

1 June 2025
VII Sunday of Easter (New Calendar)
Sunday after the Ascension (Traditional Calendar)
MONTH OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Sunday Mass: Anticipated Sat. 4PM/Sun. 8AM Ancient Rite Latin Mass

Sunday 9:30 AM (Live-streamed) 11 AM

Confessions: Wed. & Fri. 6:30-6:55 PM/Sat. 7:30-7:55 AM

Sat. 2:30-3:30 PM & 6:30-7:30 PM

THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

Mon. 2 June St. Marcellinus, priest & St. Peter, exorcist Martyrs
St. Erasmus (Elmo) Bishop, Martyr, Patron against stomach ailments
8 AM Ancient Rite Latin Mass
For: Special Intention

Tue. 3 June St. Charles Lwanga & Comps. Proto-martyrs of Uganda
8 AM For: Megan Roberts+ (1st Ann.)
Req: Her Parents
Holy Rosary for the Preborn and the Newborn

Wed. 4 June St. Walter, Abbot of the Monastery of Servilianus
7 PM For: Mary Lorraine Armitage+
Req: The Anderson Family

Thu. 5 June St. Boniface, Bishop, Apostle of Germany
8 AM For: Harland Cooper+ (14th Ann.)
Req: His Family

Fri. 6 June St. Norbert, Bishop, Founder
7PM For: Timothy Secor+
Req: Mr. & Mrs. John Vanderhoof

Sat. 7 June St. Colman, Bishop & Abbot
Bl. Anne of St Bartholomew, Disciple of St. Teresa of Avila
8 AM For: Special Intention
4 PM For: Andrew McCauley+
Req: Frances McCauley

Sun. 8 June Pentecost Sunday
8 AM For: Katherine Mazor+
Req: Brendan Johnson
9:30 AM For: Robert Shaw+
Req: Mr. & Mrs. John Martin
11 AM For: The Parishioners of OLGCC

PARISH DINNER THURSDAY 5 JUNE THEODORE'S RT 5 CANASTOTA

We look forward to having a socially relaxing evening and dinner with those of you have made your reservations for the dinner. Please do not forget if you signed up!!! There will be a cash bar at 6 PM and dinner will be served at 7 PM. Our after-dinner speaker this year is Michael Thomas who is the Director of the Catholic Land movement. This is a growing movement, as you will hear, and an aspect of Catholic teaching that is sorely neglected. So come prepared to learn!

OUR LADY'S SHRINE UPGRADE

The beautiful landscaping around the outdoor Shrine of Our Lady of Good Counsel is the work of two remarkable men: Tim Brzuskiewicz and Rick Zimmerman. Tim approached me with his ideas for redoing the border around the flower bed at the base of the Shrine. And with his characteristic enthusiasm and talent, he went right to work removing the dilapidated wood border, and laying the stone wall that you see there now. What a difference!

Rick is a master gardener with a green thumb! He is always willing to do whatever he is asked to do. He turned over the soil and planted some flowers to beautify the Shrine to the Mother of God. Wait till you see his prize-winning dahlias when they bloom!!!

God will reward these fine men for their work and dedication to our parish. We know that Our Lady will smile on them in her own special way. And our thanks to them cannot be overstated.

In addition, we must thank Hilda Moses who has for the last several years planted flowers in the bed at the base of the Shrine. God bless you, Hilda, and thank you.

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL PRAYER CARDS

On the table in the vestibule are prayer cards with a lovely reproduction of the miraculous image of Our Lady of Good Counsel. The prayer on the reverse of the card is that of Venerable Pope Pius XII. The image is miraculous, because within a very short time after it was mysteriously transported to Italy, 161 miracles were recorded. Please recite the prayer to Her often, and you will experience the tender guidance and protection of Our Lady.

SUMMER IS A GOOD TIME TO TAKE INSTRUCTION IN THE FAITH

If anyone is interested in learning what Catholics believe about God, Jesus Christ, the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Sacraments, moral teachings, or any other aspect of our faith, we will be happy to explain them to you. Just give Father a call. No one is ever pressured into becoming a Catholic, it must be a free decision.

OUR DIOCESAN CHURCH

Last week our Diocese announced some very unexpected reassignments of some of our priests. The reassignments are posted on the Diocesan website, and reflect the ever worrisome priest shortage. There were 7 retirements announced, and we will ordain two priests this month. Among the reassignments, two pastors will have four churches to pastor. All the others have at least two parishes to administer. One wonders what the soon-to-be and newly ordained will be facing in their priestly careers. Once again, I urge you to bring the statue of Our Lady of Fatima into your home and pray the Holy Rosary for vocations. The sign-up list is on the bulletin board.

Pornography's Deadly Grip on Marriage Today

Pornography is an inversion of conjugal love, and it is becoming ever more extreme and violent. As pornography has become more widely accepted and trivialized in secular culture, its most dangerous elements have increasingly been adopted.

With that adoption, the underlying ways in which men and women relate to one another have become disordered, often in very disturbing ways. England has an entire organization called *The Institute for Addressing Strangulation (IFAS)* because the choking of women has become so pervasive. It is government-funded, and in addition to studying the prevalence of asphyxiation, the group tries to adjust its social acceptability. Choking during sex has been normalized as a result of its incorporation in pornography. When surveyed, the degree to which this has become socially permissible becomes clear:

In the US, a 2020 survey of nearly 5,000 undergraduate students revealed that 64% of women and 29% of men reported having been choked during sex.

A smaller survey in 2016 by the Indiana University School of Public Health indicated that 21% of women and 11% of men aged 18 to 60 had been choked during sex, with a higher prevalence among adults over 40.

Asphyxiation is so in vogue that it is the focus of many pop songs, making up the entire subject of "Take My Breath" by Weeknd, which has almost 190 million YouTube views and made it to the Top 10 charts in the US when it was released. It's the reference in Jack Harlow's "Lovin on Me" - "I'll choke you but I ain't no killer, baby" - along with similar lyrics in dozens of songs.

In recent decades, pornography has become gradually more explicit and increasingly violent. The days of the scantily clad models on magazine covers seem tame by comparison. As with most negative exposures, people's tolerance increases over time. Those who work in emergency rooms or as EMTs can describe how numb they become to the gore and bloodshed they see regularly. Likewise, with pornography, what originally interested viewers is no longer impactful years later. So they seek more extreme variants, and the industry is all too willing to accommodate.

Tragically, it is becoming more common for a woman to be killed, even in "consensual" sex. These victims hardly consented to their murder. In other cases, it is the result of an abusive boyfriend or husband. Strangulation is known to domestic violence experts as a predictor of homicide: those who choke their spouses are seven times more likely to kill them.

What can we infer about male-female relations when supposedly healthy couples are willing to put their hands around the throats of their spouses and prevent them from breathing?

Recognizing what we know about real love, which is to will the highest good for the beloved, can we say that the couple loves each other? Knowing that love is not merely an emotion and is reflected in the choices that we make, how could we defend their claim of love? "I am willing to risk killing you because it gives me pleasure." Such relations are at best mutually exploitative in nature.

The Christian relationship is ordered toward life, whereas the pornography-inspired pair is ordered towards death. In the latter case, the husband, who is supposed to be the primary protector of his wife, becomes her most likely cause of injury. The woman, a potential bearer of life, who should be looking into the eyes of the man who loves her, teeters on the edge of death.....

Moreover, the bond of the couple becomes the bond of the family, which is the foundational building block in any healthy society. Thus, the culture that results from such a broken understanding of love and union will surely and inevitably soon breathe its last.