



The Parish of Good Shepherd & St. Joseph

May 16th, 2021

Seventh 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: 8:30a.m.—8:55a.m. (except Tuesday)

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

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 9:00 A.M. 5:00 P.M.	May 15 Easter Weekday Mother's Day Novena Mother's Day Novena
Seventh Sunday of Easter	
Sunday 8:00 A.M. 11:15 A.M. 9:30 A.M.	May 16 Seventh Sunday of Easter Chuck Halbert † req by Trudy Halbert Mousie & Tim Flanagan † req by Michael & Annie Antonell The Kipp Family † req by the Browne Family
Monday 9:00 A.M.	May 17 Easter Weekday Father Carl Johnson † req by Carlo & Bette Scagnelli
Tuesday	May 18 Easter Weekday No Mass
Wednesday 9:00 A.M.	May 19 Easter Weekday Alice Bartlett † req by Mary & Peter Richard
Thursday 9:00 A.M.	May 20 Easter Weekday Pro Populo
Friday 9:00 A.M.	May 21 Easter Weekday Anna Marie Enright † req by Frank & Eileen Weber
Saturday 9:00 A.M. 5:00 P.M.	May 22 Easter Weekday Souls of the Faithful Departed † req by Kevin McCloskey Raymond, Gary & Barry Lutz † req by Betty Lutz
Sunday 8:00 A.M. 11:15 A.M. 9:30 A.M.	May 23 Pentecost Sunday Major Mary C. Kelly, USA † req by Ginny & Pat Sidorik John Grady † req by Joan Grady Carmen & Joan Calenti † req by Maria Clark



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GERMANY: ON THE BRINK OF SCHISM

by Michele Malia McAloon

The universal Church is about to witness, in the homeland of Martin Luther, some (but not all) German bishops taking a dangerous path toward open schism with the pope. In outright rebellion to the text by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith on March 15, 2021, which denied that the Church has the authority to bless “same-sex unions,” various German bishops plan to do just that on May 10.

Their website “Love wins, blessing service for lovers” calls for participants to upload their pictures to express agreement with a short statement, which begins, “We do not refuse a blessing ceremony. We do this in our responsibility as pastors” and ends, “We do not accept that an exclusive and outdated sexual morality is carried out on the backs of people and undermines our work in pastoral care.”

The chairman of the German bishop conference, Bishop Georg Batzing, has condemned this “call” and labeled it “not suitable as an instrument for church political manifestations or protest actions.” He believes sexual morality must be discussed in the context of the Synodal Way, a process the German Catholic Church launched in December 2019, in response to the sexual abuse crisis.

Four topics are currently being examined: power and Separations of Powers in the Church; sexuality and partnership; the priesthood; and women in ministries and offices in the Church. Unfortunately, many of the documents thus far produced have not strengthened the evangelical and apostolic mission of the Church, but rather merely reflect the message of a divided (and divisive), confused, and secular society.

The genesis of this problem may very well be monetary. Church taxes – paid voluntarily, and collected from Catholic parishioners’ total income tax, 8-9 percent depending on the region of Germany – amounted to almost \$7 billion in 2020. The salaries for bishops and priests, upwards of 180,000 euros (more than \$215,000 dollars) a year for a bishop, and 96,000 euros (around \$115,000) for a priest, are paid from the Church tax.

In the past year, however, it’s estimated that 300,000 Catholics left the Church in Germany. Keeping the flock from leaving is not only an evangelical mission but a financial necessity.

Many faithful Catholics in Germany believe this accommodation to secular demands is a ploy to attract more parishioners. Michael Hesemann, a German Catholic and author of the recently published *Jesus of Nazareth: Archaeologists Retracing the Footsteps of Christ* believes those who actually attend Mass do *not* agree with the Synodal way or the schismatic threats.

Like American Catholics, most German Catholics attend weekly and daily Mass out of genuine belief in the salvific message of Jesus Christ. People freely choose Roman Catholicism specifically for a disciplined liturgical structure and the clear succinct teachings of the Magisterium. As George Weigel has said, “Catholic lite equals Catholic zero.”

The German bishops should look to their Protestant counterparts, who have capitulated to liberal teachings. Attendance in Protestant German churches is probably less than 3 percent of the population; the German Bishop’s Conference estimates Catholic attendance still remains around 9 percent. Numbers vary, but in the small village where my husband and I attend Mass, we see multi-generations filling pews and empty parking lots at Protestant Churches.

The majority of practicing Catholics in Germany are actually foreigners from America, Nigeria, Croatia, and even France. Still, there is irony in the fact that Luther’s homeland is now more Catholic than Protestant in terms of practice.

Martin Luther warned centuries ago, “You are not only responsible for what you say, but also for what you do not say.” The grounds for a *de facto* schism in Germany have already been in place. From the very beginning, bishops supporting and participating in the Synodal Way were making pronouncements about not having to conform to Church doctrine or Rome.

In 2019, German Catholics gathered to discuss such issues as remarriage after divorce, and same-sex unions. The talks were described as tense, and there was palpable shock at those who supported the Magisterium. Yet the majority of those in the pews protest an agenda that includes women’s ordination, rewriting the Catechism, lifting of celibacy for priests, and blessing unholy or irregular unions.

Instead of acting as true Catholic shepherds, German prelates apparently believe they can lead the faithful without embracing the truth of Scripture or the Magisterium. After all, what did St. Paul, St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Augustine, or Cardinal Ratzinger really know about people today?

Schism is a great evil. As Pope Leo XIII wrote: “There is nothing more grievous than the sacrilege, there can be no just necessity for destroying the unity of the church.” Schism is the refusal to submit to proper papal authority or failure to remain in communion with the universal Church. Anyone guilty of an external act of schism is *ipso facto* excommunicated.

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A further problem will arise in the actions the Vatican will have to take in the face of schismatic acts by bishops who openly controvert Church teaching. Bishop Franz Josef Overbeck, the Ordinary of Essen, has said that his priests will face no canonical discipline for blessing gay and lesbian unions. To date, no couples have signed up to participate in his diocese. But there seems little likelihood of walking back from the brink of what's been threatened.

The actions of bishops, who eschew the hard work of genuine moral and spiritual conversion in an exchange for overly simplistic cultural platitudes, will have consequences reaching far beyond their dioceses.

Every Sunday, Catholics throughout the universal Church gather in front of the altar to profess their belief "in one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church." The Body of Christ, like any organic body, cannot be divided or fractured and remain healthy. Every parish and diocese in the world needs others in order to effectively proclaim the message of Jesus Christ. Excommunicating swaths of the German Church will affect the universal Church not only monetarily, but spiritually. A wound to one part of the body is a wound to the entire body.

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PRAYING THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

WITH ST. JOSEPH

Fr. Edward Looney

During Lent, many people prayed the Stations of the Cross with St. Joseph. While St. Joseph did not participate in the passion and death of Jesus, as he had already passed away, we could meditate with his insights in this his Jubilee Year.

Despite his absence, Joseph's presence in the life of Jesus could be connected to each station, and his intercession could be implored. St. Joseph formed and taught Jesus throughout his childhood.

So too, as we pray the Sorrowful Mysteries, we pray with the connection between Jesus' childhood, his relationship with his father, and his passion.

Agony in the Garden

Jesus' agony in the Garden of Gethsemane gives us insight into His prayer to the Father. Jesus prays asking the Father to let the cup of suffering pass if it should be His will. In his formative years as a youth, St. Joseph taught and modeled prayer for Jesus.

As you pray this mystery, reflect on how St. Joseph prayed during times of struggle and how he modeled prayer for Jesus in the home at Nazareth.

Scourging at the Pillar

Beaten and whipped. Jesus' blood falls to the ground. The pavement becomes drenched in red. Throughout his life with Joseph, Jesus shed his own blood: In infancy during Jesus' circumcision. Perhaps when Jesus had a cut or abrasion from an accident. The wounds Jesus suffers become the healing balm for

humankind.

As you pray this mystery, reflect on Joseph's interactions with Jesus in his childhood. Imagine a time when Joseph had to attend to and heal the wounds of Jesus.

Crowning with Thorns

Crowned with thorns, Jesus is mocked by those who do not understand the Kingdom of God. Jesus comes from the royal family of the Davidic tribe. Magi and shepherds recognized his kingship in the presence of St. Joseph and Mary.

As you pray this mystery, reflect on how St. Joseph understood the future kingship of Jesus.

Carrying of the Cross

The carrying of the cross after His condemnation mirrors the crosses the Holy Family endured throughout their life. The cross of suffering befell the Holy Family as they left their home and fled into Egypt. They carried the weight of suffering just as Jesus now carries the weight of our sins on his shoulders.

As you pray this mystery, reflect on crosses that St. Joseph had to pick up in his daily life for cooperating with the will of God.

Crucifixion

Jesus nailed to the cross and raised above the earth speaks to those below him. He prays a few phrases from the Psalms. He forgives those who tormented Him. And he entrusts Mary to the care of St. John. From whom did Jesus learn forgiveness and care for his mother? None other than St. Joseph.

As you pray this mystery, reflect on the care and compassion Jesus has for his mother Mary. Imagine the homelife of Nazareth where Jesus observed the love of Joseph for his wife.

Concluding the Rosary

Pope Leo the XIII in his 1889 encyclical *Quamquam pluries* recommended to the faithful during the month of October to end the rosary with a prayer to St. Joseph. This prayer can be added at any time. After praying the Hail Holy Queen and any other prayers you add, why not close with this recommended prayer to St. Joseph?

To thee, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our tribulation, and having implored the help of thy most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke thy patronage also. Through that charity which bound thee to the immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which thou embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg thee to graciously regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with thy power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

O most watchful Guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ; O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence; O our most mighty protector, be propitious to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness; and, as once thou rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by thy constant protection, so that, supported by thy example and thy aid, we may be able to live piously, to die holy, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen.



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May 8th, 2021**

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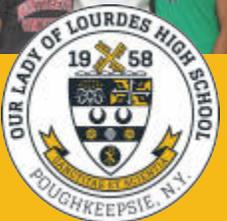
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