



5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
May 19, 2019

TODAY'S GOSPEL MESSAGE
by Rev. William J. Reilly

"After Paul and Barnabas had proclaimed the good news in that city, and made a considerable number of disciples, they returned to Lystra and Iconium and to Antioch. They strengthened the spirits of the disciples and exhorted them to persevere in the faith, saying, 'It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God.' They appointed elders for them in each church and, with prayer and fasting, commended them to the Lord in whom they had put their faith."

When they reached their home base, Antioch, they called the church together and celebrated how God had worked through them, and brought others to the Lord. How God had 'opened the door of faith to the Gentiles.'

How exciting as the life of the first Christian communities developed and grew. The Spirit of God was at work, using these two apostles, and with the power of the Spirit present, growth took place. But we do not stifle the Spirit. Today, as church, we open doors of welcome. We cannot be complacent, but excited, that the same Lord who called them, calls us to do the same thing. Why not ask someone to join you at church or bible study. Why not invite someone to return to the practice of the faith. It might be the only thing they are waiting for. Let God use you. God works through us.

SATURDAY, MAY 18TH

5:00PM Frank and Adrienne Carra req. by Daughter

SUNDAY, MAY 19TH

8:00AM McAteer and Pezzo Families
req. by Diane and Jim Pezzo

9:30AM People of the Parish

11:00AM Anthony Biancardi req. by Fran Biancardi

MONDAY, MAY 20TH

9:00AM Robert Kimback, Jr.
req. by Richie and Carol Messina

TUESDAY, MAY 21 ST

9:00AM Frank Tralongo req. by Bernadette Murphy

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22ND

9:00AM Marty Flynn req. by Bernadette Murphy

THURSDAY, MAY 23RD

9:00AM No Mass Intention Scheduled

FRIDAY, MAY 24TH

9:00AM No Mass Scheduled

SATURDAY, MAY 25TH

5:00PM William C. Wendel, Jr.
req. by Anita and Ralph Walters

SUNDAY, MAY 26TH

8:00AM People of the Parish

9:30AM Francesca Russo
req. by St. Mary's Rel. Ed Staff

11:00AM Rosa, Nicolina, and Filomena Ciotti
req. by Ilde and Antonio Vitale

GRANNY'S ATTIC

May 16th, 17th, 18th, and 19th

Granny's Attic has pretty much come and gone. However, the last day of the sale will be this Sunday, May 19th from 10AM to 2PM at the Parish Hall. We are positive there will still be loads of "treasures" to choose from.

Next week we will hopefully have a more concise report from Jeanne DeSantis, our annual coordinator. In the meantime thank you to all who helped in any way for this most successful parish fund raising event.



We warmly welcome all our visitors to St. Mary's and Our Lady of Mercy Churches during this Easter Season and invite you to participate and enjoy our liturgies. If you are new to our parish and would like to register as a parishioner, please call the rectory office at 236-4340 during the week.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Once again we would like to congratulate all who participated in last week's First Communion. The Church was packed with family members and friends as well as excited First Communicants.

Although the day started out will rainy weather, it turned out to be a wonderful day of celebrations for all.

WE ASK YOUR HEALING PRAYERS FOR...



..... all in our parish who are ill or recuperating from an illness. We also ask your prayers for family members who may be caring for spouses or parents who are elderly and unable to live alone.



YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Looking for a summer job? Ulster County is once again sponsoring a summer youth employment program. To apply you must be between the ages of 14 and 20, live in Ulster County and meet income eligibility requirements. You will earn \$12 per hour and can work up to 40 hours per week. To check out income eligibility, call 845-340-3170.

TITHING REPORT

Our Collections this past weekend:

Sunday's Collection: Total \$4758; 117 Envelope Users contributed \$3058; non-envelope users contributed \$1700. As always we thank you for your generosity.



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

Some men informed the Gentiles that they must be circumcised if they wished to be saved, because of the Old Laws. Disciples then went forth to tell the Gentiles to honor only those rules which were strictly necessary, such as abstaining from eating meat sacrificed to idols and illicit sexual union.

Second Reading: Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

John depicts Jerusalem coming out of heaven, sparkling with the radiance of precious jewels. Angels were stationed at each of its twelve gates, and each gate bore the name of one tribe of Israel. The city had no temple, because God was its temple. The glory and light of God and the Lamb also replaced their need for the sun.

Gospel: John 14:23-29

Jesus tells his disciples, "Anyone who loves me will be true to my word." For those who do honor his word, both Jesus and God will love them and stay with them always. He also tells them that God will send the Holy Spirit in his place to give them the instructions they will need. Jesus then tells them that peace is his farewell gift to them.

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Couples in the Archdiocese of New York who are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary in the 2010 calendar year are invited to attend the Golden Jubilee Wedding Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday, June 2, 2019 from 2:00PM to 3:00PM.

Couples who wish to attend Mass must register with their parish and have a ticket. Pews will be reserved for the Golden Jubilee Couples only. Additional family and friends will be accommodated in pews outside of the reserved section (4 in total). If you have any questions please contact the Office of Special Projects and events at specialevents@archny.org or call 646-794-2000.

COMING SOON – K of C BLOOD DRIVE

The Knights have sponsored several drives in the past few years and have done a marvelous job. This year they are hoping to break all records. What a wonderful gift to give– the gift of life. If you are at least 17 years of age, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and are in general good health, won't you consider a donation?

As a little incentive and thanks for your donation, a pancake breakfast will be offered. Stop up after Mass with the family and let them also enjoy a great breakfast, compliments of the K of C.

PRESENTATION ON PRAYER- On Thursday, May 23 at 7:00 P.M. in St. Joseph's Church hall (34 South Chestnut St., New Paltz), Fr. Salvatore Cordaro will offer a presentation on Christian prayer. He will discuss what prayer essentially is as well as the many ways that persons of faith can encounter the Lord in this way. All are welcome and there will be the opportunity to reflect on and share your own experience of putting yourself in the Lord's presence through prayer.

LIFESAVING AND POOL SAFETY EVENT- On Saturday, May 18 there will be a special opportunity to learn basic lifesaving and pool safety techniques. This free event will begin at noon and will be held at the Meadow at 440 Springtown Rd. in New Paltz. With the help of New Paltz Rescue Squad and Moriello Pool, come out to learn basic lifesaving techniques that are essential in and around the pool. Local lifeguards and first responders will be there to show you basic techniques to help save a life until help arrives. This event is free and is appropriate for all ages. The Bruderhof at will be generously preparing a picnic lunch for the event.

FILM ON OSCAR ROMERO- The acclaimed film "Romero" will be shown at St. Joseph's Church hall (34 South Chestnut St., New Paltz) on Sunday, May 26 at 1:00 P.M. This film dramatically recreates the powerful and inspiring story of St. Oscar Romero, who was an outspoken advocate of the poor and marginalized and who was martyred in 1980. All are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be provided and there will be a discussion after the film.

OUR NEWEST PARISH ADDITION

Thanks to your generosity and response to our various fund raising campaigns, we are happy to announce that the Parish Hall has been air conditioned. Money that had been given to our recent Renew and Rebuild Campaign was used to install the a/c which will make it more pleasant to use the hall during the hot days of summer. Tim Owens from Temperature Control in Newburgh installed the units this past week and our "handy guy" Dave Pulliam has completed the electrical service.



ANOTHER SCAM TO BE WARY OF "HELP GRANDMA, I'VE BEEN ARRESTED"

Ulster County seniors are warned of phony "emergency" calls asking grandparents to wire money to help a grandchild who is "in trouble." According to the Ulster County District Attorney's Division of Consumer Affairs, there are several warning signs of the grandparent scam:

- An urgent call for financial help with an emergency such as a car crash, medical emergency or trouble with the law;
• A request to send money by wire transfer via Western Union or MoneyGram, or other unusual method.
• A request to keep the call confidential.

Grandparent scam con artists sometimes trick their victims into mentioning names or they might already have information gleaned from social networking sites like or Facebook. The best defense is to be skeptical. Ask questions to verify the caller's identity. Call parents or other family members. Don't be rushed. Don't wire money, which is like sending cash and is impossible to recover. Never give credit card or bank account information over the phone.

Consumer Affairs can be reached at 845-340-3260.

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