

12 May 2024
VII Sunday of Easter (New Calendar)
Sunday after the Ascension (Traditional Calendar)

Sunday Mass: Anticipated Sat. 4PM/Sun. 8AM Ancient Rite Latin Mass
Sunday 9:30 AM (Live-streamed) & 11 AM
Confessions: Sat. 2:30-3:30 PM & 6:30-7:30 PM

THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

There will be no weekday Masses at Our Lady of Good Counsel Mon.-Thu.
(May 13-16).

Fri. 17 May St. Paschal Baylon, Patron of Eucharistic Congresses
8 AM For: Kathleen Bracken+
Req: Frances McAuley

Sat. 18 May St. Pope John I
NOTE: NO CONFESSIONS AT 7:30 AM TODAY
NO 8 AM MASS TODAY
10:30 AM Nuptial Mass
Thomas Knapp & Bernadette Sweeney

4 PM For: Robert McAuley+
Req: Frances McAuley

Sun. 19 May PENTECOST SUNDAY (Both Calendars)
8 AM For: Henry & Doris Maciag+
Req: Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Maciag

9:30 AM For: The Parishioners of OLGCC
At this Holy Mass, Jacob Adler will be received into the
Catholic Church with the Sacraments of Confirmation and
the most Blessed Eucharist. Please pray for him.

11 AM For: Dominick Manfredo+
Req: Dona Fiedler

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL OUR MOTHERS

As you leave church today, we will present you with a carnation to express our gratitude and esteem for your motherhood. May God reward you richly.

“The most important person on earth is a Mother. She cannot claim the honor of having built Notre Dame Cathedral. She need not. She has built something more magnificent than any cathedral—a dwelling for an immortal soul, the tiny perfection of her baby's body...The angels have not been blessed with such a grace. They cannot share in God's creative miracle to bring new saints to heaven. Only a human mother can. Mothers are closer to God the Creator than any other creature; God joins forces with mothers in performing this act of creation...What on God's good earth is more glorious than this: to be a Mother!”
(Ven. Jozsef Cardinal Mindszenty).

PARISH DINNER RESERVATIONS

It is my pleasure to announce that our Speaker for this year's dinner will be Elizabeth Miller, sister of our parishioner Kathleen (Katie) Vaccaro.

Elizabeth is a lawyer who is involved in the protection of female victims of exploitation through sex trafficking. Her organization is called the International Organization for Stopping the Exploitation of Women (iosew.org).

She will give us an overview of their work for this most crucial issue. Perhaps some of you may remember when Elizabeth was a member of our parish choir before she began her career. Reservations will be taken after all the weekend Masses through the weekend of 26 May. The dinner will consist of Roast Beef, Roast chicken, potatoes, spring vegetables, salad, dessert and drinks. There will be a cash bar available at 6 PM, and the dinner will be served at 6:30 PM.

NEW HOPE BABY BOTTLES

In the vestibule today are baby bottles for you to fill with your loose change or cash in support of this group which provides free ultrasound exams to pregnant women, as well as other services. Please take one and return it by **Sun. 26 May. PLEASE BE SURE TO RETURN EVERY BOTTLE TAKEN, WHETHER OR NOT IT HAS BEEN FILLED.** The organization wants all the bottles returned!

ASSISTED SUICIDE AGAIN ON THE MARCH

During the last weeks of the NYS Legislature's sessions, the death-mongers are once again pushing their fiendish legislation to legalize suicide for the disabled and dying. The Catholic Church teaches that only God has the right to determine when we die: not ourselves, our relatives, or our physicians least of all! Please contact our state legislators and register your opposition to this legislation. A simple and easy way to do so is to go to nyscatholic.org/action-center and fill out the online petition which will be electronically sent to your state representatives. Thank you and God bless you.

**THE SALVATION OF THE WORLD BEGAN THROUGH MARY,
AND THROUGH HER, IT MUST BE ACCOMPLISHED**

St. Louis Marie de Montfort

Mary alone found grace before God without the help of any other creature. All those who have since found grace before God have found it only through her. She was full of grace when she was greeted by the Archangel Gabriel and was filled with grace overflowing by the Holy Spirit when he so mysteriously overshadowed her. From day to day, from moment to moment, she increased so much this twofold plenitude that she attained an immense and inconceivable degree of grace. So much so, that the Almighty made her the sole custodian of his treasures and the sole dispenser of his graces. She can now ennoble, exalt and enrich all she chooses. She can lead them along the narrow path to heaven and guide them through the narrow gate of life. She can give a royal throne, scepter and crown to whom she wishes. Jesus is always and everywhere the fruit and Son of Mary and Mary is everywhere the genuine tree that bears the Fruit of Life, the true Mother who bears that Son.

To Mary alone, God gave the keys of the cellars of divine love and the ability to enter the most sublime and secret ways of perfection, and lead others along them. Mary alone gives to the unfortunate children of unfaithful Eve entry into that earthly paradise where they may walk pleasantly with God and safely be hidden from their enemies. There they can feed without fear of death on the delicious fruit of the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. They can drink copiously the heavenly waters of that beautiful fountain which gushes forth in such abundance. As she herself is the earthly paradise, that virgin and blessed land from which sinful Adam and Eve were expelled, she lets only those whom she chooses to enter her domain in order to make them saints.

The salvation of the world began through Mary, and through her it must be accomplished. Mary scarcely appeared in the first coming of Jesus Christ, so that men, as yet insufficiently instructed and enlightened concerning the person of her Son, might not wander from the truth by becoming too strongly attached to her. This would apparently have happened if she had been known, on account of the wondrous charms with which Almighty God had endowed even her outward appearance. So true is this that St. Denis the Areopagite tells us in his writings that when he saw her, he would have taken her for a goddess, because of her incomparable beauty, had not his well-grounded faith taught him otherwise. But in the second coming of Jesus Christ, Mary must be known and openly revealed by the Holy Spirit so that Jesus may be known, loved and served through her. The reasons which moved the Holy Spirit to hide his spouse during her life and to reveal but little of her since the first preaching of the gospel exist no longer.

(From St. Louis Marie de Montfort, Treatise on True Devotion).