St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church South Glens Falls, New York



6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

[Jesus said to his disciples:] "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you." - Jn 14:26-27a

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ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH MISSION STATEMENT: We are a welcoming Catholic Community devoted to living out and celebrating God's Word and Sacraments by connecting people to Christ through Faith, Love and Ministry.

<u>CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENTS:</u> <u>Baptism</u>: Arranged at least one month in advance <u>Reconciliation</u>: Saturday 3:00-3:45 pm; or by request <u>Marriage</u>: Please call six months in advance <u>Sacrament of the Sick</u>: Anytime by request

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL MASS SCHEDULE: Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm (*Reconciliation* 3:00-3:45 pm) Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & 5:30 PM Weekdays: Tuesday - Saturday 8:30 AM Holy Days of Obligation ~ as announced in bulletin

<u>Pastoral Council Chairperson:</u> vacant <u>Parish Trustees:</u> Martin Lemmo & Terry Taylor <u>Parish Finance Committee Chair:</u> Mark Johnson

<u>Prayer to St. Michael</u> Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.





St. Therese Mission Chapel Gansevoort, NY

> <u>Mass Time:</u> Sunday 10:00 am.

MAY 22, 2022 ~ THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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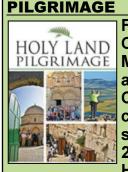
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Please submit items for bulletin at least two weeks in advance.



PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY LAND: Walk the Footsteps of Jesus Join Fr. Chris Looby, pastor of St. PILGRIMAGE Mary's Church in Ticonderoga and Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Schroon Lake (and classmate of Fr. Tony from 5-13. seminary) November 2022 on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land! Highlights include

visiting Church of the Transfiguration, Cana, Sea of Galilee, Mount of Beatitudes, Capernaum, Nazareth, Bethlehem, Church of the Nativity, Jerusalem, Mount of Olives, Calvary & Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Daily Mass. Prices: Double \$4,249 pp, Single \$5,049 pp, Triple \$4,219 pp. Contact Mary McIntosh at Watertown AAA at (315)558-6372 or visit www.route74catholics.org.





PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS

Please keep all those in the military in your prayers, especially those from our parish and area deployed far away for their safety and swift return home: Tim Smith, Erik Greco, GySg Sean Smith, John Thomas, Kendall Fillings, SPC Raymond R. Harris, Maj Alexander Bedard III, A1C Charles Addison Maxwell, Cpl Nathan Lawrence, SSgt Derek J. Lloyd, TSgt Timothy G. Whittemore, Lt Col Nicole Fish, Sgt Dallion Richards, CPO Robert Tyrseck, Capt Patrick Kelly, SSgt Cody J. McNorton USAF, NDI Michael Dean, NDI Mario Nicoletti, Sgt C.J. Perkett, Eric J. Johnson, PFC Dawson Cook, CPL Zackery Stewart, PVT Daniel Newell, SGT Timothy Gordon.

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL PRAY FOR THEM!

Please contact the rectory if you have any changes to be made.

PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY: Gayle Bush,



our Pastoral Care Associate, is delighted to call and visit elderly, infirm and homebound parishioners or those in hospital or nursing facilities. Call the parish at (518)792-5859 to let

us know about someone to be visited or if you have any questions.

S.O.S. MINISTRY HELP NEEDED! Are you a volunteer in a parish ministries? Would you like to join one of our ministries? We encourage everyone who has shared their time and talents to please resume doing so, especially our liturgical ministries. We are short handed for Eucharistic ministers and other liturgical ministries. Please call the rectory if you are interested in serving in any of the following ways, even if you have volunteered in the past but haven't heard back from us. Parish needs are always changing!

WOULD YOU PLEASE HELP:

- Lector Usher Choir Member **Bereavement Ministry Rosary Altar Society** Christian Ministry Live Streaming Maintenance/Repairs
- **Eucharistic Minister** Altar Server Catechist **Prayer Shawl Ministry Knights of Columbus Office Volunteer Gardens/Grounds** ...and more!

Please call 518-792-5859. YOUR parish needs YOU!



FAITH FORMATION OFFICE PHONE 518-792-5859 Jim Gorman—Ext. 15 Mary Stearns—Ext. 16

FAITH FORMATION NOTES

Read Sunday's Gospel, John 14:23-29

In this Gospel, Jesus prepared his disciples for his return to God. Jesus promised them that the Holy Spirit would live within them and provide strength and courage. The Spirit would always be available to help them as a counselor and advocate. Through the Spirit, they would recall the words and teachings of Jesus and even come to understand these things in a way that they could not before. In addition, the disciples would receive peace from the Spirit. The peace of the Spirit would be a "shalom" kind of peace which provided a special inner serenity.

This reading is especially helpful when parents have to explain death to their children. Jesus told his disciples that if they truly loved him, they would be happy that he was going to be with his Father. While the words are sometimes hard, even for us as we face a loss through death, our faith lets us know that Jesus and our loved ones are truly happy in a way we can't fully understand. Jesus offered the Spirit to the disciples because he knew the days ahead would be hard for them. It is that same Spirit that helps us and our families when we face hard days following a death. The greatest news in this reading is that Jesus will be back for us!

Jesus promised the Holy Spirit would be with us in the world until he returned for us. Take a look in your parish bulletin, local newspaper, or at school, work, or in your neighborhood and list as many examples as you can where you see the Holy Spirit at work in the world. If you notice someone on your list who needs to be reminded that the Spirit is active in their lives, call or visit them and let Jesus' presence be seen through you.

DISCUSSION STARTERS

1. This week I saw the Holy Spirit's presence in...

2. One time I know the Holy Spirit was really guiding me was when...

3. It helps me to know that Jesus is coming back for us especially when I think about...



Dear Friends in Christ,

This week, in our Gospel passage, we hear Jesus continue his 'farewell discourse' as it is called. It happens at the Last Supper and is where Jesus tries to alert His followers about what is going to happen to him in the coming days, that is, His Paschal Mystery. Judas has just left from the Upper Room to go betray Jesus to the religious leaders. In this excerpt, Jesus tells the apostles that he will soon no longer be with them, and that, if anyone loves Him and remains in Him, will know peace. Also, Jesus references the gift of a special 'advocate'—the Holy Spirit— in order to allow them to fulfill the ministry to which Jesus has called them. Perhaps if you have read or seen Romeo and Juliet by Shakespeare, you will know the line, "alas, parting is such sweet sorrow..." as Juliet bids good night to her love Romeo. In the spirit of that heartfelt sentiment, we might imagine Jesus saying the same to the apostles. That is because Jesus will soon accomplish the task for which He was born through his passion. Upon the resurrection, Jesus will ascend to Heaven to the right hand of God. The Holy Spirit can only be sent upon Jesus' return to glory with God. Now, as we begin the final weeks of the Easter season, I truly hope that all of us will be on the look out for the Spirit in our lives each and every day. If we can do so just imagine how far better a place our otherwise darkened and hurting world can be!

This coming Thursday, May 26, is a Holy Day of Obligation. It is the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord. For us in our part of the Country, Ascension Thursday is still on an actual Thursday. Most of the rest of the Nation transferred it to the seventh Sunday of Easter many years ago. We will have our usual Holy Day schedule of 8:30 am, 12:10 noon and 5:30 pm. Please plan on joining us for one of these convenient Mass times.

I want to thank all who helped out our recent parish tag sale last Friday and Saturday. The amount of items donated was staggering! Overall, while the foot traffic was not as robust as years past, we none the less did well, raising \$2,270.00! I am especially grateful to Pat and Bill Ramsey who did a phenomenal job of sorting and marking all the items, setting up the rooms and working extra hard. Thanks also to the Rosary Altar ladies who also helped out with the tag sale.

I enjoyed my first Sunday Mass with the good folks at St. Therese of Lisieux mission chapel last Sunday. As you know, earlier this month, responsibility for the pastoral care and administration of St. Therese was transferred from St. Clement in Saratoga Springs to St. Michael the Archangel by the Bishop. We are still looking at what our Sunday Mass times will end up being in the coming months. Stay tuned!

Father Tony Childs

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS CALENDAR



ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY: Rosary Altar Society next meeting will be held on Monday, May 23, at 6:30 pm in the parish hall. All women in the parish are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact RAS president Ann Ryan, president at (518)745-0973.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: The Knights of Columbus next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 25, with Rosary at 6:30 pm and Business Meeting at 7:00 pm. Please contact Grand Knight Bob Rugar at (518) 260-3025 for more information about becoming a Knight.

GRIEF SUPPORT MINISTRY: Joan DeLarm,



MSW, LCSW-R, ACSW, DCSW offers a weekly grief support group ministry in our parish on Mondays in our parish meeting (kindergarten) room 3:00-4:00 pm. All are welcome to attend, even if

from other parishes. It is offered for anyone who is experiencing grief or loss or knows of those who are feeling loss or are down or lonely. For more information, contact Joan at jsdelarm@gmail.com or Father Tony at the rectory. Joan is a former Sister of Saint Joseph and a retired psychotherapist and teacher with over 45 years of practice.

THANK YOU FROM THE RAMSEYS: To everyone who helped with our church Thank/ tag sale this year, give yourself a hand! You put so much You hard work into pulling this off. Thank you for your donations of items. Without

them, there would not be a sale. To start with thank you to all the wonderful people who emptied the garages in three days, the people who set the hall up were really amazing. It looked great! All those who worked the sale, you did a great job. And finally, to the ones who packed it up at the end cleaned up—great job! This sale was a great success because of all your hard work. We appreciate all you've done. Another excellent tag sale! Thank all so very much. ~~Pat & Bill Ramsey.

GLUTEN-FREE HOSTS AVAILABLE:



St. Michael's offers gluten-free hosts for those who need them for Communion due to celiac or other dietary requirements of low-gluten food items. See Father Tony before Mass to request a gluten-free host.

COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND:



Any St. Michael's parishioners who are unable to attend Mass in person, but wish to receive Holy Communion are welcome to contact the parish rectory office so

mebound that either Father Tony or Gayle Bush, Pastoral Care Associate, can bring Holy Communion to you. All Covid-19 safety measures will be followed during the visit. Please call the rectory at 518 -792-5859 or email smichael@nycap.rr.com.

THE EVANGELIST NEWSPAPER: Do you re-



ceive The Evangelist? Each week, it brings you news about the the Catholic Church and our

Diocese. The subscription price is only \$18.00. FYI-the parish MUST pay for every households to receive a copy of The Evangelist. Please help the parish defray this expense with your once-a-year gift of only \$18.00 for your subscription. Thank you!



PARISH FOOD DRIVE: There is a great need to support the local food pantries in our area. Please bring non perishable food items as well as personal hygiene and personal care

items (soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, etc.) with you to Mass as often as you are able to. Donation containers are outside the main school doors, outside of the parish kitchen and inside the main church doors. Thank you and may God bless you.

BECOME A MENTOR: The Saratoga Mentoring



Program matches caring adults with children, ages 7-17, from challenging circumstances. Mentors can make a profound difference in the life of a child and there is currently a waiting list in the South Glens Falls area. Studies show that young people with

mentors have more positive outcomes in school and in the workplace. This in turn strengthens our community, our economy and our country.

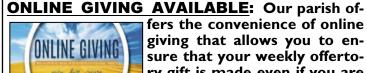
Mentors are screened and trained before working with a child, and meet with their mentees once a week for about 2 hours each time. In order to develop trust and consistency, a 1 year commitment is required. For more information visit www.saratogamentoring.org or call 518-581-1487. Saratoga Mentoring is a program of Catholic Charities.







THE WEEK OF: <u>MAY 8/15, 2022</u>	<u>WEEKLY AMOUNT NEEDED: \$6,300.00</u> Thank you for your generous support of St. Michael's Parish!
\$7,729.00/5,938.00	REGULAR WEEKLY OFFERTORY AMOUNT RECEIVED:
\$6,300.00	BUDGETED WEEKLY AMOUNT NEEDED:
(\$1,429.00/36200)	WEEKLY <u>SURPLUS</u> / <u>SHORTFALL</u> AMOUNT:
<u>\$13,667.00</u>	GRAND TOTAL RECEIVED:



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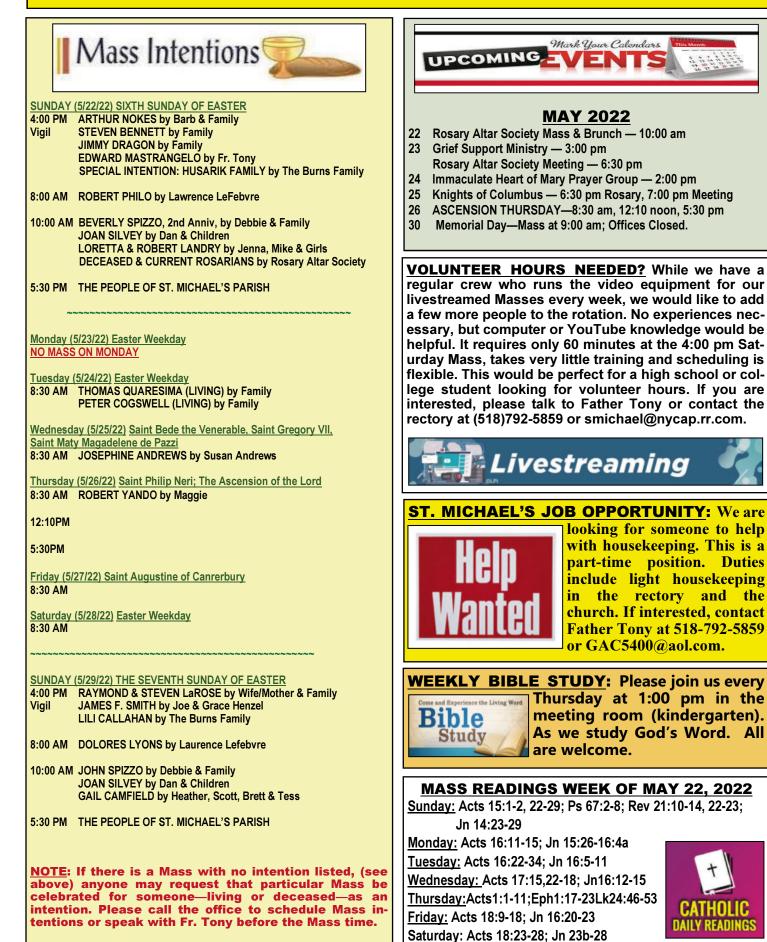


ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL: Have you made your gift to the 2021-22 Diocesan Appeal? After reviewing our records we have found that there are dozens of parishioners who have given to the Appeal in the past few years, but have not given a gift yet this year. Every gift helps the Diocese to carry on the work and ministry of Jesus in a variety of ways. I ask all of you who have faithfully supported the Diocesan Appeal in the past and who have not done so yet, to please send your gift in now. The current Appeal ends on June 30. I am hopeful that those who have not yet given will do so in the next month or so.

The Covid Pandemic has put added strain to the services and ministries of the Diocese. If you think about it, a gallon of gasoline is at an all-time high! Just over a year ago, it was at least a dollar less expensive. Likewise, the cost of just about everything has risen significantly. In contrast, most charitable donations have remained unchanged, if not greatly reduced! We are all called upon to help share in the work of Jesus mission by our gift to support the Diocesan Appeal.

PLEASE MAIL YOUR GIFT DIRECTLY to the Diocese of Albany at 40 North Main Avenue, Albany, NY 12203. As a convenience, you may also make your gift online. Visit the Diocesan Appeal website at www.thediocesanappeal.org to make your gift or pledge safely and securely. There's no check to write, no envelope to mail! Thank you and God bless.







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