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May 8, 2022



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2022 MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions are still available for requests to celebrate special hallmarks, birthdays, anniversaries, and remember your loved ones both with us and those we have lost.

Stop in the Rectory to see if your special dates are available!

The donation is \$15 per Mass.



This Week's Readings - May 8, 2022

Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 [3c]/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/
Jn 10:27-30

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17

Next Sunday: Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Rv 21:1-5a/
Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

For more information on our Parish, how to become a Parishioner, or for Letters of Recommendation, please call the Rectory or head on to our website.

Mass Intentions

Monday, May 9

- 7:30 am Elizabeth Farley
- Anne & Family
11:30 am Tom McCann
- Family

Tuesday, May 10

- 7:30 am Stella Zielinski
- Sons
11:30 am Dorothy Klima
- Klima Family

Wednesday, May 11

- 7:30 am Alice Owczarczak
- Jack & Patti
McGowan & Family
11:30 am Joseph & Agnes Galic
- Family

Thursday, May 12

- 7:30 am For the People
- Fr. Greg
11:30 am Jane Pittner
- Family

Friday, May 13

- 7:30 am Charmaine Donnolly
- Patricia Stephens &
Gary Dickson
11:30 am Raymond Brogan
(Anniversary)
- Wife

Saturday, May 14

St. Matthias

- 4:00 pm Angie Smietana
(Anniversary)
- Smietana Family
5:30 pm Fr. Clement Jarnot,
OFM Conventual
- Franklin & Dorothy
Weber

Sunday, May 15

Fifth Sunday of Easter

- 8:00 am Cyril Sobczyk
- Leo & Josephine
9:30 am Kazimiera Strzelczyk
- Family
11:15 am Calogera Licata
- Lilian & Christine

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

These past few weeks have been busy with a number of our young people receiving sacraments. I want to take some time here to congratulate these young people and their families and to thank all of our staff and Parishioners who were a part of the different ceremonies. First, we celebrated **the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday, April 27**. It was planned that Fr. Peter Karalus, Vicar General for the Diocese of Buffalo, would be here to celebrate Confirmation with us, but he ended up testing positive for COVID two days before. Consequently, Fr. Eugene Ulrich, our local Vicar Forane, was delegated by Bishop Fisher to come and confer the Sacrament of Confirmation upon 36 of our young adults, and it all worked out wonderfully. It was a great spirit-filled celebration, and I thank all those who were involved, particularly our Faith Formation Staff, the Knights of St. John, and our Ladies Sodality who put on a spectacular reception afterward.

This past Sunday, May 1, was our first celebration of **First Holy Communion** in our Parish this year, and once again everything was great. Twelve young people received Jesus for the first time at the 9:30 a.m. Mass. It was another beautiful experience of God's grace and just the first of four First Holy Communion celebrations at Queen of Heaven this year. The second one will take place this Saturday, May 7 at the 5:30 p.m. Mass, and the last two groups will be celebrating their First Communion on Sunday, May 15 at the 9:30 and 11:15 a.m. Masses. Once again, I thank all those involved in the First Communions, the families and friends of the children, Knights of St. John, Faith Formation Staff, Music Ministry and all those present who helped make the celebrations truly uplifting and grace-filled moments.

This weekend we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Easter that is traditionally known as **Good Shepherd Sunday**. The name comes from the tenth chapter of St. John's Gospel where Jesus identifies himself as the good shepherd, and we hear from this chapter on this Fourth Sunday of Easter in each of the three years of our liturgical cycle of readings. This year we are in cycle C, and today's gospel passage is called by many, "the finale and high point of the Good Shepherd Discourse." Jesus says, "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish." Jesus and the Father are one, joining together to protect the flock, safely keeping them in their hand.

We also celebrate **Mother's Day this weekend**, and I take this opportunity to wish all of our ladies who are mothers a blessed Mother's Day. I include in this blessing all mothers: living and deceased, birth mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, and anyone who has truly helped to bring us to life at some point in our lives. Some may feel sadness and loss on this day due to various losses of motherhood in their lives. For some it might be the death of a mother, either physically or emotionally, and for others it might be that they have never been able to have a child for which they longed. In any case, **we want to thank God this day for all women who have shown us a mother's love in our lives.**

God Bless!

Fr. Greg



Our Diocese is participating in the world-wide Synod that was called for by Pope Francis last year.

This is an exciting opportunity for us to have our voices heard about our hopes and dreams and concerns for our Church as we face the future. There are a number of "Listening Sessions" that will allow you to participate in the process that are listed on the Diocesan website. Please consider signing up for one of these sessions. Space is limited, but if you are closed out, you will have another chance to participate during the summer or fall. Please go to www.buffalodiocese.org/synod to sign up!



Ladies Sodality extends an invitation to all ladies in the Parish to join us **Thursday, July 21,**

as we head to Skaneateles for a leisurely cruise aboard the Mail Boat, followed by lunch at the historic Sherwood Inn. There will be time to browse the unique shops before we depart for home. *Seating is limited, and deadline to register is June 6, 2022. Cost is \$110.*

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Daily: 7:30 am; 11:30 am
 Saturday: 4:00 pm; 5:30 pm
 Sunday: 8:00 am; 9:30 am; 11:15 am
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 Holy Days: See Bulletin & Website

Rectory

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Regular: \$8,769
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\$11,295

Catholic Home Mission
Appeal: \$89

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Easter: \$59

Upcoming Second Collections

May 8

Beautifying Our Grounds

May 15

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ARRANGEMENTS TO MEET IN PERSON.****

FIRST EUCHARIST

First Eucharist Mass on May 7th at 5:30 PM in the Church.

First Eucharist rehearsal for **May 15 at 9:30 am**
will take place on May 10th at 6 PM.

First Eucharist rehearsal for **May 15 at 11:15 am**
will take place on May 10th at 7 PM

LIFE TEEN & EDGE

Life Teen meets Sundays from 10:45 am to 12:15 pm in the Board Room.
Edge meets Tuesdays from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm in the School Board Room.

Congratulations to those who made their First Communion last weekend!



Please remember
in your prayers

Our Dearly Departed
Maria Tempestoso


**Vocation
View**

On Good Shepherd Sunday we celebrate
the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.
Let's pray together for an increase in all
vocations: marriage, priesthood,
diaconate, religious life
-- especially in our diocese.

***May Jesus raise up new shepherds
in our midst.***

If you are one of them, contact Fr. Dave
Baker at 716-847-5535
or visit buffalovocations.org.

HOPE DAY IS COMING!

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Wednesday, May 11

Catholic Charities' one-day
"above and beyond" fundraising effort is
Wednesday, May 11.

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\$317,228 in 24 hours and this year we are
aiming for another successful
one-day giving blitz.

APPEAL 2022



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or help spread the word this Wednesday
& to track our progress on HOPE Day.

If you need help, please visit www.ccnw.org/services
or call 716-218-1419 or the office in your area.



*It is through God's unselfish love--
mirrored in our mothers' willingness
to associate their love with God's and
take the risk to love us into life--
that we have the opportunity for life.
We remember our mothers this
Mother's Day with much love.
Let us pray for each of them:*

God our heavenly Father,
you give to each the ability to share your generative love.
Bless those women in our lives who mirror your love and bring
forth life through their willingness to risk bringing new life
into this world.
Help us to show them our gratitude for the gift of life and the
gift of a mother's love.
May our life-giving God continue to bless them and show them
his unfailing love.
We ask this through Jesus, God's Son and our brother.
Amen.



Happy Mother's Day!

Our Blessed Mother is
mother to us all, and
St. Peter Julian Eymard
wrote a series of
meditations on the Virgin
Mary compiled in the book,
Month of Our Lady of the
Blessed Sacrament.

He writes:
"Mary's adoration was deep,
interior, profound. It was
the gift of her whole self.
She offered herself entirely
to the loving services of the
Eucharist, for love lays down
no conditions, no reserva-
tions. It no longer thinks
of self, no longer lives for
self. It is a stranger to itself,
and it lives only for the God
whom it loves. All in Mary
turned toward the Blessed
Sacrament as toward its
centre and end. A current of
grace and love was estab-
lished between the Heart
of Jesus in the Host and the
heart of Mary adoring. They
were two flames united into
a single one.
God was then perfectly
adored by His creature!"

For more information,
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Saint of the Week

**St. Damien de Veuster
of Moloka'i
May 10**

Born Joseph de Veuster in Tremelo, Belgium, he quit school at 13 so he could work on the family farm. Feeling called for more, however, he entered the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary six years later. His brother, a priest from the same congregation, fell ill and was unable to go to his assigned location. Damien quickly volunteered in his place and found himself on the Hawaiian Islands in 1864. Two months after arriving, he was ordained a priest of Honolulu and assigned to the Island of Hawaii.

In 1873, he visited the Hawaiian government's leper colony on the island of Moloka'i, where he petitioned to stay permanently to care for their physical, medical, and spiritual needs. After years of working to improve their location and those who lived there, he contracted Hansen's disease and died of its complications. St. Damien was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on October 11, 2009.

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QUESTIONS FOR THE WEEK

First Reading: Acts 13:14, 43-52

We hear today how Paul and Barnabas were met with resistance and hostility in Pisidian Antioch on their first missionary journey.

How do you not get discouraged when your spiritual journey is difficult?

Second Reading: Rv 7:9, 14b-17

During John's vision of heaven, he often has "one of the elders" teach him about the vision he is seeing.

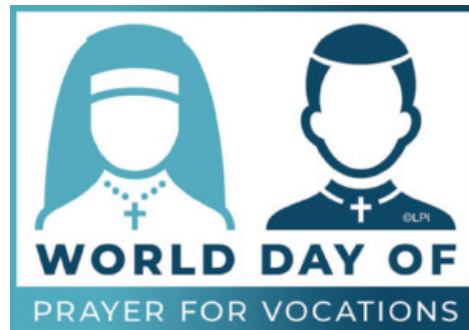
Who has been a good spiritual guide for you?

Gospel: Jn 10:27-30

Jesus speaks of an unbreakable solidarity between him and those who follow him ("my sheep").

In what ways do you experience this unity with Jesus already in your faith?

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For those of us who are Catholic, we believe in the power of vocations to help spread the Gospel message. The vocations to priesthood, or the diaconate, or religious life are at the center of our efforts to spread the good news.

However, we need to also speak about the vocation of married life as service to the church; and furthermore, the vocation of single life. It is at our baptism that we are given the mandate to spread the Gospel through our vocation in the church.

We hear in Scripture that Jesus stands at the door of our heart and knocks. He only invites and never demands or breaks into our lives without our acceptance. He knocks, we open the door, and the invitation and welcome are complete.

Let us pray...

God of the invitation, you knock upon the door of everyone's heart.

We seek the courage to open that door, for we know the responsibility of saying yes.

We humbly ask you for your wisdom to serve your church with compassion and acceptance.

We believe that when we say yes, you will provide the grace for the work ahead.

Give grace to those men and women who have dedicated their lives to constant service to your church. Also give grace to those couples and single men and women who work for the church in their secular lives.

We ask all this through Christ our Lord and brother, who live and reign with you and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.



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