



The Parish of Good Shepherd & St. Joseph

May 2nd, 2021

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Church of the Good Shepherd - Rhinebeck

Weekend Mass: Saturday: 5:00 p.m. and Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.

Daily Mass: Monday through Saturday (Except Tuesday): 9:00 a.m.

Good Shepherd Church is fully accessible for the disabled.

St. Joseph Church - Rhinecliff

Sunday: 9:30 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

Monday through Friday: 8:30 a.m.—8:55 a.m. (except Tuesday)

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.- 4:55 p.m.

SPECIAL DEVOTIONS

Eucharistic Adoration every Friday from 9:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

(September through June)

Miraculous Medal Novena immediately following 9:00 a.m. Mass on Monday

St. Joseph Litany and Prayer immediately following 9:00 a.m. Mass on Wednesday

Daily Rosary at 8:30 a.m. (except Tuesday)

BAPTISMS

Baptisms are conducted on weekends. Parents who have not previously attended instruction in the sacrament must do so prior to the child's Baptism.

MARRIAGES

Those seeking to marry must meet with the Pastor at least 6 months prior to the proposed wedding date to allow time for pre-marriage program attendance, gathering of appropriate documents, and securing any dispensation from ecclesial authorities.

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Name _____
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Change of Address Moving out of Parish
 Home Visit Requested Need Envelopes

Please fill out and cut form. Return it through the Collection Basket or by mail to the Rectory Office. New registrants are invited to visit the Rectory during office hours to receive the registration form and information on parish activities.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 9:00 A.M. 5:00 P.M.	May 1, 2021 Saint Joseph the Worker Emery Ruger † req by Barbara Ruger Raymond, Gary & Barry Lutz † req by Betty Lutz
Fifth Sunday of Easter	
Sunday 8:00 A.M. 11:15 A.M. 9:30 A.M.	May 2 Fifth Sunday of Easter Truman Bartlett † req by Mary & Peter Richard Deceased Members of the Grady/Fregosi Families † req by Joan Grady The Holsapple Family † req by the Browne Family
Monday 9:00 A.M.	May 3 Saints Philip and James, Apostles Anna Marie Enright † req by Eileen & Frank Weber
Tuesday	May 4 Easter Weekday No Mass
Wednesday 9:00 A.M.	May 5 Easter Wednesday Father Carl Johnson † req by the Nielsen Family
Thursday 9:00 A.M.	May 6 Easter Weekday Bill Granata † req by Carlo & Bette Scagnelli
Friday 9:00 A.M.	May 7 Easter Weekday Pro Populo
Saturday 9:00 A.M. 5:00 P.M.	May 8 Easter Weekday Mary C. Kelly † req by the Good Shepherd Coffee Hour Billy Earley † req by Bruce & Linda Tripp
Sunday 8:00 A.M. 11:15 A.M. 9:30 A.M.	May 9 Sixth Sunday of Easter Mother's Day Novena Mother's Day Novena Mother's Day Novena



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WHY WE'RE EXPLORING MARS: WHAT CS LEWIS AND AUGUSTINE MIGHT SAY

by Thomas Salerno

On the afternoon of February 18, 2021, I was one of the many people around the world tensely watching the livestream broadcast from mission control at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory. Mankind's latest robotic explorer was about to arrive on the planet Mars.

Several anxious minutes of updates passed as NASA received signals from the spacecraft indicating it had begun its perilous descent through the Martian atmosphere.

When final confirmation arrived that the Perseverance rover had landed safe and intact on the surface, mission control erupted in cheers.

Perseverance, or "Percy," is similar in appearance to its celebrated predecessor Curiosity, but it carries a new array of scientific instruments to further NASA's quest for evidence of past (or present) microbial life on the Red Planet. The robot will be exploring the landscape in and around Jezero Crater. Ages ago, this region was a vast lake fed by a nearby river. On Earth, water is necessary for life to exist and flourish, so it's possible that the fluvial sediments of the dry river delta contain chemical traces of extinct microbes.

On April 19, after some initial software hiccups, Percy launched a tiny companion, a four-pound helicopter named Ingenuity.

Ingenuity accomplished the first-ever flight of a powered aircraft on another planet. Its success could pave the way for future "Marscopters" that would greatly enhance NASA's ability to make detailed surveys of Martian terrain.

Captivated

For millennia, humankind has been captivated by the night sky and has speculated on the nature of the cosmos. From those early days of astronomy until the present, our neighboring planet Mars has seemed to hold a particular fascination for us. Countless science fiction novels have been written about the possibilities of alien life forms and civilizations inhabiting the Red Planet.

The dawn of the Space Age and decades of robotic probe missions have dispelled some of the mystery around Mars, and yet our intense interest endures.

Despite appearing to be a "dead" world, the geologic evidence indicates that Mars once possessed abundant liquid water on its surface. This leaves open the tantalizing possibility that life once existed there.

As I, along with the rest of the world, celebrated the beginning of Percy's important work on Mars, I found myself asking an intriguing question: *Why are we as a species so enthralled with the exploration of space and the search for extraterrestrial life?*

Humans seem to be born explorers. Even in the deeps of prehistory, our ancestors were pushing the boundaries of what was known, inventing new technologies and pioneering new frontiers.

It has been speculated by some scientists that there could be a genetic basis for human wanderlust, a so-called "explorer gene." This is an oversimplification, of course, as no single gene could form the basis of such a complex behavior. Even if we are somehow "wired" to explore, I find this materialistic, determinist explanation hollow and unsatisfying. I think we need to dig deeper to find a more complete answer to this question.

Deeper Restlessness

Spiritual thinkers and theologians have known for centuries that there is a profound and abiding restlessness in the human soul, a longing for communion with the infinite.

Perhaps the most famous summation of this insight comes from St. Augustine of Hippo at the beginning of his *Confessions*, where he addresses God, saying,

You stir man to take pleasure in praising you, because you have made us for yourself, and our heart is restless until it rests in you."

Is it possible that the scientific quest to explore the cosmos is an expression of the universal human longing for the transcendent?

In his celebrated book *Mere Christianity*, C.S. Lewis writes,

If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world.

Earth is not our true homeland, our *patria* as the Romans would call it. But Lewis also understood that this *patria*, the place where our souls will at last find rest, will not be found on Mars or on any world within the bounds of the contingent, created universe.

Lewis continues,

I must keep alive in myself the desire for my true country, which I shall not find till death ... I must make it the main object of life to press on to that country and to help others to do the same.

We are pilgrims in this world, pressing onward to the true "final frontier," the Beatific Vision of God our Creator when, as 1 John 3:2 puts it, "we shall see him as he is" and finally find the home we have been searching for.

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NIGERIAN BISHOP: "OUR LAND IS NOW A POOL OF BLOOD"

By Joop Koopman

In an October 1 message marking the 60th anniversary of Nigeria's independence from British rule, Bishop Matthew Kukah of Sokoto was harshly critical of the country's President Muhammadu Buhari, faulting him for failing to rein in ongoing violence, much of it targeting Christians.

"Where are the Chibok daughters? Where is Leah Sharibu? Who are the sponsored murderers who have overrun our land? Our land is now a pool of blood. Mr. President, please reset the clock before it is too late."

"I pray for you that God will touch your heart so that you embrace the ideals of those who came before you. This is not the Nigeria they dreamt of," said the bishop in the statement sent to Aid to the Church in Need (ACN).

Against the backdrop of the killing of Christian farmers by largely Muslim Fulani herdsmen, the prelate added that in violation of the Constitution, "nepotism has become the new ideology of this government. In following this ideology it is estimated that the President has handed over 85 percent of the key positions to northern Muslims and has ensured that men of his faith hold tight to the reins of power in the most critical areas of our national life; the National Assembly and Security Agencies!"

Bishop Kukah charged that the "President has been quite diligent and focused in the pursuit of an agenda that is clearly alien to the aspirations and hopes of our people across religious lines. Nigeria was nothing like this before he came. How long will this lie last before it melts in our faces? **We are living a lie and we know it.**"

"In Nigeria, governance is a criminal enterprise, not a call to service," the bishop said.

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Saint Bernardine of Siena

Priest († 1444)

Feast: May 20

Bernardine was born in 1380 of a noble family. He was orphaned by the age of seven and then cared for by two aunts. As a teenager, he pursued a law degree. When he was twenty, the plague came to Siena. After many of the hospital staff succumbed, Bernardine and ten other men took it over and cared for the afflicted for four months. Bernardine himself became very ill, although it is not clear if he contracted the plague.

Upon recovery, he went to the Franciscans, making vows in 1403 and receiving Holy Orders the next year. He embraced an ascetic lifestyle and continued his studies in theology.

In 1417, Bernardine began an immensely successful preaching career. He traversed much of Italy, his powerful voice and entertaining open-air sermons drawing up to thirty thousand people at a time. Bernardine denounced usury and witchcraft, challenged the soft upper classes, and preached peace to warring factions. Above all, he spoke of conversion and inflamed the people's heart with love of Jesus. Bernardine's mission of promoting the name of Jesus by way of placards emblazoned with the acronym *IHS*—derived from the first three Greek letters of the name of Jesus—answered a charge of encouraging idolatry. The pope ended up applauding his work.

The fervent Bernardine drew many into the Observant Franciscans and refused three bishoprics. Insisting that "all of Italy is my diocese." He died in 1444.

5th SUNDAY OF EASTER



Pray for the Sick



John Bernitt
Robert Hechler
Jan Murray
Herbert Owens
Kenneth C. Russell
Scott Schaffer
Christina Vaczi
Michael Vaczi

“It’s time to set aside your gently used items for our yard sale.”

September 10th, 11th, and 12th.
There will be a meeting on Wednesday May 12th at 7pm in the church hall for anyone interested in helping plan this years yard sale.
Call Kitty Ghee at 876-6798 for more information.



HAPPY SPRING!!

Below, the perennial garden at Good Shepherd Rectory



Summer with the Shepherd 2021 Update

Hopefully the Covid 19 pandemic will be behind us soon. However, because we're still dealing with this virus, we are not able to have a Summer With The Shepherd vacation bible school program this summer. We're hoping to have an "Autumn Day With The Shepherd" some Saturday this fall. The date for this day has not been set yet, but we'll keep you posted.

If you have any questions or comments, call Kitty Ghee at 876-6798.



May 9th is Mother's Day
Give the gift of a Spiritual Bouquet.
Please find the Mother's Day cards in the vestibule.

Woman's Society News:

Next meeting is May 6 at 7pm in the wing of the Church.

Discussion topic will be Installation Mass and Dinner

Prayer Shawl Ministry

In addition to daily prayers for our friends who have received a Prayer Shawl and those on the Parish Prayer List, Prayer Shawl Ministry members unite themselves with others throughout the world praying for our Holy Father's monthly intentions. We invite parishioners to join with us as we pray this month for: **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. Please pray for our ministry and those we serve. "*Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.*" (Read 1 Jn 3:18-24)

Friends, let us work together to 'bear much fruit'!

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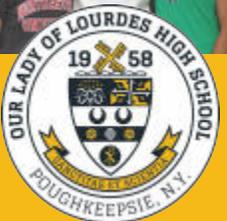
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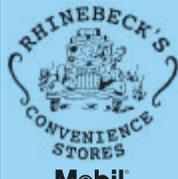
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