



### Mass Intentions for the Week

5-5	Mon	9:00 AM	Pope Francis By Daily Mass Group
5-6	Tues	9:00 AM	Clare Sterchak By Daily Mass Group
5-7	Wed	9:00 AM	Pat Materazzo By Josephine Materazzo
5-8	Thurs	9:00 AM	Rosario Angelo Maiorano By Aida Rice
5-9	Fri	9:00 AM	Communion Service
5-10	Sat	4:00 PM	Ray Munetz By Knights of Columbus
5-11	Sun	10:30 AM	Theresa Pickens By The Family

#### Our Parish Directory won't be complete without you.

Please sign up for your family portrait by logging into Universal Church Directories at [www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com). Use church code: **ny128** and password: **photos**, choose your date and time and fill in your personal information. If you would like assistance with your appointment please call Bill Babbage at 607-386-5880; Monica Gatto at 607-563-8227; Kathy Saludo at 607-563-2868 or Pat Smith at 607-563-3118.



Please join us in our Eucharistic celebration today, Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at the 10:30 AM Mass as

Shannon Casey and Juliet Sullivan make their First Holy Communion.



As is our tradition we will also have our May Crowning of the Blessed Mother during this Mass.



Please pray for our confirmation candidates; Noah Hutter and Kaleb Monroe, who will be confirmed today, Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at Saint Mary's church in Oneonta at 5:00 PM.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter: The risen Lord draws near to us and restores us to himself

It is said that to live is always a chance to encounter God in both ordinary and extraordinary ways. Each day we encounter the Lord in the bond of friendships we build among ourselves. God appears in our midst when we sit down with others to share a meal at breakfast, lunch or dinner, and enjoy each other's company and friendship. Jesus and his disciples shared the same experiences by coming together to share a meal. In this Sunday's gospel from John, we find Jesus at breakfast with his disciples. Earlier Jesus appeared to the disciples on the sea of Tiberias. They had worked all night without catching a single fish. The disciples were discouraged and disappointed. They were on the verge of giving up on their fishing trip and packing their things home. Jesus drew near to his disciples and helped them to a miraculous catch of fish. He instructed them to cast their net to the right side of their boat. They followed his command and caught super abundant fish that their nets were at the point of tearing.

Once they reached the shore, Jesus asked the disciples to bring some of the fish they just caught, and he used it to prepare a meal on a charcoal fire together with bread. He invited them to come and have breakfast.

After sharing a meal together, Jesus turned to Simon Peter and asked him the same question, "Do you love me?" three times. Simon Peter felt bad and uncomfortable of the repeated questions. It makes sense to me why he felt uneasy because it reminded him of his three-fold denials of Jesus. Simon Peter took the opportunity to renew his loyalty to Jesus. Three times, he affirmed his love for Jesus. He responded "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you."

Each time, Jesus entrusted special task and responsibility to Simon Peter, "Feed my lambs," then "Tend my sheep."

The Risen Lord knows our failures and weaknesses, yet he calls us to share in his mission and witness to his resurrection. He offers us fresh opportunities to renew our friendship and relationship with him. Like Simon Peter, we are entrusted with a special task to feed and care for souls. Sometimes, it is tempting to hide from our mission to witness the resurrection. We need the boldness of the early disciples to go all out to put ourselves at the service of God and all others. We can trust in God's abiding presence with us each moment of our lives. At every Mass, we encounter the Lord in his Word and the Eucharist to strengthen and nourish each of us to continue his mission on earth. In our celebration today, let us in gratitude, offer our praise and glory to Jesus and like Simon Peter, give our sincere response to him as we say "Yes, Lord, I love you."

God bless,  
Fr. Dr. Ben



### Weekend of May 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025

First Reading-Acts of Apostles 13:14, 43-52

Second Reading-Revelations 7:9, 14 -17

**Saturday 4:00 PM**

**Celebrant:**

Fr. Ben

**Lector:**

Brock Porter

**Eucharistic Ministers** Dorothy Yaiser, Jane Artis, Bill Babbage

**Altar Servers** Jack Henry & Ella Grigoli

### Fourth Sunday of Easter

Gospel- John 10:27-30

**Sunday 10:30AM**

Fr. Ben

Phyllis Blincoe

Pat Smith, Paula Ciborowski, Nancy Kahane

Brock Porter, Gabriel Harris

Offerings from April 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Regular, \$2,622.00; Easter, \$240.00; Fuel, \$115.00; Flowers, \$21.00; Religious Ed \$10.00; Evangelist \$20.00

### LADIES RETREAT

#### **"Come away and rest awhile" MARK 6:31**

Time is running out and rooms are filling up quickly so please consider joining us for our annual retreat at the Dominican Retreat Center. The retreat will be on the weekend of May 16<sup>th</sup> through the 18<sup>th</sup>. The weekend offers time away for reflection, spiritual growth and community. For a flyer and additional information contact Paula in the Faith Formation office or Ellen Reuter at 607-563-3259.



Additional flowers were donated in remembrance and love of the following persons: Ellen & Joseph Mertz, Clare & Hogan, Ed Hogan, Fred Mertz, Jim Balla, Terry Niedini, Jerome & Phyllis Mertz, Al & Alta Mertz



Join us after the 10:30 AM Mass on Sunday May 11<sup>th</sup> for a Mother's Day breakfast sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. All are welcome to attend.

### Rosary Society Meeting

The date for the Rosary Society meeting is listed on the May calendar. The meeting will be on May 13<sup>th</sup> after the 9:00 AM Mass.

Center of Renewal at Stella Niagara will be holding a variety of Retreat Nights. Please see Bulletin Board for more information.

### Diocese of Albany -- Step Up Men's Conference 2025

The Diocese of Albany is hosting the Step Up Men's Conference on Saturday, **August 9 from 8:15 AM to 3:30 PM at St. Edward the Confessor Church** in Clifton Park. The Step Up Men's Conference will give men the tools needed to grow in holiness in their everyday lives. The event will include presentations from **Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers** and **Fr. James Walsh**, Reconciliation, Mass, Adoration, Rosary, refreshments, and lunch. The early registration cost is \$45. per person until July 31 and includes lunch. College age and younger men are FREE, but must register.

For more information and to register: <https://www.rcda.org/StepUp>

See the flyer in the vestibule for additional information.

### 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" NABRE © 2010 CCD. Used with permission.

### 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 11, 2025** to the Faith Formation Office or to Paula Ciborowski.

### Prayer for the Election of a New Pope

O god, eternal shepherd, who govern your flock with unfailing care, grant in your boundless fatherly love a pastor for Your Church who will please You by his holiness and to show us watchful care. Through our Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and resign with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.  
Amen

Catholic Charities of Delaware Otsego and Schoharie counties is hosting an Open House at a new facility in Richmondville on June 9<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-3:00 PM. They are also having their 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Pasta Dinner fund-raiser on May 15<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-7:00 PM at the Quality Inn in Oneonta. See the flyers with this information as well as their Annual report posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule.

### Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

A retreat for those hurting/healing from an abortion is being held May 30<sup>th</sup>-June 1<sup>st</sup> at the Dominican Retreat House & Conference Center in Niskayuna. See the flyer in the vestibule for information and to register.

**Please pray for the following people, who have requested our prayers:** Gussie Shifflett, Joe LaFave, Ginni Roe, Gabi Bakeman, Kimberlee Roe, Kevin, Michael Bell, Barbara Bennett,

Grady Charles Weigand, 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., 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, Patrick, John McCann, Natalie Stone, Marian Heeps, Mary Kolermous, 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, Ines Warlock, Susan Chidester, Bob Oliver, Rose LoCasci, Eugene & Yvonne Cutler, Timothy Bell, Ruth Glaum, Holly North, Dixy Pflug, Celeste Hartman, Aidan Burns, Bill, James Jennings, Marge Suriano, Marlena Keath, Marian Agyemang, Frank Holley, Nicholas Gaedeke, Gary Maraia, Rachel Feyh, Marge LaFave, Denise Dinato, Olivia Ross & family, Joe Maggio, Eric Roll, Barbara Haynes, Renee Joseph, Susan Pondolfino, Charlie Washburn, James Rattrie, Sean Granan, Marge Ramsey, Beverly Pierce, Fran Groshans, Marion Kiselic a dear friend, Pat Nabinger, James Stanley, Chris Smith, Pat Elbrecht, Bonnie De Salvo, Lori White, Ellen Reuter, Danielle & Phil Guglielmo, Jaxson Beadle, Francis & Alfredine Duguay, Joan Rice, Rowan DeCocker, Stephanie Soldinger, Bonnie Tabone, Austin Kilmer, Daniel, John Gilmore, Will Sterchak, Donna Khan, Anthony Barber, Jr., Payton Lakin, Joan & Tony Barber, Maggie Hoffman, Marybeth Modinger, Jacqueline Richardson, Celeste Aber, Max & Kyle Cochrane, Teri Frallich, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Ray Keckeisen, Bill Babbage, Sarah Pressler, Bobbie August, Chris West, Fred Mertz, Dawn Cronin, Stephen, Josephine Materazzo, Avery Maggio, Michael and Christopher Doi

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