

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 16, 2021

Saturday, May 15th St. Isidore

10:00 am - St. John Funeral Mass for Hans Hahr

4:00 pm - St. John – Wendyl & Rita Reis by Susan Dugan

Sunday, May 16th Seventh Sunday of Easter

7:30 am - 7:55 am – Confessions at St. John

8:00 am - St. John – Deacon Raymond Desilets by Linda Toborg

9:35 am - St. Elizabeth – Hans Hahr

11:30am - Queen of Peace - For the People

Confessions at QP before Mass (time permitting) or following Mass as needed

Monday, May 17th

8:30 am - St. Elizabeth – Jerry Fournier by St. Elizabeth Womens Group

Tuesday, May 18th

8:30 am - St. John - Willard Dezotelle

Wednesday, May 19th

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm – Holy Hour of Adoration with Confessions at St. John

5:15 pm - St. John – Germain Maurice by Susan Maurice

Thursday, May 20th St. Bernadine of Siena, Priest

8:30 am - St. John – June Dizon by Marylou Sales

Friday, May 21st St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest

8:30 am - St. Elizabeth Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
and Immaculate Heart of Mary by Amy Marcinko

Saturday, May 22nd St. Rita of Cascia, Religious

8:30 am - St. John – in pectore

9:00 am - 9:30 am – Confessions at St. John

4:00 pm - St. John – Brent Beck by Deacon Pete & Mary Anne Gummere

Sunday, May 23rd Pentecost Sunday

7:30 am - 7:55 am – Confessions at St. John

8:00 am - St. John – For the People

9:35 am - St. Elizabeth – in pectore

11:30am - Queen of Peace - Randy Mackay by Robert & Priscilla Messier

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Please pray for parishioners who are ill or in need of your prayers, especially:
Pam Austin, Charlene Chase, Connie Lapage, Martin Fortin, Charlie Weis,
Randy Thomas, Dick & Anita Bedor, Karson St. Marie

5/23/21	St. John	St. Elizabeth	Queen of Peace
LECTORS:	4pm K Gilding 8am H Robertson	9:35am M Noel	11:30am D Rivard

The **FORMED** program is available to everyone in our parish. To start enjoying this free gift, please visit the FORMED website:

1. Go to: nekatholic.formed.org
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The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Corpus Christi Conference offers assistance in name of Jesus to the needy in our community. To contact us call: Patrick McWilliams: 274-3542 Ann Lovett: 751-8187; or the Rectory: 748-8129 We will arrange a visit to see if we are able to serve you!

A poster of the First Holy Communion candidates is at each of the three churches. Please keep these students in your prayers as they prepare for this sacrament which will take place on May 23rd.

PARISH EVENTS

May 17: Finance Committee - Zoom

May 23: First Communion at all 3 Masses

FINANCIAL REPORT

Fiscal Year: 7/1/20-6/30/21 Budgeted Regular Collection: \$243,650

Reg. Collection Year-to-date: \$113,342.38 + On-Line: \$68,354.59

Collections & Receipts: May 9, 2021 Reg. Offertory: \$2,456.42

Second Collections

May 16th Catholic Communication May 23rd No Second Collection

Beautification of the Monument to the Souls of the Unborn

You are invited to share in this garden beautification project. If you would like to donate either perennials from your garden or a monetary gift, please see Sherry Alix after Mass or call the Parish Office to find out how you can donate or help with this project. Thank You

Futures Pregnancy Care Bottle Drive

Futures Pregnancy Care in Lyndonville is hosting a Bottle Drive here at Corpus Christi Parish. Please feel free to take home a baby bottle which are located at the back of the church and fill with your loose change. Every little bit helps. Please return your baby bottles by the end of May. Your donations will help little ones have the future they deserve. Thank you.

First Holy Communion

First Communion candidates will receive the sacrament of First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 23rd at the Sunday morning Masses: St. John's Church at 8:00 A.M., St. Elizabeth Church at 9:35 A.M., and Queen of Peace Church at 11:30 A.M. Please keep our candidates in your prayers. Thank you.

Congratulations to our brothers and sisters who received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Coyne on May 8th:

Gabrielle Atkins; Carson Biggie; Jonathon Brown; Aurora Camillieri; Kenneth Camillieri; Lydia DeKett; Autumn Despina; Carson Finn; Daniel Gibson; James Hatch; Hugh Hawkins; Adeline Hetzelt; Declan Kellan; Julia Legendre; Ethan Lussier; Andrew McFaul; Davis Palmieri; Mayla Paquette; Caydence Pierce; Simon Robertson; Landon Robinson; Patrick Tester; Timothy Tester; Anna Thomas and Ava Weaver. *May God Bless You All!!!*

"The name of Jesus is the glory of preachers, because the shining splendor of that name causes his word to be proclaimed and heard. And how do you think such an immense, sudden and dazzling light of faith came into the world, if not because Jesus was preached? Was it not through the brilliance and sweet savor of this name that God called us into his marvelous light? When we have been enlightened, and in that same light behold the light of heaven, rightly may the apostle Paul say to us: *Once you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord; walk as children of light.* So this name must be proclaimed, that it may shine out and never be suppressed. But it must not be preached by someone with sullied mind or unclean lips, but stored up and poured out from a chosen vessel. That is why our Lord said of Saint Paul: *He is a chosen instrument of Mine, the vessel of My choice ... Poured into other chosen vessels, it would grow and radiate splendor. For our Lord said: *He is to Carry my name.*"*

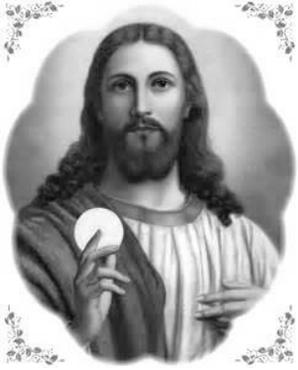
~ Saint Bernadine of Siena

Congratulations to:

Beckett Charles Aremburg

*who was baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit on May 9th.*

Welcome to the Catholic Church!



The Breaking of the Sacred Host

“After our Lord had died, a soldier armed with a lance approached and opened His right side, from which flowed blood and water. This circumstance is important and has a place in the drama of the Mass.

The priest shows the Sacred Host to the people as all begin to sing *Agnus Dei ... Lamb of God, You take away the*

sins of the world, have mercy on us ... give us peace. While this is being said, the priest breaks the Sacred Host over the paten, “and then, from the right lower end of the left half of the Host, he breaks a small fragment. This strikingly symbolizes *the wound in the side of Jesus from which flowed blood and water.*”

“You remember that from the side of Adam, sleeping in Paradise, his spouse, Eve, was taken. So also, from the side of Christ, the New Adam, sleeping on the cross, came forth the spouse He had chosen, His mystical body, the Holy Catholic Church.” It is she who sings the *Agnus Dei*, while this is happening, asking for mercy, praying for peace. As we sing we meditate with gratitude and hope on the piercing of His sacred side.

“We have seen that the death of Jesus Christ was figured by the symbolical separation of His Body and His Blood. For this reason, the glorious resurrection from the dead could not be more perfectly represented than by placing into the chalice a fragment of the Host, thus showing the reunion of the Body and Blood ... the sign of the cross three times over the chalice figures the three days the Body of Christ was in the sepulcher. The placing of the fragment of the Host into the chalice, or the union of Body and Blood, symbolizes *the resurrection of Christ from the dead.* The meaning of the words here joins itself to the symbolism of the action in order to figure better and more clearly the holy joys of the resurrection, and the greetings which the faithful received from the lips of the risen Savior on that first joyous Easter morning, when He appeared to His Apostles and said to them: ‘Peace be with you.’”

Next the priest quietly says this prayer to Jesus, Who is truly present before him on the altar – I post it in full because the people should pray interiorly a similar prayer of their own at this time: *Lord, Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, Who by the will of the Father and the work of the Holy Spirit, through Your Death gave life to the world, free me by this, Your most Holy Body and Blood, from all my sins and from every evil; keep me always faithful to Your commandments, and never let me be parted from You. May the receiving of Your Body and Blood, Lord Jesus Christ, not bring me to judgment and condemnation, but through Your loving mercy be for me protection in mind and body and a healing remedy.*

Prayer of St. Bernardine of Siena

Patron of all who suffer respiratory illness

Jesus, Name full of glory, grace, love and strength! You are the refuge of those who repent, our banner of warfare in this life, the medicine of souls, the comfort of those who mourn, the delight of those who believe, the light of those who preach the true faith, the wages of those who toil, the healing of the sick. To You our devotion aspires; by You our prayers are received; we delight in contemplating You. O Name of Jesus, You are the glory of all the saints for eternity. Amen.

St. Bernardine Pray for us!

May 22nd: Feast of Saint Rita

Are you faced with a difficult problem? Does it seem insurmountable? The prayer to St. Rita of Cascia (1381-1457) shown below might help. After all, St. Rita is known as the “Saint of the Impossible.”

Early in life, she had a strong desire to be a nun, but got married instead, following her parents’ wishes. By all accounts, her husband was Mr. Wrong, an abusive man with whom she bore two sons of similar temperament.

Apparently she had the patience of a saint because she prayed for them all and tried to be a dutiful wife and mother! After 18 years of marriage, her husband was murdered and her sons died of natural causes the following year.

After that, St. Rita finally got her wish and was admitted to the convent of Augustinian nuns at Cascia. Tradition has it that the nuns there initially refused to let St. Rita join because she was a widow. One night Saint John the Baptist, St. Augustine and St. Nicholas of Tolentino opened gates that had been bolted shut and left her in the chapel of the convent.

When the nuns found St. Rita there the next morning they understood God’s designs for her and accepted her unanimously. Talk about prayer opening doors!

Many other miracles were attributed to St. Rita, both during her life and after her death. As an example, her devotion to Jesus in His Passion was such that a thorn from the crucifix in her room pierced her forehead one day while she was praying! The prayer to St. Rita also touches on that miracle:

Holy Patroness of those in need, Saint Rita, so humble, pure and patient, whose pleadings with thy Divine Spouse are irresistible, obtain for me from thy Crucified Christ my request (*mention it here*). Be kind to me, for the greater glory of God, and I promise to honor thee and to sing thy praises forever.

Oh glorious St. Rita, who didst miraculously participate in the sorrowful Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, obtain for me the grace to suffer with resignation the troubles of this life, and protect me in all my needs. Amen

Weeping with love, St. Rita had asked to share in Our Lord’s suffering and her request was granted in this literally striking way! She bore the painful wound with typical dignity and grace, imitating our crucified Lord.

The prayer to St. Rita, like her miracles, helps remind us indeed that “all things are possible with God,” as Jesus said in Mark’s gospel (10:27). Roses are her symbol. Her feast day is May 22nd.