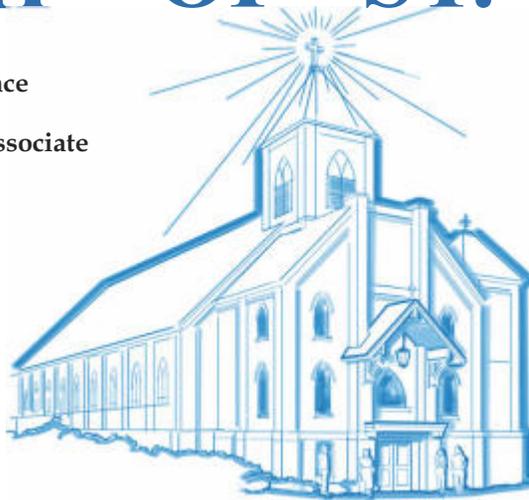


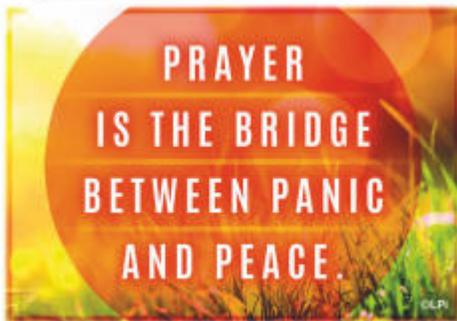
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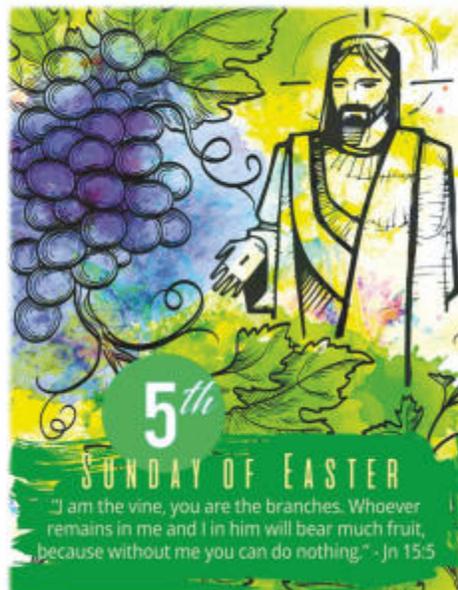


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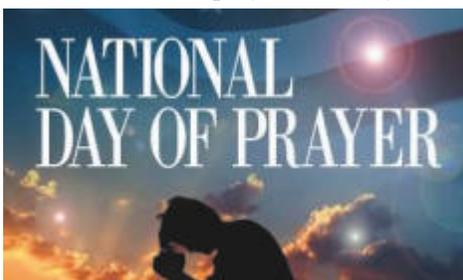
LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration of the Week

Anyone familiar with gardening knows that proper and timely pruning is essential. The health of the plant depends upon it. An unpruned tree can quickly produce suckers that zap many of the essential nutrients from its body. Pruning requires patience and vision. Studies reveal that plants often respond defensively to being pruned, displaying reactions that are similar to hurt or discomfort. Pruning is not easy but necessary. A hard lesson for us to learn is that we also need to be pruned. We become far healthier when we allow God to stretch, refine and form us into the best version of ourselves. The fruit that then comes from our vines will be more abundant, nutritious, and robust. Left to our own devices we can easily find ourselves running amuck and spiraling out of control. Without a proper vision and trust in the Master Pruner, we will never find the contentment we desperately desire. Nor will he work of the Gospel stand a chance of succeeding.



National Day of Prayer Thursday, May 6, 2021

The National Day of Prayer is an annual day of observance held on the first Thursday of May, designated by the United States Congress, when people are asked "to turn to God in prayer and meditation". The president is required by law to sign a proclamation each year, encouraging all Americans to pray on this day.



Diocesan Public Policy

"Lord, when did we see You... in prison?" Matthew 25:39

Our Diocesan Public Policy Committee continues to ask Catholics to learn about and speak out for more humane conditions for incarcerated people. In New York State, even as the overall prison population has declined, the percentage of older incarcerated people has increased. One in four are 50 or older. The vast majority are Black and brown people, highlighting the racial bias in the system. Research shows older people, especially those who were convicted of serious crimes, have the lowest reincarceration rates of any age cohort, posing little to no risk.

We are asking for your support of two bills that would give more prisoners the opportunity to be released on parole. The Fair and Timely Parole (S.1415/A.4231) bill would mandate that prisoners who've served their terms be granted parole unless they pose a clear risk of violating the law. It would give people a chance to be assessed for parole on the reforms they've made to their characters, and not just on their past crimes. The Elder Parole (S.15/A.3475) bill allows people in New York State prison aged 55 and older who have served 15 or more consecutive years to be considered for parole, regardless of their crime or sentence. Please call your Assembly member and State Senator and ask them to support these bills: State Senate switchboard:(518) 455-2800. State Assembly switchboard: (518) 455-4100.



Mass Intentions

Monday, May 3, 2021

Saints Philip and James, Apostles

7:30 a.m. *Josephine Santucci* by
Knights of St. John Ladies
Auxiliary

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

Easter Weekday

7:30 a.m. *August Tochelli* by Sheryl
Klick

Wednesday, May 5, 2021

Easter Weekday

7:30 a.m. *Joe DiNoto* by Teresa Quinzi
Willette

Thursday, May 6, 2021

National Day of Prayer

7:30 a.m. *Geraldine DiNoto* by Peter &
Leslie Mills

Friday, May 7, 2021

First Friday

7:30 a.m. *Mary Fosillo* by The
Benjamin Family

Saturday, May 8, 2021

Easter Weekday

4:30 p.m. *For the People of the Parish*

Sunday, May 9, 2021

Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. *Virginia Schepis & Arlene
Forte* by Children

10:00 a.m. *Laura Fioravanti* by Sam &
Giuliana Capezzuto



**CHANGES OF PHONE,
ADDRESSES, ETC.**

Do you have a new phone number?

Do you have a new address?

Do you have a new email address?

Please let the parish office know! It is very important that we keep our records up-to-date, we rely on you to include us in any notification of such changes. Call us at (585) 586-3231 or email us at estjerom@dor.org. Thank you!



**Notre Dame Retreat House's
Spring "Desert Days"**

(5151 Foster Rd. Canandaigua, NY 14424)

"Desert Days" are special days for individuals seeking a ONE DAY retreat alone with God. As we continue to navigate these challenging times, give yourself an opportunity to converse with God in order to revitalize your life and heart.

We will give you the time, space and materials all you need to do is come with a willing heart and an open mind.

Three dates for Spring:

May 5th; May 19th and June 2nd.

Note that in order to address social distancing requirements and needs, at this time we are limiting attendance on each "Desert Day" to fifteen (15) people—open to men and women.

The day begins at 8:45am and concludes at 3:00pm. During your time with us, our priests are available for confession and/or conversation and will offer mass at the closing of our day.

The cost is \$25.00 and includes lunch! To register, please contact us at ndretreat@rochester.rr.com. or call 585-394-5700.



The Catholic Courier is seeking reader feedback in order to help improve and shape our future content. We have released a readership survey that we would appreciate if you shared with your parishioners.

The survey can be found at this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/couriersurvey2021>

Amazon gift cards and tickets to events at Fairport's Casa Larga Vineyards are among the prizes area readers could win for participating in the **Catholic Courier's 2021 readership survey.**

In addition, all survey participants who complete at least 14 questions will receive a coupon code for use at the Courier's SmugMug site, where they can choose a FREE 5"x 7" print from hundreds of images created by Courier photographers.

**Please Pray for Those
in the Military:**



Lord, hold our troops in Your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

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Specialist Aaron Brochu
Airman Rachel Brock
BM3 Mary Carr USN
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AO2 Timothy Fennell USN
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Staff Sgt. Alesa Whelehan
Tech. Sgt. Christopher Whelehan
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Let Us Pray

Please remember in your prayers those members of our parish in the hospital, the sick at home, and those in nursing homes.

In your Christian charity, you are asked to pray for those who have died, especially **Angelo Pascazi and Leonard LaBombard.** May the Lord strengthen their families and friends at their time of loss.



Good News!

May 2, 2021

Fifth Sunday of Easter (B)

Acts 9:26–31; 1 Jn 3:18–24; Jn 15:1–8

The little word in appears eleven times in the Greek text of today’s short passage from John’s Gospel (ten times in most translations), and it has the same meaning in all cases. It refers to an intimate relationship: We are in Christ; Christ is in us. This being in does not mean “inside,” like being in a room or in a country. It means being an intimate aspect of something, like the relationship of a branch to the vine. Perhaps a way of understanding this intimacy is to remember that the branch cannot exist by itself, and there is no vine if there are no branches. We cannot be partially in. We are either in or out.

If we want to live and thrive, we must cherish and protect our relationship with Christ, who is our source of life and nourishment. Otherwise we risk being nothing more than dead branches, the usefulness of which is mere fodder for the fire. This sounds like a harsh punishment. However, it is not really punishment. Rather, it is the inevitable consequence of cutting ourselves off from our supply of life-giving nourishment. Furthermore, being cut off does not happen accidentally; we choose it deliberately.

Finally, this metaphor of vines and branches is an image of the Church. Though each of us, by grace, is “in Christ,” our source of life, the risen life of Christ surges through members of his body. Thus, when we are united to Christ by grace, we live in him as Christ lives in all of us.

-Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Dear Padre

May 2, 2021

Why is the Church considering a word change to the Our Father? It seems fine as it is.

Of the two versions of the Lord’s Prayer in Luke 11:2–4 and Matthew 6:9–13, Luke’s is more concise. The petition, “and lead us not into temptation” in Greek means both “do not allow us to enter into temptation” and “do not let us yield to temptation” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2846). The Catechism includes the explanation from James 1:13: “God cannot be tempted by evil and he himself tempts no one,” to certify that God “wants to set us free from evil. We ask him not to allow us to take the way that leads to sin.” Consequently, Pope Francis reportedly approved the English wording, “do not let us fall into temptation” to replace “lead us not into temptation.”

“It is not a good translation because it speaks of a God who induces temptation,” the Pope said in 2017. “I am the one who falls. It’s not him pushing me into temptation to then see how I have fallen.” On the contrary, “a father helps you to get up immediately,” he added. “It’s Satan who leads us into temptation—that’s his department.”

However, unlike the change in the Italian Lord’s Prayer that will appear in their third edition of The Roman Missal, no immediate plans have been made to change the wording in English-speaking countries.

-Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday at 4:30 p.m.,
Sunday at 8:00 & 10:00

HOLY DAYS

Please consult Bulletin

DAILY MASSES

Mon.-Fri. - 7:30 a.m.
Consult bulletin for changes

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