

The background features a dark field filled with numerous small, glowing golden stars. In the center, a cluster of larger, bright white stars is arranged in a semi-circular pattern. Below the main text, a horizontal band of red and white stripes is visible, with several white stars scattered across it. The overall aesthetic is solemn and patriotic.

MEMORIAL DAY

REMEMBER & HONOR

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. HENRY

WELCOME TO ST. HENRY'S

We extend a warm welcome to all new members of our parish. We hope you will find our parish community a place where your faith life will grow. Please introduce yourself after one of the Masses and do not forget to register. You may register on-line or by calling the parish office at the number below.

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OFFICE HOURS

The parish office hours are:

Monday—Thursday 9:00am—4:30pm

Friday 9:00am—2:00pm

STEWARDSHIP—TAKE A STEP

Our weekly donations need to average \$7500 to meet operating expenses. E-Giving is available online. Please contact the parish office to receive an email to help set it up .

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Instructional classes for parents prior to the Baptism of their children are held the first Tuesday of each month, 7:00pm, at St. Henry's Church. Please call the parish office to register for classes. Baptisms are celebrated on the second Sunday of the month during Mass and the fourth Sunday of the month following the 10:00am Mass.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST COMMUNION

St. Henry's Sacramental preparation for First Reconciliation & First Communion will begin after completing at least (1) year of Faith Formation. This is the prerequisite to registration into the sacramental preparation classes. Participants will attend weekly classes, Mass and a retreat to further their faith education experience. For more information, please call the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament is conferred in Tenth grade. The diocese requires a two year preparation period. That takes place in grades 9 & 10 with a retreat and two day mandatory preparation.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Arrangements for marriage should be made at least 6 months in advance. Kindly call the parish office for an appointment.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 4:00pm
Sunday 8:00am and 10:00am
Weekdays..... 8:30am

NO MORNING MASS ON THURSDAY

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:00 - 3:30pm

**WEEKEND OF May 20 & 21
Attendance 292**

**Collection for May 14 & 15
\$6,806.50 Includes E-Giving**

Please Note - The parish office will be closed on Monday, May 30, in observance of Memorial Day.

SUMMER FUN
TRI-CITY VALLEY CATS

St. Henry's has tickets for Faith and Family Night at the Valley Cats on Friday, June 3. Seats are located behind the net between Home Plate and Third Base. Cost is \$12. per "loaded ticket", which includes admission plus \$5.00 loaded value to be used at concession stands, kiosks, or in Southpaw's Den. **Just 6** tickets are still available. Please call the office at 674-3818 if you are interested.

PART TIME YOUTH MINISTER

We are looking for a part time Youth Minister to work with our Middle School and High School youth, in coordination with our Faith Formation Coordinator. If interested, please contact the office for further information.

APPRECIATION DINNER

In lieu of an appreciation dinner again this year because of the uncertainty that persists with Covid, I would like to thank all the Mass Coordinators, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Choir Members, Cantors, Ushers, Altar Servers, the ladies who decorate the Church, The Knights of Columbus for their take-out dinners, all of our catechists for Faith Formation, and those who helped with Faith Formation, and all the ladies who helped with the receptions for First Communion and Confirmation, all those who serve in our Pastoral Council, our Finance Committee and Re-Igniting our Faith Committee for all your volunteer work in the parish. Without you, we wouldn't function as well as we do. It is our hope that next Spring we can have an Appreciation Dinner as we have had in the past. Thank you for all your help! God Bless, Father Tom

SPRING RECITAL

I would like to invite the St Henry's community to our annual studio Student Music Recital, Thursday, June 9th at 6:30pm at St. Henry's Church. Violin students of Hilary Cumming, accompanied by pianist Melinda Cestaro, will present a variety of composers including Mozart, deBeriot, Tartini, and Bach as well as a few Irish Traditional tunes. Performers range in age from six to sixty! The program will be about an hour long, and all audiences of any age are very welcome to celebrate the 2021-2022 year of music together with us. Students always appreciate the support of a friendly audience! —Hilary Cumming

ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC

St. Henry's Parish Picnic will be held on Sunday, **July 10**, from 11:30 -5:00 pm. This year the picnic will be held at **North Greenbush Town Park** on Snyder's Lake. Tickets are \$5. per person with a \$20. cap for families, and will be on sale after all masses beginning June 11/12. The Knights of Columbus will be cooking hamburgers and hot dogs. Please bring a dish to share. We are also looking for donations of gently used stuffed animals for the children. Please leave them in plastic bags inside the double doors of the Community Room (on the right when looking at the side of the building). If you have questions, please feel free to contact Lisa Hutchinson at 518-573-7098.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers to set up and take down tables in the Community Room for different functions that we hold throughout the year. If you can be of help, please call the office at 518-674-3818 so we can put you on a volunteer list for that purpose.

THANK YOU

Thank you to the Sand Lake and Averill Park Post Offices for conducting the recent food drive, and to the residents who donated food. Many thanks also to the people who picked it up, sorted it, and delivered it to the agencies.

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP

St. Henry's Diabetes Support Group will meet on Wednesday, June 15, at 6:30pm in the Community Room. Our topic for the meeting will be **Review and Refresh – Nutrition Guidelines**. This will include tips on reading labels and ingredient substitutions. Time permitting, we will discuss **Foot Massage and Pressure Points** as well. Jane Boyd, RPh, CDCES, is the moderator of the group, and will be happy discuss questions you may as well. Please call the office (518-674-3818) if you have any questions.

A PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

God of love,

Our world is wrought with war and violence,
as brother turns on brother,
and the innocent awake to gunfire and bombs.

May Your compassion and healing
move hearts and bring a new day to Ukraine.

Fortify your children to resist aggression
and instead become instruments of Peace.

We ask this in the name of the One
who is the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ.

Amen

DEACON BOB'S CORNER

May 29, 2022: Seventh Sunday of Easter by Carol J. Dempsey

To encounter the divine in an intimate, transcendent way is not an experience reserved for certain people because they are faithful, pious, godly, virtuous or holy. An encounter with the *mysterium tremendum* is pure gift, initiated by the gift-giver, and meant to be transformative and informative for the recipient and the recipient's community.

The Jewish and Christian traditions have a long history of recording stories and texts that detail intimate, transcendent encounters between the transcendent one and human beings that happen often unexpectedly. Moses unassumingly was tending a flock of sheep when he saw a bush suddenly ablaze out of which came the voice of the divine calling him and commissioning him to the work of liberation on behalf of a group of indigenous, captive people. Hagar, a non-Israelite and a woman, encountered the divine in a desert and exclaimed, "Have I really seen El-Roi and lived?" Catherine of Siena, an unschooled doctor of the church, engaged in extensive, intimate dialogue with the divine out of which came an extraordinary theology reflective of her social location and medieval culture. Her exchanges are recorded in *The Dialogue* that attest to the presence of the living sacred one in her life and in the life of the world.

People who wish to categorize such encounters as "mystical" or "religious" experiences, labeling those who encounter the divine as "mystics," tend not to realize that the sacred one is forever present and self-revealing in the midst of all creation, among all people regardless of status, class, belief, orientation, gender, race, color, ability and age in ways that are sometimes extraordinary but more often ordinary. The theme of this Sunday's readings is encounter and intimacy.

The first reading from Acts features Stephen experiencing an encounter with the divine made possible through the gift of the Spirit. Although the reading records "Holy Spirit," not until post-biblical times did the construct of the Christian Trinity come into existence. Stephen encounters the glory of God and the risen Christ whom he sees standing at the "right hand" of God.

Is Stephen's experience an actual outward appearance of the divine? Probably not. Is it a vision? Probably so. Encounters with the divine affect all the internal faculties, allowing for things to be seen "in the mind's eye." Stephen's encounter sparks violent hostility among those who witness him speaking about and to the divine. He pays the extreme price of being prophetic. He is unjustly stoned to death, a punishment reserved for criminals. His death mirrors Jesus' death, and his prayer of forgiveness parallels Jesus' prayer at the time of the crucifixion.

Interestingly, this passage contains the image of the "right hand" that deserves to be unpacked. In the Bible, the "right hand" is preferred over the left hand. The "right hand" holds arrows, strokes the strings of lyres, extends special blessings and represents a place of honor. When associated with the deity, it shatters enemies and gains victories. The image of the "right hand," then, represents a bias imbedded not only in the text but also in past and present cultures.

The theme of divine encounter continues in the second reading from the Book of Revelation. In this story, John encounters the divine through an auditory experience. He bears witness to the existence of the Godhead and the Christ who present him with a message that he is to proclaim to his community. The message assures the community of the existence of the living Christ who desires an intimate and mutual relationship with all people, symbolized by wedding imagery embodied in the generic reference to the Spirit and the bride.

The Gospel picks up on the theme of encounter and intimacy. The story describes the beautiful unity existing between the Godhead and Jesus. In dialogue with the divine, Jesus expresses his desire for those whom he loves, namely, that they also share in the same divine oneness that he shares in with his God. This unity, based on and flowing from love, is the palpable presence of God that reveals God to the world and continues the mission of Jesus. It is a visible expression of God's love in the community and among its members that not only reveals something of the divine but also draws others to faith. The "glory" that will be revealed in and through the love of Jesus for his own is rooted in his love for the divine and the divine's love for him.

In sum, today's Gospel as well as the other readings for this Sunday invite us into a life of intimacy and encounter with the divine that deepens with time, a gift given not because of one's place or position in life but because of an abiding love that is forever self-revealing and distinctively unifying.

Mass Intentions

Monday, May 30

8:30AM Frank Colvin

Tuesday, May 31

8:30AM For the People

Wednesday, June 1

8:30AM For the People

Thursday, June 2

8:30AM NO MASS

Friday, June 3

8:30 AM For the People

Saturday, June 4

4:00 PM Marjorie Bassett—Linda Biittig
Deborah Berlino—Cathy & Tony Atanasio

Sunday, June 5

8:00 AM Ruth Kerin VanAmburgh (B-day) - Family
Catherine Fonda Kerin (Anniv.)—Family

10:00 AM Maribeth St.Germain—Family
Harry Kwart—Donna Tallman

Monday, June 6

8:30AM For the People

Tuesday, June 7

8:30AM For the People

Wednesday, June 8

8:30 AM For the People

Thursday, June 9

8:30AM For the People

Friday, June 10

8:30AM All Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, June 11

4:00 PM Mary Ellen Murin—Family
Mary Field—Husband
Kay Bossidy—Family

Sunday, June 12

8:00 AM Walter Lane—Wife

10:00 AM Lawrence Mulligan—John & Pat Mulligan

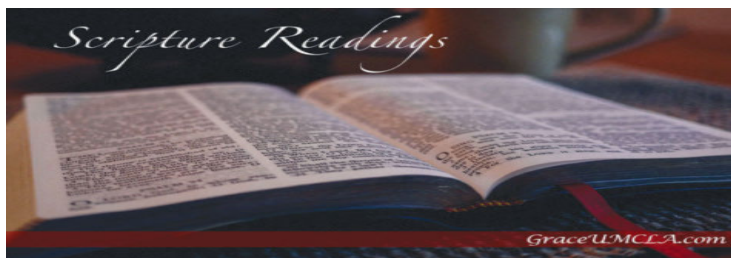
Calendar of Events

Prayer Group meets every Tuesday 1:00pm in the Blue Room

Rosary Group meets every Tuesday 6:00pm in the Chapel

Mens Scripture Group meets every Wednesday at 7:00pm

If you would like to help prepare a meal quarterly for Joseph's House or monthly for Damien Center please call Lynn Waterman at 518-674-3377 or 518-469-8687



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF Sat.—Sun 6/04 & 6/05

1. Genesis 11:1-9
2. Exodus 19:3-8a, 16-20b
3. John 7:37-39

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF Sat.—Sun 6/11 & 6/12

1. Acts of the Apostles 15:1-2, 22-29
2. Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23
3. John 14:23-29

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF Sat.—Sun 6/18 & 6/19

1. Genesis 14:18-20
2. Corinthians 11:23-26
3. Luke 9:11b-17



**Saturday, June 4
4:00pm**

Altar Servers
Lectors Dave Helwig and Kathy Jimino
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**Sunday, June 5
8:00am**

Altar Servers
Lectors Bob Lutringer and Ruth McGlew
Counters

10:00am

Altar Servers
Lectors Mark Frost and Gretchen Schulz
Counters

**Saturday, June 11
4:00pm**

Altar Servers
Lectors Ken Longacker and Jackie Tremont
Counters

**Sunday, June 12
8:00am**

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