

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH

71 East Main Street
Mohawk, New York, 13407

MAY 23, 2021



Sr. Mary Jo Tallman, CSJ

Parish Life Director
Parish Office-54 E. Main St.
315-866-1752

Trustees

Karen Slazak
Frank Paratore

Rev. Mark Cunningham

Sacramental Minister
315-866-4282

Masses:

Sat. Vigil 5:30 PM
Sunday 9:30am

Confessions

By appointment

Marriages

At least 6 months notice

Baptisms

As announced

Church Staff

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<http://www.rcda.org/churches/BlessedSacramentMohawk/>

Worship Schedule

Saturday, May 22

5:30pm Frank A. Frank & family
by Dominick J. Frank

Sunday, May 23

9:30am Bill Comin
by Catholic Daughters-Ct.#265
Ed Lynch
by Becky & Larry Laymon

Saturday, May 29

5:30pm Esther Lamphere
by Sister Mary Jo

Sunday, May 30

9:30am Shirley Bereza
by Father Leo Potvin
Dennis Hyland
by Terry & Carolyn Watson

Offerings for May 16, 2021

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| WEEKLY | \$2,004 |
| ASCENSION | \$258 |
| MISC. | \$903 |
| TOTAL | \$3,165 |

NEEDED FOR BUDGET \$2,400

Thank you for your generosity.



Readings for the week of May 23, 2021

Sunday: *Vigil:* Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30

[cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 *Extended Vigil:* Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/ Dn 3:52, 52, 53, 55, 56 or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 *Day:* Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23 [23b]/ Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [Sir 36:1b]/Mk 10:32-45

Thursday: Sir 42:15-25/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [6a]/ Mk 10:46-52

Friday: Sir 44:1, 9-13/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mk 11:11-26

Saturday: Sir 51:12cd-20/Ps 19:8, 9, 19, 11 [9ab]/Mk 11:27-33

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Saturday, 29 at 5:30 pm

Lector Karen Slazak

Sunday, May 30 at 9:30 am

Lector Richard Barrett

Saturday, June 5 at 5:30 pm

Lector Barb Smith
Server Abby Waite

Sunday, June 6 at 9:30 am

Lector Terry Leonard
Server Bailey Bray

**I am only assigning one server per Mass in keeping with the social distancing guidelines.*

Elementary School

St. Francis de Sales Early Childhood LC

220 Henry St., Herkimer-

Pre-K & Kindergarten Program

(315) 866-4831

for registration info Faith Formation for:

Blessed Sacrament , St. Francis & St. A & J,

St. John's-Newport

Elementary: Sr. Mary Jo Tallman 315-866-1752

High School 315-866-4282

Parish Mission Statement

“We, the faith community of Blessed Sacrament Parish, in the Diocese of Albany, NY seek to provide a place of welcome as together we strive to live out the invitation of the gospel to “love one another” and to do all we can to build up the Kingdom of God through Celebration of the Sacraments, outreach and community service.”

The Beauty of Prayer

“Authentic prayer changes un-unmasks us- indicates where growth is needed. Authentic prayer never leads to complacency, but it needles us-makes us uneasy at times. It leads to true self-knowledge, no true humility.”
—St. Teresa of Avila

Liturgical Updates/COVID Protocols

We have received a number of documents from the Diocese concerning the protocols that have been in place in our churches since March 2020. While these documents are lengthy, I will condense for an "easy read." First of all, the Bishop has issued an letter about returning to Mass, the letter states: "I will remove the general dispensation from the obligation to go to mass on Sundays & Holy Days given back in March 2020.

However, there would still be a particular dispensation from this obligation for those in certain circumstances; those who are sick, at risk or care for the sick or those who experience significant anxiety or fear of getting sick from being in a public setting." In other words-it's your decision based on your circumstances.

Again, please see the entire letter as posted on our parish website and I assume it will also appear in The Evangelist.

I have posted a copy on the bulletin board as well. This is a very positive sign that we are in much better circumstances that a year ago. I look forward to seeing more folks in church soon. -SMJ



Question: Why are Catholic and Protestant Bibles different?

Answer:

Since the earliest days of the Church, Christians used a Greek translation of the Old Testament known as the Septuagint. This collection of the texts of the Hebrew Scriptures included 46 books. At the time of the Protestant Reformation in the 1500s, the Protestant reformers began to create their own translations of the Bible (into local languages) and some began to question why the Jewish Scriptures would have included texts that were written in Greek, because, they assumed, the only valid Jewish Scriptures would have been written in Hebrew. And so, they decided to remove seven books from the Old Testament: Baruch, Sirach, 1 and 2 Maccabees, Tobit, Judith and Wisdom (as well as portions of the Books of Daniel and Esther). This means that the Protestant Old Testament only includes 39 books, while Catholic Bibles continue to include those original 46 books. Both Catholic and Protestant Bibles include 27 books and letters in the New Testament

UPDATES- Mass and the Eucharist

The diocese has issued the following protocols to remain in place:

- Holy Communion-under one kind only (no precious blood).
- No Holy Water Fonts.
- Maintain social distancing, mask wearing, hand sanitizing and contact tracing.
- Sanitizing after each mass (pews, etc.)

We Can:

- Have entrance procession & recessional.
- Have servers assist the priest.
- Have hymn books in the pews.
- Have the presentation of Gifts (however, we'll wait to incorporate this practice until later.)
- Monetary donations are still to be collected via the boxes on the wall since we do not have long handled collection baskets.
- We may greet the people after Mass! (I have really missed this so I'm happy it has been reinstated.)
- We can have gatherings after Mass to socialize following suggested guidelines.
- Music Ministers are welcomed back with some guidance as to social distancing. Parishioners may sing even though they must wear a mask in church.

We're not quite all the way back, but this is certainly an improvement. As always, we will continue to do all we can to keep you safe and healthy. Let's continue to pray for all those who have lost a loved to the virus and in thanksgiving for our health care providers.
-SMJ



Basket Raffle

A joint fundraising event with Catholic Daughters will take place on Saturday, June 5th from 10am-2pm in our church hall. We need donations of baskets with a value of not less than \$15.

Baskets can be dropped off before any weekend mass or call Sister Mary Jo for a different arrangement if needed.
THANK YOU! Please spread the word to family and friends as we certainly need the support.

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