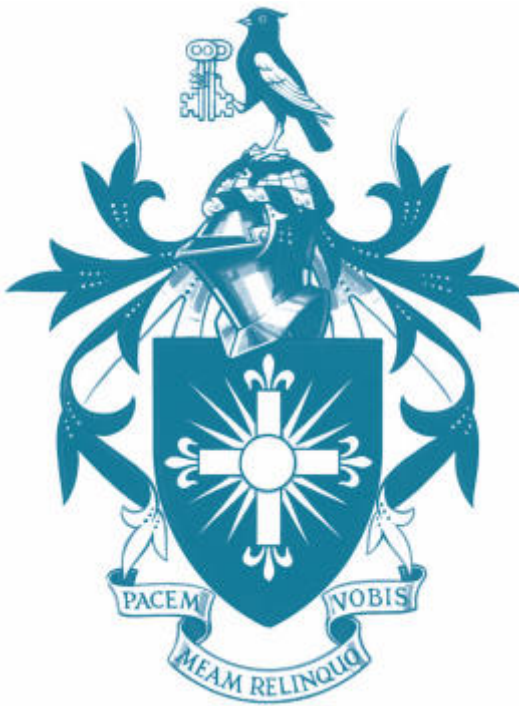


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**SCHEDULE OF MASSES**

**Sundays**

5:30 PM Saturday (anticipated); 8:00 AM, 11 AM (High Mass) 8:30 PM

**Weekdays**

8:00 AM (Monday through Friday)

12:10 PM (Monday through Saturday)

Messe en français, mardi 13h10 (septembre – juin)

**Holy Days of Obligation**

8:00 AM, 12:10 PM, 5:30 PM

**Novenas and Devotions** - Immediately after the 12:10 PM Mass

Monday: Miraculous Medal Novena

Tuesday: Recitation of the Holy Rosary for peace in the world

Wednesday: Mother of Perpetual Help Novena

Thursday: Recitation of the Holy Rosary

Friday: **Exposition of The Most Blessed Sacrament from  
12:35 to 2:00 PM**  
Sacred Heart Novena

*(during Lent: Stations of the Cross replace Exposition, Novena and Benediction)*

**CONFESSIONS - SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**

Saturday from 11:55-12:05 PM and from 5:00 PM to 5:25 PM

Sunday from 10:30 AM to 10:55 AM and 8:15-8:25 p.m.

Monday through Friday from 11:55-12:05 PM

At other times please stop by the rectory

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Baptisms are administered on Sundays at 12:15 PM. An instruction class is required for the parents and godparents. Please contact Fr. Murray for an appointment.

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE**

Please contact Fr. Murray at least six months in advance of your proposed date of marriage. Pre-Cana instruction is required for the engaged couple.

**VISITATION OF THE SICK - COMMUNION CALLS**

Please contact Fr. Murray for visitation of the sick at home or in the hospital.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - CCD**

For the religious education of children in grades first through seven (including preparation for First Confession, First Holy Communion and Confirmation) please contact Mrs. Elizabeth Rivera at the Parish Office.

Adults who would like to join the Catholic Church are asked to contact Fr. Joseph Chacko. Baptized Catholics who need to receive First Confession, First Communion and/or Confirmation are asked to contact Fr. Joseph Chacko.

**NEW PARISHIONERS**

**Welcome to Holy Family!** Please register in the Parish Office or on-line.

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF  
MAY 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2021



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The **Gospel** is from St. John 15:1-8. *The Mystery of the Vine:* The Sacred Scriptures use the image of the vine in various ways. In a particular case, the vine serves to express the *Mystery of the People of God*. From this perspective which emphasizes the Church's internal nature, the lay faithful are seen not simply as labourers who work in the vineyard, but as themselves being a part of the vineyard. Jesus says, "I am the vine, you are the branches" (*Jn 15:5*).

Jesus himself takes up the symbol of the vine and uses it to illustrate various aspects of the Kingdom of God: "A man planted a vineyard, and set a hedge around it, and dug a pit for the winepress, and built a tower and let it out to tenants and went into another country" (*Mk 12:1*; cf. *Mt 21:28 ff.*).

John the Evangelist invites us to go further and leads us to discover *the mystery of the vine*: it is the figure and symbol not only of the People of God, but of *Jesus himself*. He is the vine and we, his disciples, are the branches. He is the "true vine", to which the branches are grafted to have life (cf. *Jn 15:1 ff.*).

The Second Vatican Council proposes the image of the vine and the branches: "Christ is the true vine who gives life and fruitfulness to the branches, that is, to us. Through the Church we abide in Christ, without whom we can do nothing (*Jn 15:1-5*)". The Church herself, then, is the vine in the gospel. She is *mystery* because the very life and love of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are the gift gratuitously offered to all those who are born of water and the Holy Spirit (cf. *Jn 3:5*), and called to relive the very *communion* of God and to manifest it and communicate it in history (mission): "In that day", Jesus says, "you will know that I am in my Father and you in me, and I in you" (*Jn 14:20*).

Only from inside the Church's mystery of communion is the "identity" of the lay faithful made known, and their fundamental dignity revealed. Only within the context of this dignity can their vocation and mission in the Church and in the world be defined.

*Excerpt from Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation Christifideles Laici of His Holiness John Paul II on the vocation and the Mission of the Lay Faithful in the Church and In the World : St. Peter's Basilica 30 December 1988.*

Sunday, May 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Fifth Sunday of Easter	
8:00 p.m. (Saturday)	Teresa and Boleslaw Skutela (L)
8:00 a.m.	Agnes Kehrer (L)
11:00 a.m.	Mary Alice Borsella +
8:30 p.m.	Panagiota Vavasis +
Monday, May 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Saints Philip and James, Apostles	
8:00 a.m.	Venerperda Jay Kode +
12:10 p.m.	Teresa and Boleslaw Skutela (L)
Tuesday, May 4 <sup>th</sup> – Easter Weekday	
8:00 a.m.	Agnes Kehrer (L)
12:10 p.m.	Mary and Edmund Brooks +
Wednesday, May 5 <sup>th</sup> – Easter Weekday	
8:00 a.m.	Celebrant's Intention
12:10 p.m.	Elizabeth Doran + (63 years)
Thursday, May 6 <sup>th</sup> – Easter Weekday	
8:00 a.m.	Celebrant's Intention
12:10 p.m.	Carmen Soto (L) 75th Birthday
Friday, May 7 <sup>th</sup> – Easter Weekday	
8:00 a.m.	Victor M. Ordonez +
12:10 p.m.	Elena A. Gahol +
Saturday, May 8 <sup>th</sup> – Easter Weekday	
12:10 p.m.	Severina J. Pineda +
5:30 p.m.	Teresa and Boleslaw Skutela (L)

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF**

May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 (Year B, Cycle I). May be found:  
<http://www.ewtn.com/devotionals/inspiration.asp>

**CONFESSION SCHEDULE**

**Saturdays from** 11:55–12:05 p.m. and 5:00–5:25 p.m.

**Sundays from** 10:30–10:55 a.m. and 8:10– 8:25 p.m.

**Monday through Friday from** 11:55–12:05 p.m.

“The primary sacrament of the New Evangelization is the Sacrament of Penance.”

*His Eminence, Timothy Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop of New York*

**HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION**

Christmas - December 25th: 12 midnight, 8 am, 11 am \*

Mary, Mother of God - January 1st: 5:30 pm (anticipated), 8 am, 11 am \* (\*If Christmas and January 1st fall on a Sunday, there is also an 8:30 PM Mass.)

Ascension Thursday, Assumption of Mary - August 15th,

All Saints - November 1st, Immaculate Conception – December 8th, 5:30 p.m. (anticipated), 8 a.m., 12:10 p.m., 5:30 pm\*

(\*Please note: if January 1st, August 15th or November 1st fall on a Saturday or a Monday, they are not Holy Days of Obligation, as decreed by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops.)

**IN YOUR PRAYERS** please remember: Durcie Banton, Melody Colligan, Carlos Cuerta, Rachel Dawson, Gene Doyle, Paul Estipona and Family, Deborah Feudo, Dorothy Gerber, Gregory Henry, Ronald Henry, Sr., Jacqueline Lugo, Ken Majuk, Audrey Marshall, Bea Maviglia, Ramona Pacheco, Joanne Perry, Frank Sajeski, Sebastian Sancho, Margie Skeels, Mateo Tobia, Alfredo Thomas, Virginia Vassallo, Dr. Tony Vivera, Nivene Young and Cathy Vukovich, who are ill or disabled.



**LECTORS, USHERS NEEDED:** If you are interested in volunteering your time and talents, please contact the rectory.

**LEGION OF MARY:** For more information on the Legion of Mary: contact Rose Gaddi: 267-546-8204. Meetings are on Thurs- days from 1:00pm-2:00pm. Suspended until further notice.

**SPANISH MARIAN PRAYER GROUP.** Tuesdays 6:00–8:00 PM in the rectory. For more information: Laura Hagan: 516-492-7158. Suspended until further notice.

### Dear Parishioners,

I am pleased to announce that 40 parishioners have pledged/donated \$71,035 to the *2021 Cardinal's Annual Appeal*. We have surpassed our parish goal of \$41,500. There is still time to make a donation if you have not already done so. Our parish will receive a 60% rebate of all the money donated above our goal. Donation envelopes and informational flyers are available on the tables at the back of the church. Thank you for your generosity to the Archdiocese of New York and to our parish.

Sunday May 9<sup>th</sup> is Mother's Day. Mother's Day envelopes are available on the tables at the back of the church. These envelopes will be placed on the main altar for a remembrance at Masses during the month of May.

Please visit St. Mary's Garden during the month of May, which is dedicated to Our Lady. It is a beautiful place for prayer and meditation.

**God Bless you!**  
**Fr. Gerald E. Murray,**  
**Pastor**

### HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS: May 2021: The World of Finance

Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

*"The joy of loving Jesus comes from the joy of sharing in His sufferings. So do not allow yourself to be troubled or distressed but believe in the joy of the Resurrection. In all of our lives, as in the life of Jesus, the Resurrection has to come, the joy of Easter has to dawn."*

*--- Saint Teresa of Calcutta*

**WELCOME!** We invite all parishioners to participate fully in our spiritual and social life. If you are new to the parish, please introduce yourself after Mass and register at the Rectory.

**MASS INTENTIONS.** Offering a Mass for someone is a powerful intercessory prayer and a priceless gift. A Mass can be offered for anyone, living or deceased, on any occasion, such as a birthday, an anniversary, in time of illness or even for a special intention. When you offer a Mass intention, you can request a Mass card appropriate to the occasion, which you can send as a gift or have as keepsake. Every week, Mass intentions are included in the church bulletin. To arrange for a Mass, call or stop by the rectory.

**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS.** O God, Father of all Mercies, Provider of a bountiful Harvest, send Your Graces upon those You have called to gather the fruits of Your labor; preserve and strengthen them in their lifelong service of you. Open the hearts of Your children that they may discern Your Holy Will; inspire in them a love and desire to surrender themselves to serving others in the name of Your son, Jesus Christ. Teach all Your faithful to follow their respective paths in life guided by Your Divine Word and Truth. Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, all the Angels, and Saints, humbly hear our prayers and grant Your Church's needs, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**FOOD PANTRY.** This Sunday we have our monthly food collection for the St. John the Baptist Bread of Life Food Pantry. **Thank you for donating non-perishable food items**, which may be left on the last pew at the back of the church. Your donations make a big difference in the lives of those in need.

**PRAY FOR THOSE IN FORMATION FOR THE SACRAMENTS.** The growth of nature will be matched in our midst by the spiritual growth of those who will be baptized, make First Communion, be received into the church, and be confirmed. Please pray for all of them, and for all those who are accompanying them as catechists and sponsors.

*Jesus shows mercy by bestowing the Holy Spirit for the forgiveness of sins. By ourselves we cannot remove sin and its guilt. "Only God takes it away, only He by His mercy can make us emerge from the depths of our misery." Hence, "we need to let ourselves be forgiven."*

*-- Pope Francis, 11 April, 2020 Church of Santo Spirito in Sassia*

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