20

Sunday 10:30AM

Fr. Ben

Ray Keckeisen

Ada Rice

Jack, Henry & Ella Grigoli

Offerings of May 13th & 14th, 2023 Regular, \$1.733.00; Fuel, \$125.00; Repairs, \$5.00; Feast of the Ascension, \$10.00



May Bulletin Quotes

“The Lord says to us, ‘Do not fear: I am with you’ (Isaiah 41:10). He speaks these words not as one who merely observes our pain, but as one who experienced immense suffering. And the very wounds that bear witness to his suffering indicate the essence of our identity and worth: we are loved by God. Reflecting on the healed wounds of the Risen Christ, we see that even our most difficult trials can be the place where God manifests his victory. He makes all things beautiful. He makes all things new.”
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “Be Not Afraid”
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June 18th Graduate Recognition at 10:30 AM Mass
RSVP by Sunday June 4, 2023

The weekend of May 13th & 14th, 2023 the regular collection and Ascension was \$1,743.00. The budget for the regular collection is \$2,736.00. Last weekend, the regular collection was \$993.00 below budget. Since July 1, 2022, we have collected \$115,572.00, which is \$7,548.00 below budget.

Upcoming May Meetings and Events

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

25th- Share the Bounty 4:30-6:30 PM

Daily Mass

Celebration of daily Mass and the Communion Service on Fridays will resume in the church beginning Monday, May 22, 2023.

Second Collection

Next week we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in more than 25 countries that still struggle to recover from the former communist rule. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and build the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection next week. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/ccee.

Welcome Warm Weather!



We are thankful that warmer temperatures are finally here. However, we still have chilly mornings so it is a little premature to start the air conditioning. Charlie Washburn has placed the screens in the church windows. If you are uncomfortably hot feel free to open a window and turn on the overhead fans. Please remember to shut the windows and turn off the fans as you leave church.

Mark Your Calendars

On July 15th, 2023 Bishop Scharfenberger will be at Rosa Mystica House of Prayer in Edmeston, New York to celebrate her feast day. There is no fee for this event but to register contact Janine at 607-206-2523 or email at RosaMysticaJanine@gmail.com. For more information see the flyer on the bulletin board in the vestibule.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter - Beloved, Come to Him

1 Peter 4: 13-16: Beloved: Rejoice to the extent that you share in the sufferings of Christ, so that when his glory is revealed you may also rejoice exultantly. In your marriage you will have good times and hard times. Marriage takes work! Learn how to sow good seeds in your relationship, to pray as a couple, and grow more in love than ever when you sign up for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. 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

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.

Step Up 2023 Men's Conference

Date: August 12, 2023
Location: Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine, 136 Shrine Road, Fultonville, NY
The event starts at 8:30 AM and will include speakers, confessions, Adoration, Rosary and 4PM Mass.
Register at www.rcda.org/StepUp
See the flyer on the bulletin board in the vestibule for more information.

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, Asia 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.

