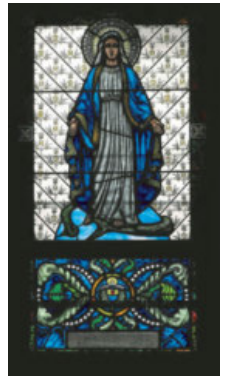




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St Albert Church W Stewartstown

Masses—Friday: 8AM, Sat: 4:30PM
Sun: 8AM (Columbus Day to Memorial Day)

St Brendan Church Colebrook

Masses—Thur: 8AM,
Sun: 10AM

St Pius X Church Errol

Masses—Sun: 8AM (Chapel open
Memorial Day to Columbus Day)



Third Sunday of Easter — May 1st, 2022

PARISH STAFF

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Organist: Odette Crawford, Therese Wright

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SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Please call the Parish Office for an appointment.

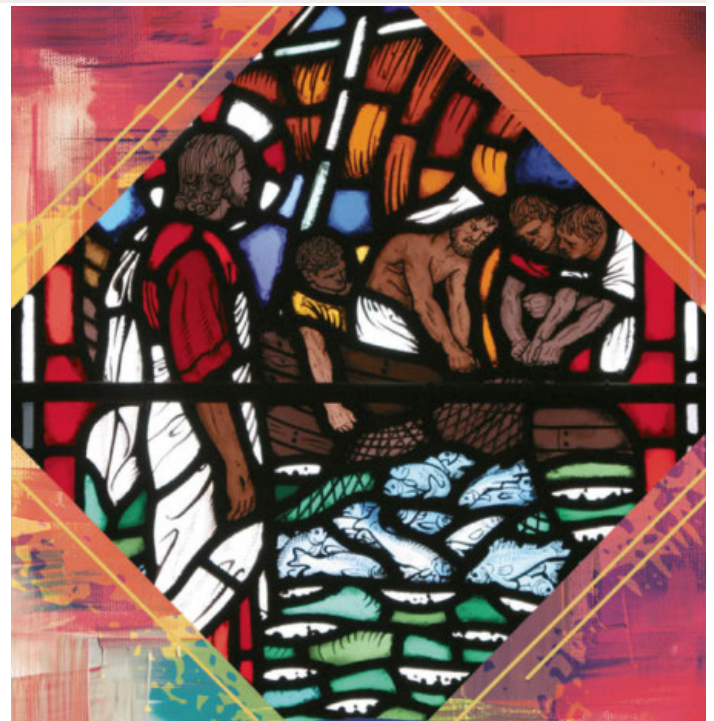
Marriage: Please contact the Parish Office 6 months prior to your tentative date.

Confessions: Saturday 3:30 - 4:00 PM at St. Albert Church or by appointment.

WELCOME

New Parishioners:

If you attend North American Martyrs Parish regularly & consider us your parish, please take a moment to register with us by calling the Parish Office as soon as possible.



3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

And none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they realized it was the Lord. - Jn 21:12

ST. ALBERT



Sat., Apr. 30th 4:30PM
Jules Grondin Req by Dolores Grondin
Pauline Rodrigue Req by Gaston Rodrigue

Sun., May 1st 8:00AM
Gilbert Marchesseault Req by Dolores Grondin & Family

Fri., May 6th 8:00AM
Pauline Rodrigue Req by Gaston Rodrigue

Sat., May 7th 4:30PM
Maria Luz Palma Req by Doug & Virginia Brooks

Sun., May 8th 8:00AM
Pierre Fournier Req by the Family
Iola Boire Req by Josh Boire & Family

ST. BRENDAN

Sun., May 1st 10:00AM
All Souls remembered on All Souls Day

Thu., May 5th 8:00AM
All Souls remembered on All Souls Day

Sun., May 8th 10:00AM
Patrick Riendeau Req by Bonnie Riendeau
Rejeanne Gregoire Req by her Family

COOS NURSING HOME

Wed., May. 4th 9:30AM
All Souls remembered on All Souls Day



This year let's invite all the children and grandchildren to join us at Church to celebrate the Love of God and the love of our Mothers & Grandmothers!

<u>Financial Report</u>	4/24/2022
Offertory	\$1822.00
60/40 Fundraiser	29.00
Food Pantry	100.00
<i>Fuel Funds</i>	1989.00
<i>Thank you for your support of our parish!</i>	


60/40 WINNER:
 (St. Albert's Church) Congratulations to **Yvonne Burrill** \$11.60
Please consider participating in our weekly Parish 60/40 Booster Club. Envelopes are available at the Church entrances. Put a DOLLAR in the envelope, fill out the front with your name & address and drop it in the weekly collection. Weekly winner will be mailed a check for their 40% winnings.

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For the Intentions of the Parishioners
St. Brendan Church
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If you are interested or considering including your Church as part of your estate planning please contact the Parish Office or Father Craig for more assistance.

The Annual Membership Club (\$100 yr) - pick up & fill out an envelope in the back of the Church & drop in the collection. Payable as one lump sum or 10 monthly payments of \$10. Drawing in Dec..
Start yours today!

Eucharistic Adoration
 Monthly, 8:30AM First Friday at St Albert Parish

 *The Rosary is prayed a 1/2 hour before each weekend Mass at St. Albert (SA) & St. Brendan (SB) Churches. All are welcome to join.*

Catholic Women's Club
 For information about the Women's Club please call Diane Little (603-237-8062).

Pope Francis asks for prayers for a special monthly intention. Mays for: **Faith Filled Young People**
 "We pray for all children & young adults who find strength today to follow Jesus and who willing accept the direction given to them by the Holy Spirit" AMEN

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mo: Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29
Tu: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14
We: Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40
Th: Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51
Fr: Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59
Sa: Acts 9:31-42/Jn 6:60-69

Observances for this week:

Mo: St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
Tu: Sts. Philip and James, Apostles
We:
Th: National Day of Prayer
Fr & Sa:
Next Su: 4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations; Mother's Day

**Please join us Thursday
May 5th at 6:00pm at St
Albert Church for Na-
tional Day of Prayer. We
will be reciting a 20 dec-
ade Rosary for this
intention**

Link for reading information as well as other pertinent Universal Church resources: <http://usccb.org/bible/readings>.

REFLECT & RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading: (Acts 5:32) The apostles faced trial and even persecution from the religious leaders of Jerusalem (the Sanhedrin) for bearing witness to Jesus' resurrection. Why do you think some people are threatened by the good news of Jesus risen from the dead?

Second Reading: (Rev 5:12) John sees a vision of heaven in which all of the created order is worshipping Jesus as the slain and risen "Lamb." What images of heaven bring you comfort?

Gospel: (Jn 21:13) The resurrected Jesus appeared to seven of his disciples while they were fishing on the Sea of Tiberias. In doing so, Jesus comes to strengthen Peter for his upcoming leadership role. What gives you strength in your faith journey?

LIVE THE LITURGY - OUR WEEKLY INSPIRATION What prevents us from seeing the Lord? We are not used to seeing Jesus in the ordinary, everyday events of our lives. We expect some kind of startling, extraordinary revelation to occur that definitely and unmistakably sends a signal that God wants our attention. We don't expect a visit from Jesus while we are having breakfast, doing the dishes, running after the kids, negotiating a deal at work, or taking a shower! Sometimes when God simply stands on the shore of our lives casually looking for us, we don't recognize him. Did we ever stop and think that God is really and truly interested in the routine, run of the mill events of our lives? So, "what did you do today?" God may ask. Maybe we don't think that God is concerned about such things, or we are so consumed with life's demands that we give it little if any thought. Perhaps we are determined to achieve our own success, desire to control things ourselves or not really sure what God cares about. God is there. One day, out of the blue, God will get our attention and ask, "Do you love me?"

Sharing Your Faith— Choosing Organ Donation

Question: Are Catholics allowed to donate their organs?

Answer: Yes, Catholics are allowed to donate their organs. In fact, the Catechism of the Catholic Church praises this practice when it notes that, "Organ donation after death is a noble and meritorious act and is to be encouraged as an expression of generous solidarity" (no. 2296).

The Church has a series of guidelines for health care providers called The Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Services. This document helps us see organ donation as an act of charity, but it also reminds us that we have to be sure that donations of organs by living donors do not "sacrifice or seriously impair any essential bodily function and the anticipated benefit to the recipient is proportionate to the harm to the donor" (no. 30); trained medical professionals can help to make this assessment. In the case of organ donation at the end of life, we must be sure of the intentions of the donor or of their proxy are always respected, and that the dignity of the human body is always respected.

In the end, we can look to Pope Saint John Paul II and his encyclical *Evangelium Vitae*, where he noted that organ donation is a beautiful act of expressing the culture of life, when "performed in an ethically acceptable manner, with a view to offering a chance of health or even of life itself to the sick who sometimes have no other hope" (no. 86).

Men of St Joseph—any man from North American Martyrs is welcome to join our Men of St Joseph group. If you are interested please see Father Craig and / or call the Parish Office.

Gifts in Disguise.....Have you ever opened a gift and wondered what the giver was thinking?

I won't call out any of my family or friends here, but suffice to say, I think we have all been the confused recipient of a sweater that wasn't our size or a gift card to a store where we don't shop. But we smiled all the same and said how much it meant to us, because we know that when it comes to gifts, it's all about the gesture.

Suffering is a lot like that — the gift you never asked for, and don't really want to receive. Sometimes we look at suffering and, like the apostles who see Jesus as a stranger on the shore, we don't recognize it for what it can be. We don't appreciate the catalyst suffering can be for change, for growth, for grace.

What was the gift that you received in disguise? Was it a relationship that confounded and frustrated you? Was it a job that tested your spirit? An obstacle that stopped you dead in your tracks? A rejection that threatened to break your spirit?

If I go back and look at the worst gifts I've ever gotten, chances are that I didn't like them because I didn't know what to do with them — they were more fitted for someone else's interests, someone else's life. It's the same with suffering. We're tempted to cast suffering aside when it comes our way because it doesn't fit the person we are. Suffering is made to fit the person God knows we have the ability, with His grace, to become.

Hang onto that suffering. Unlike the misshapen sweater, it really will come in handy. — *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*

St. Rose Venerini | May 7

The story of St. Rose of Venerini (February 9, 1656 – May 7, 1728) is one of having faith in God and his calling in your life. Born in Italy in 1656, she was the daughter of a doctor. Following the death of her fiancé, she entered a convent in the hopes of becoming a nun, but soon returned home to care for her mother after the death of her father. In an effort to keep up her spiritual side, St. Rose invited women of the neighborhood to recite the rosary in her home, and together they formed a sodality.



Unsure of where her life was headed, she sought the spiritual guidance of a Jesuit priest. After much contemplation, she admitted to feeling called to be a teacher in the world, rather than a nun in a convent. Eventually, she moved ahead and opened a free school for girls in 1685. Eventually, she was invited to oversee the training of teachers and the administration of schools in the Diocese of Montefiascone, which then led to being called upon to organize schools in many parts of Italy, including Rome.

St. Rose died in Rome in 1728 amid a number of miracles that many credit to her. The group of women she first prayed with in her home eventually became known as the Venerini Sisters, found in the United States and working among Italian immigrants. St. Rose was beatified in 1952 and canonized in 2006.



The Baby Bottle Campaign has ended please return all bottles to the back of the Church THIS WEEKEND!

When you return your bottle please consider donating a package or two of diapers. The Center has stated that they regularly run out. North American Martyrs can assist the Center tremendously by consider donating. There are boxes wrapped in baby shower paper in the back of each Church. Let's consider 'showering' them with our generosity.

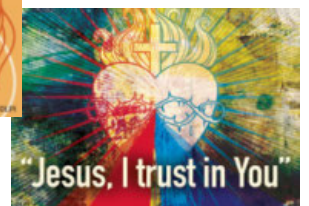
Please accept our THANKS for participating.





***Saint Albert Indoor Yard Sale** on May 14th 7am – 3pm. On that day, for a small fee, we will have a Pancake Breakfast (7-10am) and a Beans & Hot Dog Lunch (11-2). We're adding a Bake Sale as well!!! Please considering baking and dropping your baked goods on Friday May 13th 5:30pm to 7:30pm at St Albert Parish Hall.

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CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN
Question: Who were Dismas and Gestas?
Answer: The criminals crucified with Jesus.

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