

**Sacred Heart of
Jesus Parish
May 12, 2019
4th Sunday of Easter
Good Shepherd Sunday
57th World Day of Prayer for Vocations**



Welcome to our *Little Church on the Hill*

Mass Schedule

Monday - Friday: 7:30 AM

Saturday: 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM Vigil

Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:45 AM, 11:30 AM

Holy Days: as posted in the Bulletin

Eucharistic Adoration

First Tuesday 7:00 PM-8:00 PM

Every Thursday 7:00 PM-8:00 PM

Every Friday 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays: 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM

Thursdays: 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Every Day: 15 minutes before all Masses

Baptism & Marriage Preparation

Please contact Parish Office (203) 748-9029

Anointing of the Sick

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Office hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM ; Friday 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

-CHURCH IS HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE-

Liturgical Schedule

- MONDAY 05/13/19 -

Our Lady of Fatima

7:30 AM †Elaine Mastromatteo | Georgia

B&W †George Shukry | Anthony

Rdgs: Acts 11:1-18 | Jn 10:1-10

- TUESDAY 05/14/19 -

Saint Matthias, Apostle

7:30 AM Frank Kula | Georgia

Rdgs: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 | Jn 15:9-17

- WEDNESDAY 05/15/19 -

7:30 AM †Manuel Moreira | Georgia

Rdgs: Acts 12:24-13:5a | Jn 12:44-50

- THURSDAY 05/16/19 -

7:30 †Doyle Yates | Ted and Maria Mullen

Rdgs: Acts 13:13-25 | Jn 13:16-20

7:00 PM Confessions and Exposition

- FRIDAY 05/17/19 -

7:30 AM The intentions of Felicity Lock | Suzanne Najman

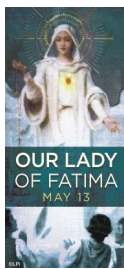
B&W The intentions of Felicity Lock | Janice McNamara

Rdgs: Acts 13:26-33 | Jn 14:1-6

- SATURDAY 05/18/19 -

8:00 AM †Charles Ratajczak | Sacred Heart Parish

Rdgs: Acts 13:44-52 | Jn 14:7-14



Liturgical Schedule continued

- SATURDAY 05/18/19 -

5:00 PM †Dorothy, †John, and †Robert Lynch |

Carol and Roger Guertin

B&W †Jeanette Willcox | Reynolds Family

Reader(s) - B. Miazga, J. Kieras

EMHC of the Blood - J. Garofalo, L. Pryzgoda

EMHC of the Body - N. Scudiero

Altar Servers - J. and J. Dennison

Music Ministry - St. Cecilia Choir

- SUNDAY 05/19/19 -

Fifth Sunday of Easter

7:30 AM Parishioners Living and Deceased

Reader(s) -

EMHC of the Blood - C. & D. Gehring

EMHC of the Body - B. Scully

Altar Servers - R. Posca,

Music Ministry - Cantor

9:45 AM †Carol McDonald | Lisa and Jim Montalto

Reader - D. Suess

EMHC of the Blood - K. & E. Cerno

EMHC of the Body - B. Hagan

Altar Servers - J. Suess

Music Ministry - Children's Choir

11:30 AM †Elaine and †Anthony Mastromatteo |

Vogel Family

Reader - P. Nero

EMHC of the Blood - J. Peters, M. Casey

EMHC of the Body - V. Giordano

Altar Servers - N. Solano, JP. Miranda

Music Ministry - Contemporary Choir

Rdgs: Acts 14:21-27 | Rv 21:1-5a | Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

As a Parish community, we continue to lift every family individually up in our daily prayers; praying for the spiritual, physical, and emotional health of each member of the family.

Please include them in your daily prayers.

Sunday: Joni Wayman-DeFalco & Family

Monday: Stanley Weiner & Family

Tuesday: Violet Weiner & Family

Wednesday: Maylise West & Family

Thursday: Louise Wichman & Family

Friday: David and Kelly Wildman & Family

Saturday: Kathleen Wildman & Family

Sunday: †Francis Wilkes & Family



YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR OUR HOSPITALIZED PARISHIONERS, FAMILY MEMBERS, AND FRIENDS WHO ARE BEARING THE CROSS OF SUFFERING:

BOB & PAT EXTANCE, HERMINIA GENAO,

THERESE SLESINSKY, EMILY DONOFRIO,

LUCY ROZANSKI, THE MOROSKY FAMILY,

MILLIE MIETELSKI, RITA (LUKAS) MCGOFF,

JOHN AND JOHNNY, AND OUR HOMEBOUND.

PLEASE ALSO PRAY FOR THOSE SUFFERING SENSELESS VIOLENCE AND RACIAL TENSIONS.

TIME TALENT TREASURE

Stewardship | Our Financial View

Weekend of May 4th and 5th

In Church: \$3,014.00

Online Donation: \$420.75

Weekly Total: \$3,434.75

Weekly Goal: \$5,200.00

Visit our website to set up your online giving account.

Please remember Sacred Heart Parish when preparing your will.

A legacy to the church eases your tax burden and helps continue the good works of our parish.

Thank You for your continued generosity!

www.sacredheartdanbury.org

Regina Caeli Academy, a homeschool resource center, seeks part-time tutors for the '19 - '20 school year. RCA offers tutoring in a Socratic classroom setting on Mondays and Thursdays. The positions are paid hourly, child care is provided! Requirements include a love of classical learning and an Oath of Fidelity to the Catholic Church.

We seek tutors in: High School **Mathematics, Latin, Theology and Language Arts.**

Send resume and a cover letter to:

Lisa Frawley, lfrawley.fcc@rcahybrid.org



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Adorers' Corner Scheduled for May 17th

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM | VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM | Roger Palanzo

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM | Geraldine Lancey

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Joan Peters

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM | Tom DiGiovanni

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM | Ginger Wohlfarth

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM | Fran and Sonia Kieras

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM | Larry Martin

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM | Peggy Dyer

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM | Mary Cronin

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM | Alessandra Zocolotti

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM | Leoneidia Sousa

Please contact the Parish Office to become an adorer.

203-748-9029 or office@sacredheartdanbury.org

If you can not make your assigned time please find a substitute.

Jesus must never be left unattended.

Thank you!

Sanctuary Candle

†Victor Kolwicz | Wife and Family
 Week of May 12th



THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

- MONDAY 05/13/19 -

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
 Church



Rehearsal

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
 Rectory



Meeting

- TUESDAY 05/14/19 -

6:30 PM - 9:15 PM
 Parish Center



and Café



6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
 School



Meeting

- WEDNESDAY 05/15/19 -

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
 School



7:00 PM - 9:30 PM
 Parish Center



- THURSDAY 05/16/19 -

6:45 PM - 8:00 PM
 Café



- FRIDAY 05/17/19 -

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
 Church



Rehearsal

- SATURDAY 05/18/19 -

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
 School



Dinner

- SUNDAY 05/19/19 -

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
 Parish Center



Meeting

Children's Program:

Sundays during

9:45 AM Mass

Bring children ages 3 - 7 to
 the Café when you arrive.





Our Assessment for this year's ACA is \$35,700. Please make your gift to the ACA and support the good works of the Church in our Diocese. We are already close to 30% of our goal!

Would you like to memorialize a vestment in memory of or to honor a loved one? We have:



Red, White, Green, and Purple Deacon Vestment. (\$225 each)



Two (2) Priest Chasubles (\$250 each)

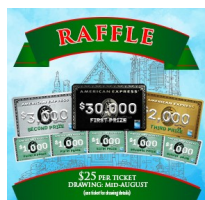


One (1) Cope/Humeral Veil (\$300)

Tickets for sale in the office **NOW**. Tickets are \$25 each.

Did you know: For every ticket we sell, Sacred Heart keeps \$12.50?!

Such an easy fundraiser. Support your Parish, and you might



Nero's Notes Evangelizing the Disbelieving Scientist
 Evangelizing the disbelieving scientist: Who....me?? Jim offered: While $1+1+1$ to the scientist $=3$, to we believers $1+1+1=1$; three persons in one God. This throws a curve at the rational. To amass all the necessary facts and references to go one on one with a dedicated scientific disbeliever could be grueling. Dan offered: When engaging in interactions with such folks, it has been the little things in his actions/behavior that served to defend/support his position. Listening and showing a genuine caring for that person, while holding firm to and vocalizing one's experiences and beliefs, does more than the arm wrestling approach. Recall the image of St Peter on the stormy sea. Jesus called Peter to come to Him and walk on the water. There was no scientific law here, unless some strange water tensile strength phenomenon occurred on the sea very early that morning. There is, of course, the ever present joke of knowing where the rocks were. St. Peter starts out fine but Mt 14: 29-31 tells us that he began to sink. The sinking part certainly follows the laws of nature. But what were the laws that got him off to a great start in the first place? That would be $1+1+1=1$. Therein lies the faith. Next Week: "Keeping Connected."

Eucharistic Adoration Thursdays

7:00 PM- 8:00 PM *with confessions*

Fridays

8:30 AM - 8:00 PM

First Tuesday Holy Hour

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Spend an hour with Jesus!



EXCITING ANNOUNCEMENT

We are happy to announce that we will be testing new candle stands temporarily.

**WITH
REAL
WAX
CANDLES!**

Two (2) stands will be placed in the front of the church and our current memorial candles will be moved to the rear of the Church.

Suggested donation: \$2.00



We welcome new Parishioners

Mario and Natalie (Clavette) Roehrs and their soon to be Baptized Daughter Ella

Are you First Aid/CPR Trained?

If so, are you willing to be a member of our emergency response team?

Talk to Fr. Peter, or call the Parish office.



Pastor's Corner

Thomas could not make logic out of the Resurrection....concluding thoughts.

Many people like Thomas will tell you that “based on human logic” the Resurrection makes no sense. The first thing we need to remember is that “human logic” is not omnipotence (is the power of God to effect whatever is not intrinsically impossible). God makes it very clear that “(His) ways are not our ways, nor are His thoughts our thoughts” (Isaiah 55:8-9). What is illogical is to think that “man” is the center of the universe. The truth is that Christianity is far more logical than many people give it credit for, certainly more logical than atheism or agnosticism. The second thing we should remind people of is that any conversation about God is going to necessitate a degree of Faith. If people are not willing to humbly admit that they don’t have all the answers, then the conversation will go nowhere.

Here is the remainder of the LOGIC of the Resurrection!

9. It was prophesied in the Old Testament. It was foretold centuries before Christ Himself was born or lived it out. Hundreds of prophecies about the Messiah, what He would say, do, live like and how He would die... were offered centuries apart by people God selected (most of whom never met one another, by the way). Isaiah, Jeremiah, Zechariah, Hosea, and Micah (just to name a few) all pointed to Christ’s death and Resurrection hundreds of years before these occurred.

10. The day of worship changed. Following the Resurrection, tens of thousands of Jews (almost overnight) abandoned the centuries old tradition of celebrating the Sabbath on the last day of the week and began worshipping on the first day of the week the day on which the Lord, the Christ, beat death sealing the new and final covenant with God.

11. The practices of sacrifice changed. Jews were always taught (and taught their children... Deuteronomy 6) that they needed to offer an animal sacrifice once a year, to atone for their sins. After the Resurrection, the Jewish converts of the time, throngs of them, stopped offering animal sacrifices to God.

12. It is unique among other world religions. No other religious leader of any consequence ever actually claimed to be God, except Jesus. No other religious leader ever did the things Christ did. No other religious leader ever backed up his “religious voice” with Resurrection. Confucius died. Lao-tse died. Buddha died. Mohammed died. Joseph Smith died. Christ rose from the dead.

13. The message is self-authenticating. This proof goes back to the original point, namely, that a humble heart is enlightened and illuminated by far more than logic or reason. A true believer doesn’t need all the facts to believe in the Resurrection, because the Holy Spirit reveals Christ to us, intimately and powerfully. St. Paul talks about this in 2 Corinthians: 4. Blind and hardened hearts will never see God, not until they acknowledge that they are not God.

14. The miraculous ending fits a miraculous life: You want logic? Christ healed the blind, the deaf and the dumb. He fed the masses, cured the lepers, and forgave the sinners. He made the lame walk and brought others back to life. He multiplied food, walked on water, calmed storms, and exorcised demons with His mere voice. The miracle of Good Friday is that He didn’t call on a miracle. He died. The miracle of Easter Sunday is that He rose from the dead – a miraculous “end” to a miraculous life. What else should we expect?

15. (and the only answer we really need) . . . Jesus is still the answer: The world cannot offer any cure for suffering. The world can ignore it, berate it, debate it, bomb it, and medicate it . . . but there is no cure or point to suffering separated from Jesus Christ. In Christ, our suffering has a point and it has worth. Apart from Christ, suffering is pointless and fruitless. There is no fountain of youth. There is no miracle drug. There is no cure for death except Jesus Christ. What is illogical is to think that the God of life would not want us to live eternally. The only reason to think the Resurrection is illogical is if you believe this life is your only one. This is a very quick reminder to all of us Christians who might get too “logical” from time to time (myself included), that the Resurrection is not illogical. That being said, all of us who do tend to be too logical might want to take a deep breath in contemplative prayer this weekend and really lean back in to the beautiful truth and reality of the crucifixion and Resurrection.