

# Parish of the Resurrection of the Lord

May 2, 2021



## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday OF EASTER

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower." - Jn 15:1A

### Parish Mission Statement

*"Rooted in the teachings of Jesus Christ, guided by the Holy Spirit, and strengthened by the Eucharist, we are called to invite all people into a deeper relationship with God and one another."*

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*Our Lady of Wisdom  
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## THE PASTOR'S CORNER



This weekend we begin the month of May – one of the more beautiful months of the year in my opinion. This is the month when Maine really springs back to life after winter...the trees are budding, the grass is green, the birds are chirping, the flowers are growing – all signs that summer's warmth, renewal, and growth are on the way. We were hopeful last May that we would soon see the end of the pandemic; who would have thought that we would be here hoping for the same thing a year later? I do think, though, that we will soon be out of this mess – the signs are all pointing in the right direction, that's for sure. And it is wonderful to see so many returning to the celebration of Mass and the Sacraments, and participating in the life of the parish once again. So very much for which to be grateful!

As we enter May, though, we don't dare go very far without honoring the Queen of the May – the Blessed Virgin Mary. **This Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 2:00 pm at Holy Family Church**, we will be honoring our Blessed Mother with a **traditional May Crowning**. It will surely be a feast fit for a Queen! We'll sing her time-honored hymns, pray her litany, consecrate ourselves and our parish to her Immaculate Heart, and – of course! – crown her with blossoms (in fact, one of our children who has just received the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion will be the one to crown the statue of the Blessed Mother.) We will then bend our knees with her before our Eucharistic King for a period of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by Benediction. This is Catholicism at its finest! I am hopeful that many will join us!

As wonderful as May is, however, it is also bittersweet because we bid farewell to our college students as they leave for the summer or as they go on to the next phase of their lives. This Sunday is the last 6:15 pm Mass and this Tuesday is the last 6:30 pm Adoration and 8:00 pm Mass until the fall. I want to thank our awesome campus ministry team for an amazing year and to wish our students the best over the summer. And to those students who are graduating and/or moving on: please know that you *always* have a home here in the Parish of the Resurrection of the Lord. We have been so blessed and enriched by our students, so please join me in thanking them and praying for them!

As we continue to come out of this pandemic together and look towards a spring and summer of new opportunities and growth, let us prepare ourselves to reset and re-engage all of our Catholic sensibilities. Our Catholic traditions are deep and rich, and we want to enter into them as fully as possible. I look forward to seeing more and more of our parish family at Mass in the weeks ahead. In the meantime, God bless you and know of my gratitude and prayers!

Pax,

*Fr. Kyle*

### Gospel Meditation

“Spiraling out of control,” is a phrase that can easily describe the current display of human existence. In addition to the violence, unrest, uneasiness and turmoil that are common elements of our daily news, other essential pieces are misplaced or missing. Many lack an objective center around which to order and structure their lives or a clear set of definable goals or mores to act as guideposts and life directives. It appears that “feelings” have become a “new god” and traditional structures and ideals set aside. It is almost as if history only shows that we got this whole thing wrong and many are determined to finally set things right. The real truth, however, is that while wrongs and errors are certainly a part of our often-checked past, it is hardly the case that all was wrong. It is not our task to rewrite the history of our lives, but to learn from mistakes that were made, and preserve the perennial wisdom at the root of our successes. Learning is an essential part of being human.

The question becomes, however, from whom do we learn? Some have such a hard time placing God in that position, but that is precisely where God needs to be. God is the Master Teacher from whom all of humanity learns and gets its cues. It is in and through this relationship with the Gardener of Life that we are fashioned and pruned into the people we are intended to be and can be. It is only in God that we are able to find our best selves. Sadly, many think that religion too, as well as history in general, has also gotten all this wrong. Yet, our resurrection faith tells us differently. We are reminded, today especially, that we are meant to remain in Christ as Christ remains in us. We are also reminded that Jesus, the Incarnate God, is the vine upon which we grow, the branches that flow from the source of God's life.

Giving up our will to God's can be a painful endeavor. It is not easy to set our own desires and wants aside and allow God to step in and direct and guide our growth. But this is the only way to prevent deadly weeds from overtaking us and bringing us to a place of self-destruction. God's commandments are the very guideposts and benchmarks we need, yet many seek to remove them from all public view because they appear to limit self-expression and suppress what is considered by many to be “human freedom.” They are the only way we can find freedom, however. And, until we learn this fundamental lesson, we will continue to spiral out of control, never really knowing who we are, what our potential can be or how life really can be lived. We will not know peace.

## Fifth Sunday of Easter—May 2, 2021

### **Ladies of St. Ann Meeting**

Ladies of St. Ann will be meeting on Monday, May 3rd at 6 pm in the Parish Hall at St. Ann, Bradley. Please bring your items for our annual May baskets

### **May Crowning and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

The month of May is nearly upon us, which means it is time to prepare for the beautiful tradition of the May Crowning! Join us at 2:00 pm on Sunday, May 2nd at Holy Family Church in Old Town for a festival fit for a Queen as we venerate and celebrate the Blessed Virgin Mary! We'll sing her time-honored hymns, pray her litany, consecrate ourselves and our parish to her Immaculate Heart, and - of course - crown her with blossoms! We will then bend our knees with her before our Eucharistic King for a period of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by Benediction. This is Catholicism at its finest!



As we continue to come out of this pandemic, we must reset and re-engage all of our Catholic sensibilities! Let us join together on this beautiful day and honor the Queen of the May!

### **Worship & Spirituality Commission Meeting**

The Worship & Spirituality Commission will be meeting on Tuesday, May 11th at 6 pm in the Parish Hall at Holy Family, Old Town.

### **Knights of Columbus**

The Knights of Columbus will be meeting on Wednesday, May 12th at 7 pm in the Parish Hall at Holy Family, Old Town.



### **Ladies of St. Ann Yard Sale**

Been sitting home, looking at your stuff and getting tired of it. Not sure what to do with it? The Ladies of St. Ann Bradley will be having a Yard Sale and are looking for good stuff (sorry no clothes at this one) to sell. If you would like to donate some of those things you are tired of looking at call Ann Delaware at 827-2733.



### **Daughters of Isabella**

Our local circle was founded over 85 years ago. It consists of Catholic women from the Old Town area that work hand in hand with the Catholic Church to uphold its teachings and support the sanctity of life.

Wednesday, May 5, refreshments served at 6pm business meeting begins at 6:30

Baby Shower/Diaper Drive

Please bring diapers, especially sizes 3-7 and wipes  
Paula S. Chair, Cathy D. Co-chair, Teri M., Mary B., Gaye G., Lenora J., Janice H., Kathryn F.

Call Loretta 827-5483 for more information

## **ASCENSION** *of the Lord*

We will offer 2 Masses celebrating this Holy Day of Obligation



Wednesday, May 12th, 6 pm  
St. Ann, Bradley

Thursday, May 13th, 6 pm  
Holy Family, Old Town

### **Mother's Day Personal Care Drive**

“Consider the lilies in the field, how they grow, they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you that Solomon was not clothed like one of these.” Matthew 6:28-29

Being a mother is one of the most rewarding and challenging jobs in the world. That being said, this year due to COVID has been a difficult one for families. On Mother's Day (May 8-9<sup>th</sup>) the Worship and Spirituality Commission will be holding a Personal Care Drive for women and children in need. The donations will go to the Shepherd's Godparent home which is a home that supports pro-life alternatives for young pregnant women in crisis and the McAuley Residence which is based on the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, helps women in recovery from substance abuse. Both provide a safe environment for women and their children to gain skills in all areas of life to help them succeed. If you wish to donate, there will be baskets for you to drop off items in. Below is a list of items needed. The Shepherd's Godparent home is in particular need of cleaning and laundry supplies as it is re-opening a second home. Thank you for your help!

#### Items needed are:

Sunscreen for adults/kids, Bubbles for outdoor play, Toilet paper/paper towels, Shampoo/conditioner, Soap/body wash/bubble bath, Deodorant, Toothpaste, Baby items-diaper cream, baby lotion, powder etc., Cleaning and laundry supplies

### **Food Pantry**



Thank you to all parishioners for their recent food donations. The food pantry is bursting at the seams and feeding those who come to our doors. At this time the Food Pantry needs to make a request:

please do not donate perishable foods, i.e eggs, butter, hot dogs, cheese, etc..

The Food Pantry does not have adequate storage and often cannot distribute perishable items before they go out of date. While we appreciate all food donations we simply do not have the facilities for perishable foods. Thank you for your donations on behalf of the Food Pantry and our clientele.

**Fifth Sunday of Easter—May 2, 2021**



**Worship  
SCHEDULE**



Day/Date	Time	Location	Priest	Intention
<b>Saturday 5/1/2021</b>	10:00 AM	Holy Family, Old Town	<i>Fr. Kyle</i>	Pauline Loubier by Loretta & Bernie LaBree
	4:00 PM	Holy Family, Old Town	<i>Fr. Kyle</i>	Fr. Tom Farley by Sam & Kathy Thompson and Sue & Alan Cust
<b>Sunday 5/2/2021</b>	8:00 AM	Holy Family, Old Town	<i>Fr. Kyle</i>	Lionel Arthur Ouellette by Philip Ouellette
	9:30 AM	St. Ann, Bradley	<i>Fr. Kyle</i>	Patricia Guay (1st Anniversary) by Paul, Holly, Tony, & Dianne
	11:00 AM	Our Lady of Wisdom, Orono	<i>Fr. Kyle</i>	Parishioners by Pastor
	6:15 PM	Our Lady of Wisdom, Orono	<i>Fr. Kyle</i>	Matt Leffel, Nina Cardillo, & Annie Niemaszyk by a Friend
<b>Monday 5/3/2021</b>	8:00 AM	Holy Family, Old Town	<i>Fr. Kyle</i>	Peggy Grant by Pam & Mike Oakes
<b>Tuesday 5/4/2021</b>	8:00 AM	Holy Family, Old Town	<i>Fr. Kyle</i>	Catherine Pelletier by Joyce Perry & Family
	8:00 PM	Our Lady of Wisdom, Orono	<i>Fr. Kyle</i>	Marion (Daigle) King by Sister, Pauline
<b>Wednesday 5/5/2021</b>	8:00 AM	Holy Family, Old Town	<i>Fr. Kyle</i>	Velma Paradis by Bernie & Loretta LaBree
<b>Friday 5/7/2021</b>	8:00 AM	Holy Family, Old Town	<i>Fr. Kyle</i>	Holy Souls in Purgatory
<b>Saturday 5/8/2021</b>	4:00 PM	Holy Family, Old Town	<i>Fr. Kyle</i>	Jerry Lawrence by Linda, Darrell, & John
<b>Sunday 5/9/2021</b>	8:00 AM	Holy Family, Old Town	<i>Fr. Kyle</i>	Parishioners by Pastor
	9:30 AM	St. Ann, Bradley	<i>Fr. Kyle</i>	Ramona Gallant by Gallant Family
	11:00 AM	Our Lady of Wisdom, Orono	<i>Fr. Kyle</i>	Pamela Prue by Kathy Prue

**Questions of the Week for Scripture Reflection**

Acts 9:26-31

Luke tells us how the conversion of Saul (Paul) and the acceptance by the disciples of him helped facilitate peace in the Church throughout Judea, Galilee, and Samaria.

What do you think is needed to bring about peace in our Church today?

1 John 3:18-24

John teaches his community that believing in Jesus and loving one another is the heart of God's commandment. How would you assess yourself in following this two-fold command?

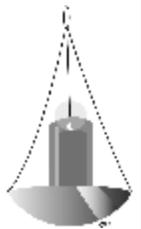
John 15:1-8

Using the metaphor of a vine and branches, Jesus urges his disciples to "remain in me" in order to bear good fruit and thereby glorify God. What would be some examples of "good fruit" that you have produced?

**The Vigil Light by the Tabernacle burns this week  
(May 2—8, 2021)**

**St. Ann, Penobscot Nation**  
Kenneth 'Choppy' Lucas by Wife

**Holy Family Church  
Holy Family, Rectory  
Our Lady of Wisdom, Orono  
St. Ann, Bradley**  
For the deceased in the Parish



**Weekly Confession**

**Saturday**

Holy Family, Old Town—3:00-3:45 pm

**Weekly Adoration**

**Friday**

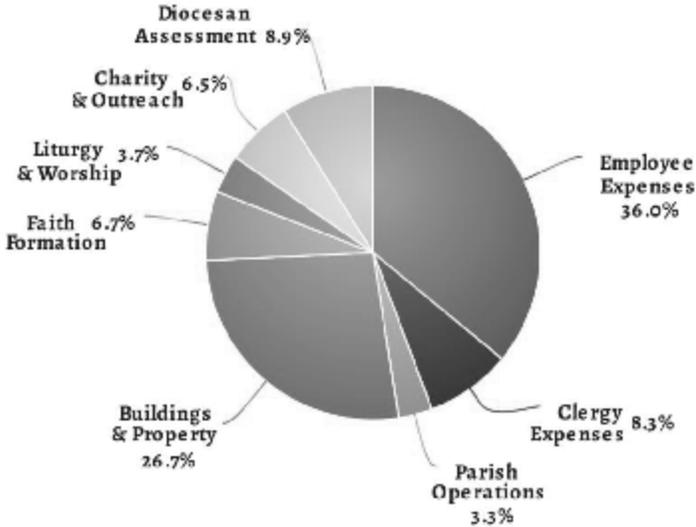
Holy Family, Old Town—8:30 AM-12:30 PM



# STEWARDSHIP

## Annual Parish Budget

Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2021



### Spread the Good News!

Nearly two-thirds of our budget is allocated towards *ministry* and *mission*! Your weekly offertory ensures that we are able to continue this good work.

**Thank you!**

COLLECTION REPORT		
WEEKLY OFFERTORY FOR: 4/25/2021		
92	Regular Envelope Total	\$ 4,869.00
	Currency	\$ 1,478.85
57	Online Donations	\$ 2,390.00
	<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 8,737.85</b>
	<b>BUDGETED WEEKLY OFFERTORY</b>	<b>\$ 8,365.00</b>
	<b>Over for the Week</b>	<b>\$ 372.85</b>
	Thrift Shop	\$ 1,720.25
32	Catholic Home Mission Envelopes	\$ 718.00
12	Building Fund Envelopes	\$ 224.00
10	Building Fund Online	\$ 152.00

## CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

*“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace.”*  
(1 Peter 4:10)

According to the 1992 U.S. Bishops’ Pastoral Letter, Stewardship: A Disciple’s Response, a Christian steward is defined as a disciple of Jesus who “*Receives God’s gifts gratefully, cultivates them responsibly, shares them lovingly in justice with others and returns them with increase to the Lord.*” Stewardship is about more than just “supporting the work of the parish,” – it is a way of life and is better understood within the context of personal conversion, mission, outreach, and evangelization. Christian disciples are motivated to share their time, talent, treasure, and assets with the Church and other worthy causes from a deep sense of gratitude and in a planned, proportionate and sacrificial manner.

**For those actively engaged as Christian stewards in our parish, *thank you* for sharing your gifts with the people of God.**

### Rebuild His Church

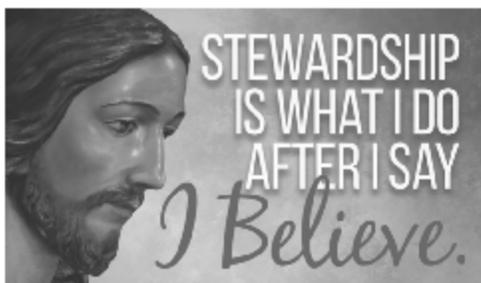
The Capital Campaign for the future of the Parish of the Resurrection of the Lord  
As of March 29, 2021

Campaign Goal	\$3,500,000
Commitments to Date	\$1,352,824.25
Percentage of Goal	38.65%
Registered Families	765
Returned Pledge Cards	336
Percent of Participation	43.92%

If you would like to contribute to the Capital Campaign through We Share the link is:

<https://parishoftheresurrection.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunities>

The pledge cards are available at all churches.



### CATHOLIC APPEAL REPORT

As of 3/25/2021

Goal: \$ 65,943

Gift Count	Total	Percent of Goal	Participation Rate
169	\$54,675	83%	21%

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Fifth Sunday of Easter—May 2, 2021

# Prayer REQUESTS

Chris Bate	Jonathan Glidden
Rosemarie Bate	Wayne Hesselstine
Pat Benton	Courtney King
Peter Bosse	Vin Knapp
Pauline Butler	Karen Lavoie Stone
Ralph Button	Cherie Levesque
Theresa Cote	Fr. Eddy Morin
Susan Curran	Linda O'Connor Smithson
John Davis	Karen Owens
Paula Davis	Darrell Parrick
Barbara Dionne	Bud Smith
Tyson Dostie	Joan Snow
Ann Dowd	Mary Carmen Thibault
Glenn Dupuis	Johndavid Toothman
Jake Dupuis	Pamela Trojanoski
Hilda Geroux	Scott Walker

Please note: Names will be removed from the prayer list after 8 weeks. If a person needs to remain on the prayer list after that time please notify the office at 827-4000.

## Pray for our Military:

Mark Abbott	Preston Hodge
PFC Brandon Appel	Tyler Moore
SSG Dale Bragg Jr.	Andrew Rackliff
Kyle Dupuis	Jonathan Seymour
Christopher Hambrock	Dillon Shorey
Lew Henderson Jr.	SGT Anthony Waite
Adam Hesselstine	



# Readings of the Week

**Sunday:** Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32  
[26a]/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

**Monday:** 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/  
Jn 14:6-14

**Tuesday:** Acts 14:19-28/  
Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 [cf. 12]/  
Jn 14:27-31a

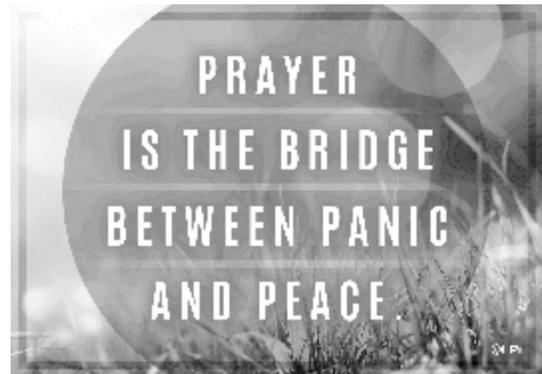
**Wednesday:** Acts 15:1-6/  
Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/Jn 15:1-8

**Thursday:** Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10  
[3]/Jn 15:9-11

**Friday:** Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12  
[10a]/Jn 15:12-17

**Saturday:** Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/  
Jn 15:18-21

**Next Sunday:** Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/  
Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/1 Jn 4:7-10/  
Jn 15:9-17



The food pantry is in need of Spam, Jelly, and Macaroni & Cheese

Please check expiration dates of food before donating. We cannot accept homemade/home canned foods.

Thank you for your donations.



May 2, 2021

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### Parish Council

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Bo Meservey, Robert Pascale, Philip Roy, Kathy Shorette  
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### Baptisms

To make arrangements for baptisms please call the Parish  
office at 827-4000.

### Prayer Line Ministry

For prayer line requests call Bernice Curtis at 827-3264.

### Prayer Shawl Ministry

For prayer shawl requests call Anne Richard at 827-3070.

### Sacrament of the Sick

If your loved ones are in the hospital or nursing facility and  
wish to see a priest to receive the sacraments, please contact  
the Parish Office at 827-4000 and someone will visit them  
as soon as possible.

### Communion to Home Bound

Please call the Parish Office at 827-4000 if you or a family  
member wish to receive communion at home while sick or  
recuperating from surgery, etc. Thank you!

### Parish Hall Use

Please contact the Parish Office at 827-4000

### Food Pantry

The Holy Family Food Pantry opens at 9:30 a.m. on the last  
Monday of each month at the Brunswick St. Parking Lot at  
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