

# The Ascension of The Lord



Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>  
Mass at 9:00 AM

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## Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2020 — Year A

### N.E.T. Catholic

Holy Cross

Saint Anthony

All Saints



#### HOLY CROSS

375 George Road, Freeville, NY 13068

#### SAINT ANTHONY

312 Locke Road, Groton, NY 13073

#### ALL SAINTS

347 Ridge Road, Lansing, NY 14882

Office Hours: Call or text (607) 241-0821 / 7 days, 8am - 10 pm

Please join us for Mass **ONLINE ONLY**

Monday through Friday at 9:00 am

Saturday (Sunday Vigil) at 4:30 pm

Sunday at 8:30 am and 10:30 am

All Masses will be streamed online and you can follow them or watch the recording at [www.netcatholic.org](http://www.netcatholic.org) or [www.facebook.com/netcatholic](http://www.facebook.com/netcatholic)

**Confessions:** By appointment. Call or text (607) 288-2350.

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Dryden/Freeville — Groton — Lansing, New York

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## A Note from Father Daniel

### Reopening our Churches

As our region has reached preparedness for reopening, many of you have been asking about reopening our churches. The Diocese is anxiously awaiting clarification about the inclusion of churches in the New York State re-opening plan. We have been working on specific safety protocols to put in place according to federal and state guidelines once we are allowed to resume public worship. We have followed all of the mandates of federal, state and local health officials with the hope that just resolutions will soon be reached for the benefit of the faith communities we serve.

As soon as we hear from the state and from the Diocese, we will let you know. In the meantime, we are putting together our plan for reopening our 3 parish offices and the Regional Finance Office and planning for how some elements of liturgy will be, while we await more specific directives from our Bishop as to how he wants us to proceed regarding liturgy.

We will inform you of all these plans as they come together. This week we can report on one change that will be coming. During Mass we will no longer come around with baskets for the collection to avoid close person to person contact as well as contact with contaminated surfaces.

We encourage all who are already donating electronically to continue to do so. We encourage all who are not yet donating electronically to please consider transitioning to electronic donations. This option is safer in every way and much more efficient, saving us money in collection counting, data entry and envelopes. If you would like to transition to electronic giving but are not sure how, please call our office and we will be happy to help you set it up.

**If you insist on continuing to use envelopes for your donations, we ask that you let us know by June 15** (call (607) 241-0821, or email: [emmanuel.berrido@dor.org](mailto:emmanuel.berrido@dor.org)), **since this is the time of year when we have to put in the order for collection envelopes for next year.**

For visitors and the few that continue to use envelopes for their donations as well as for second collections, maintenance collections, candles and other donations starting May 31st, we will have one sacrificial offering station in each of our churches, where you can drop in your donations at any time. There will only be **one** of these stations of each of the churches.

All other donations boxes and slots will either be removed or sealed so that all donations are put into the one more secure sacrificial offering station, and also to limit contact surfaces that have to be disinfected constantly.

The Sacrificial Offering Stations will be a drop box safe and

different colors of envelopes will be provided for the different types of donations such as: regular collection, donation towards deferred maintenance, second collections, candle donations, fair trade coffee donations, coffee hour donations, poor box. If you continue to receive a personalized set of envelopes, then we ask you to use your envelopes and put them directly into the drop box safe.

This is how the stations will look like:

### Sacrificial Offering Station



If you do not want to go through the inconvenience of locating the station and having to go to it each time you come to Mass, even if it is not near your usual access point, and also probably having to wait to put your donations in while keeping social distancing, **please transition to electronic giving.**

We understand that some of you might not be familiar with electronic donations so here is some information that will hopefully help you in making the transition:

WeShare is an new online giving platform that our 3 parishes have been using now for two years. It has been very effective, completely secure and accurate in reporting. This online donation processor allows for ACH, Credit Card, and Debit Card transactions. WeShare is managed, designed and built by LPi, or Liturgical Publications. LPi is a long term supplier of our parish bulletins and offers a safer and secure method of managing our online contributors.

Our decision to offer this option two years ago was driven by the desire to offer an easy, safe, and secure way to make contributions to the church, improve consistency of giving, and for the parish save time and money when issuing and processing envelopes. No more worrying about bringing your checkbook or

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cash to church, or about which envelopes to use.

The site is certified PCI Level 1 compliant providing the highest level of data security. LPi has never had a breach in the system, and all information is stored securely.

It is important to note that our traditional methods of giving are not going away: you can still use your envelopes, or make cash or check donations at Mass if you wish to continue to do so.

Now, with the new reality the COVID-19 has brought about we must encourage you even more strongly to transition to WeShare, not only to keep money safe and parish operations efficient, as before, but also to keep you and others safe reducing contact with possibly contaminated persons and/or surfaces.

Remember that you could be sick even if you are asymptomatic and the virus can survive up to 72 hours on exterior surfaces, so through the donation you physically put into the safe in church on Saturday or Sunday you could be exposing our Admin Assistant and Collection Counters to the virus as they gather and count on Mondays.

Keep in mind that there will be no collection basket going around during Mass, and if you continue to make your donations physically you will have to deposit them into the **one** Sacrificial Offering Station safe drop box.

Scheduling electronic donations through WeShare will also keep the church financially safe even if for some reason we cannot gather.

An interesting statistic we learned while investigating this process is that on average, Catholics will use 40 of their 52 weekly envelopes in a typical year. Even though the intention to give regularly may be there, sometimes things affect our execution: We may be away for a few weeks or a month in the summer, possibly escape to Florida in the winter, there's a snow weekend with a cancelled Mass, or we are home sick with the flu. And at the next Mass we attend, we may not catch up with the envelopes and donations we missed while we have been away. This on-line method may also enable some Catholics that may not attend Mass regularly to support the church through the year.

You have total flexibility to contribute with a weekly or monthly recurring donation which will happen automatically on the date you choose, which can be modified at any time, or can make one time donations at any time. Donations can be made by direct withdrawal from a savings or checking account, or by credit or debit card, with funds transferred electronically to the proper church account. You can discontinue using the service at any time with no strings attached.

All of our main, second, and deferred maintenance collections are available on WeShare. Parishioners are able to decide what collections they would like to donate to and set up their recurrences how they see fit. They have full access to their accounts for viewing, or editing purposes. Since WeShare records and reports all donations, donors even have full access to their giving history to make their personal reporting, and their tax season easier.

This pandemic has taught us many lessons about what matters most and where our trust must be placed. It has also taught us which might be the best business practices moving forward to minimize the impact on our operations of possible future crisis and to keep all of our members as safe as possible.

**One of those practical lessons is that we should all have recurrent donations set up electronically through WeShare.**

This way we are certain that the donations come in, they come in directly to our bank account and no one is placed at risk, not counters, not employees, not postal service, not our parishioners.

So, how can you set up electronic donations?

You can go to [www.netcatholic.org/donate](http://www.netcatholic.org/donate) and you will find a link to the donation site for each parish.

Or you can go directly to the donation site for each parish:

Holy Cross: <https://holycrossdryden.weshareonline.org/>

Saint Anthony: <https://saintanthonygroton.weshareonline.org/>

All Saints: <https://allsaintslansing.weshareonline.org/>

If you would like to do this but are not very good with computers, please do not worry, just give us a call (607) 241-0821, and we will set it up for you, it will not take more than a 10 minute call.

Thank you all for all the ways in which you continue to support our parishes, as I said will keep you informed on plans and dates for reopening as information becomes available to us and plans come together.

In the meantime continue to join us Monday—Friday for our seven opportunities each day for prayer and learning, especially the celebration of Holy Mass at 9 am. Please also join us for our weekend Masses Saturday at 4:30 pm and Sunday at 8:30 am and 10:30 am.

You can join us through Facebook at: [www.facebook.com/netcatholic](http://www.facebook.com/netcatholic) or through YouTube at: [www.youtube.com/c/netcatholic](http://www.youtube.com/c/netcatholic).

We miss you! We love you! We are praying for you!

A.M.D.G.,  
*Father Daniel*

## This week in our Parishes (Schedule, Mass Intentions and Liturgical Calendar)

### SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER — Readings: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 / 1 Peter 3:15-18 / John 14:15-21

Saturday, May 16 — MASS (Sunday Vigil) 4:30 pm — For Donald Kane, by Jim and Cathy Bishop

Sunday, May 17 — MASS 8:30 am — For Don Lisk, by Richard and Sharon Buechel

Sunday, May 17 — MASS 10:30 am — For Victor Composti, Sr., by Diane and Mike Schafer

#### Monday, May 18

Monday of the Sixth Week of Easter

6:00 am Rise in Joy with Manny

9:00 am MASS — For the Intentions of the Nieces and Nephews of Anthony and Amelia Massi

12:00 noon Regina Caeli

3:00 pm Finding Refuge in the Sacred Heart — Join us online

6:00 pm Growing in Hope, Faith, and Love with Dawn

8:30 pm Adoration and Benediction — Join us online

9:30 pm Lullaby

#### Readings:

Acts 16:11-15

John 15:26—16:4a

#### Tuesday, May 19

Tuesday of the Sixth Week of Easter

6:00 am Rise in Joy with Manny

9:00 am MASS — For Barbara Bills, by Clara and Chris Barrett

10:15 am Zoom Coffee Hour — more information on Facebook

12:00 noon Regina Caeli

3:00 pm Finding Refuge in the Sacred Heart — Join us online

6:00 pm Growing in Hope, Faith, and Love with Dawn

8:30 pm Adoration and Benediction — Join us online

9:30 pm Lullaby

#### Readings:

Acts 16:22-34

John 16:5-11

#### Wednesday, May 20

Wednesday of the Sixth Week of Easter

6:00 am Rise in Joy with Manny

9:00 am MASS — For Elsie Zifchock, by Clara and Chris Barrett

10:15 am Zoom Coffee Hour — more information on Facebook

12:00 noon Regina Caeli

3:00 pm Finding Refuge in the Sacred Heart — Join us online

6:00 pm Growing in Hope, Faith, and Love with Dawn

8:30 pm Adoration and Benediction — Join us online

9:30 pm Lullaby

#### Readings:

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1

John 16:12-15

#### Thursday, May 21 THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

6:00 am Rise in Joy with Manny

9:00 am MASS — For the People of Our Parishes

10:15 am Zoom Coffee Hour — more information on Facebook

12:00 noon Regina Caeli

3:00 pm Finding Refuge in the Sacred Heart — Join us online

6:00 pm Growing in Hope, Faith, and Love with Dawn

8:30 pm Adoration and Benediction — Join us online

9:30 pm Lullaby

#### Readings:

Acts 1:1-11

Ephesians 1:17-23

Matthew 28:16-20

#### Friday, May 22

Friday of the Sixth Week of Easter

6:00 am Rise in Joy with Manny

9:00 am MASS — For Norm Wheeler, by Clara and Chris Barrett

12:00 noon Regina Caeli

3:00 pm Finding Refuge in the Sacred Heart — Join us online

6:00 pm Growing in Hope, Faith, and Love with Dawn

8:30 pm Adoration and Benediction — Join us online

9:30 pm Lullaby

#### Readings:

Acts 18:23-28

John 16:23b-28

### SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER — Readings: Acts 1:12-14 / 1 Peter 4:13-16 / John 17:1-11a

Saturday, May 23 — MASS (Sunday Vigil) 4:30 pm — For María Luisa Rodriguez de Nieto, by Magnolia Ariza

Sunday, May 24 — MASS 8:30 am — For William Yantz, by the Yantz Family

Sunday, May 24 — MASS 10:30 am — For Ron Ronsvalle, by His Family

The Sanctuary Candles burns this week for the following intentions:

*At Holy Cross:* For the intentions of Trini De Moya, requested by Emmanuel Berrido



The Altar Bread and Wine at Saint Anthony are offered for the intentions of Kathleen Martin.





praying  
together

### For Health Care Professionals and First Responders

*We thank you Lord for their generosity in service at this difficult time and we pray that you keep them safe and give them strength and peace.*

Kiersten Chambers - police officer in NYC, Brandi Senter; Stephanie Notar, Niki Cornelius and all the health care workers at Guthrie Medical in Cortland, and Mikayla Perkins, RN at Cayuga Medical Center. Also Anne Cornelius RN, Dr. Tim LaFrance, Dr. Russ LaFrance, Richard LaFrance PT, Jussie Street PT, Dr. Michelle Carley, Dr. Brian Nicholas, nurse Melissa Carley, Matt Youngs hospital worker, Dr. Grant Bonavia. Ben Cramer, **Betsy Kane**, Phil Thomas, Markus Hardt, Connor Moore, Johnelle Keck, Chris Keck, Susan McCarthy, John Nolan, Ellen Nolan, James Lafler, Maggie McDonald, Carrie McCollester, Kevin McCormick, James Mona Dali and all the staff at Cayuga Medical Center, Megan Drake and Rebecca Drake, Carrie Stock, Katie Stevens, Don and Maria Gentry, Dr. Brendan Barrett, Jonathan Burdick, Patricia Brown, Mark Romond.

*“Let us pray for them and their families. I thank God for the heroic example that they have given us in their care for the sick,” —Pope Francis*

### For Our Sick & Shut-Ins

Angelo Alaimo, Jane Baldwin, Ginny Bradshaw, Chrissy Bravo-Cullen, Karen Brown, Phyllis Campbell, Ian Charles, Donna Cocca, Paul Conklin, Robert Deely, Jerica Duso, Lois Fahey, Pat Fairbank, Mary Falise, Gordon Gladden, Amy Grosser, Francis Hertel, Kirsten Hess, Angela Hughes, Nimr Ibrahim, Jeremiah, **Sean Kane**, Autum Kenyon, Steve Kletjian, Valerie Kuramoto, Mr. Liggett, Marcus Martinez, Leah Mayor, Emma Mazingo, Joe McCarey, Betty McCarey, Lee McGill, Chavonne McKenna, Fred Mellberg, Sara Morse, Dennis Osika, Jim Oswald, Kathy Pumphrey, Karen Randolph, Geraldine Rankin, **Thelma Rusak**, Lourdes Santana, Emilie Searle, Eleanor Sorbello, Lucy Steger, Phyllis Stewart, Robert Stewart, Ethel Thomas, Melanie Toolan, Vicky Toro, Maria Unterreiner, Ellen VanSlyke Batzer, Sharon Vincent, Tom Walpole, Richard Weiss, Ryan White, Jocelyn Woods, Bob and Agnes Zavaski, and several Special Intentions. **Please keep our area servicemen & women in your prayers.**

## CMA Report

### Saint Anthony

**PLEASE DONATE** we are **\$753 short** of our goal of \$9,813, we have to pay the full amount by May 31st no matter what. You can donate by using the CMA envelopes in the back of the church, online at: [www.dor.org/giving/contribute-to-the-cma/](http://www.dor.org/giving/contribute-to-the-cma/) or via **TEXT MESSAGE**

- 1) Text **CMA255** to (585) 257-2929
- 2) Follow the prompts
- 3) Register your credit or debit card.

Your CMA gift will be credited to St. Anthony Church, Groton. You will receive an acknowledgment of your gift immediately via text

### All Saints

**PLEASE DONATE** we are **\$4,500 short** of our goal of \$15,165, we have to pay the full amount by May 31st no matter what. You can donate by using the CMA envelopes in the back of the church, online at: [www.dor.org/giving/contribute-to-the-cma/](http://www.dor.org/giving/contribute-to-the-cma/) or via **TEXT MESSAGE:**

- 1) Text **CMA273** to (585) 257-2929
- 2) Follow the prompts
- 3) Register your credit or debit card.

Your CMA gift will be credited to All Saints Church, Lansing. You will receive an acknowledgment of your gift immediately via text or

## Our Sacrificial Offering for the fulfilment of the Mission of Jesus Christ

As you all know, our parishes are on very tight budgets. The reality of not having public Masses with a collection is gravely impacting our finances — even through this lockdown our campuses still need to be maintained, our utilities paid, and salaries must continue. **Please DO NOT leave donations ANY WHERE on church campus. Know that ALL donations left on church campus WILL BE LOST and we take NO responsibility for them.**

There are **TWO** ways in which you can make your donations at this time:

**1. (Preferred) Our online giving options from our website: [www.netcatholic.org/donate](http://www.netcatholic.org/donate). This is the safest and most effective option, now and ALWAYS. If you need assistance setting this up, please call the office at 607-241-0821.**

2. You can mail your contributions to us:

**HOLY CROSS:** 375 George Road, Freeville, NY 13068 • **SAINT ANTHONY:** 312 Locke Road, Groton, NY 13073 • **ALL SAINTS:** 347 Ridge Road, Lansing, NY 14882.

Know that if you mail in your donations they will only be counted and deposited on around the 20th of each month. This means that if for instance you send in a check on April 16th and we receive it on April 21st, it will not be counted or deposited until around May 20th.

We understand that some families will face unprecedented financial challenges at this time and will not be able to contribute to the church financially, please be at peace and contribute by keeping us in your prayers. If you and your family have been blessed with sufficient financial resources please consider not only keeping up your regular donations to the church but also making some additional donations to help us make up for the possible loss of income caused by this crisis. Thank you very much!