

# Welcome to

## St. Paul's Catholic Church (St. Rita's Oratory)

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Deacon Candidates: **DAN LEROY and NOEL VOOS**

May 2, 2021

### OFFICE HOURS

SP's: Monday & Friday, 12:30 – 4:00 PM

SM's: Monday & Friday, 8:30 AM – noon

### SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Sunday @ 10:30 AM

Also by Appointment

### SACRAMENT OF

**BAPTISM**

Contact the Pastor.

### SACRAMENT OF

**MATRIMONY**

Contact the Pastor.

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

4/25/21 – \$732.00/Plate: \$51.00



### WEEKLY MEMORIALS (this week)

The **SANCTUARY LAMP** will burn, the **EUCCHARISTIC HOST** will be offered, and the **ALTAR CANDLES** will be lit in loving memory of **JOHN & ANNE DUNBAR**. Requested by Francis Dunbar. .



**May 9** – First Communion – St. Paul's

**June 4 & 5** – Rummage Sale – St. Mary's

**June 9** – Confirmation – St. Paul's, 7 PM

**ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP:** Celebrate the gift of flowers. Make plans to find a small patch in your yard or a container on your porch to plant some wildflowers. For seeds that are packed specifically for your local area, check out:

[www.vermontwildflowerfarm.com](http://www.vermontwildflowerfarm.com)



**MAY DEVOTIONS:** During the month of May, in honor of the Blessed Mother, there will be recitation of the Rosary at **St. Paul's** after the 8:00 AM Mass on Tuesday and Thursday.

### **THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS**

**FOR MAY:** Entrusted to his Worldwide Prayer Network Universal Intention –The world of finance Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

**PLEASE** take home a church bulletin or go online to <http://rivercatholics.org>. and click on "About Us". It is a reminder of upcoming events and important information. Father usually makes oral announcements at mass, but sometimes it is good to have a written reminder.

### Fifth Sunday of Easter:

Saturday, May 1	4:00 PM (SM)	The People of the Parishes
Sunday, May 2	9:00 AM (SM)	Father Vicente Jazmines By Michael & Cecilia Gracey
	11:00 AM (SP)	Geno Martino By Hans & Barbara Wawrousek

### Liturgical Schedule:

Monday, May 3	8:00 AM (SM)	<b>NO MASS</b>
Tuesday, May 4	8:00 AM (SP)	William Carlisle By His Family
Wednesday, May 5	8:00 AM (SM)	Gary Hoover By Dennis & Kareta Olshfski
	9:00 AM (SM)	All Souls
	LATIN MASS	
Thursday, May 6	8:00 AM (SP)	Father Andrew Mulvany By Helen Martini
Friday, May 7	8:00 AM (SM)	Intention of Michael Noone By Jim Decker

### Sixth Sunday of Easter:

Saturday, May 8	4:00 PM (SM)	Leona Betterman By Ray & Denise Betterman
Sunday, May 9	9:00 AM (SM)	The People of the Parishes
	11:00 AM (SP)	George Yerdon By Gerald & Lucille Frank

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** In Thanksgiving for all our Easter blessings; for world peace, national security, and family harmony; for all those hurt by oppression; for all our sick; and for all our faithful departed, including those memorialized by our Easter flowers.



***PLEASE wear your masks, practice social distancing and don't linger in groups in the parking lot. Protect yourselves and others. Please leave the kneelers down in the pew you occupied when you leave so that we may know to clean it. Thank you***

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:**

- May 2 – Last Class, May Crowning, Children’s Liturgy
- May 9 – First Communion, Mother’s Day



### **This Sunday, May 2, is the final day for religion classes until next Fall.**

We appreciate and thank the *fine talents and time of our Catechists:*

Alice Clark - Kindergarten and 1st Grade; Alana Sides - 2nd Grade (First Communion); Cecilia Clark - 3rd and 4th Grade; Dr. Jim Newell - 5th-7th Grade; Substitute Teachers - Christine Murphy and Patricia Newell; and our Religious Education Director-Patricia Newell

We are very proud of the following students who made their *First Penance/Reconciliation* on Sunday, April 25. They will make their First Communion on Sunday, May 9. Madden Guanlao; Aaron Myers; Nathan Rumschlag; Nora Shepard; and Caden Sides.

### **Summer Camp Guggenheim - CANCELLED FOR 2021**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter Sunday, May 2, 2021** - Gospel Reading: John 15:1-8 Jesus teaches that he is the vine and that his disciples are the branches.

**Family Connection:** The goal of our life of prayer is to increase our awareness that Jesus lives with us always. Prayer is more than a dialogue with God; prayer is a lifting of our minds and hearts to God so that God might dwell and act within us and through us. The pinnacle of our life of prayer is our communion with Jesus in the Eucharist. Through this sacrament, we receive Jesus himself, and he remains with us. Our life of prayer and our union with Jesus will lead us to fruitful service to others.

Place a plant in your gathering space. Invite everyone to look at the plant, noting the connection between the plant and its leaves. Talk about the integral connection between all the parts of a healthy plant. Introduce today’s Gospel by saying that Jesus talked about his relationship to his disciples using this metaphor. Read today’s Gospel, John 15:1-8. Talk about the ways in which we are invited to relate to Jesus as his disciples today—prayer, Scripture, the Eucharist, and so on. When we do these things, Jesus promises to remain with us and to lead us to serve others well. Pray together that we will continue to be attentive and open to Jesus as he works in our lives today. Pray together the Acts of Faith, Hope, and Love.

### **May 2: FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Readings: Acts 9:26-31/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8**

We are called to bear much fruit and be Christ's disciples. Since a branch that is cut off from the vine cannot produce fruit, we need to remain connected to the vine and be pruned of all those things that keep us from being fruitful. So, let us allow the life of Christ to flow through us so that others can also discover the fruits of joy and love, peace and patience, kindness, goodness and self-control. In this way our lives will praise the Lord and others will come to know his love so that they too may become his disciples.

**SCRIPTURE & REFLECTION:** (Magnificat, April 2021) “Store up treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor decay destroys, nor thieves break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.” (Matthew 6:20-21) Where we invest our trust and our hope, we invest our lives. Let us choose to invest in the true source of life, Jesus Christ!

### **Fifth Sunday of Easter – May 2, 2021:**

“Let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.” Are you being called to love the Lord and His people as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Love demands truth and action. If you are considering such a vocation, talk to Fr. Shane Lynch or Fr. Christopher Carrara, ccarrara@rcdony.org or Cathy Russell, the Diocesan Vocation Coordinator at (315)393-2920, ext. 1450/ crussell@rcdony.org. See us also on Facebook or at [www.myvocation.net](http://www.myvocation.net).

**The Mother’s Day Annual Appeal for Catholic Charities** will take place on the weekend of May 9, 2021. Let us continue to Give Help and Create Hope for the many families of the North Country that we serve as we continue the work of Christ on earth. Catholic Charities Office of Jefferson County would like your support in a renewed effort to help our community’s most vulnerable citizens by parish donations to our Personal Care Items pantry.

**2021-2023 FORMATION FOR MINISTRY PROGRAM:** The Formation for Ministry Program is a two-year program that prepares men and women to serve in their parish. More information as well as application forms are available on our diocesan website at: <https://www.rcdony.org/formation/candidate.html>. Join us for the virtual informational sessions offered via Zoom by registering at [www.rcdony.org/infosos](http://www.rcdony.org/infosos). You may also contact Cathy Russell, Formation for Ministry Director at: [crussell@rcdony.org](mailto:crussell@rcdony.org).