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**Staff Morning of Reflection - May 25**
The Parish office will be closed on May 25 for the Saint Bede Staff morning of reflection. Normal office hours will resume on May 26.

### This Week’s Mass Intentions

**Saturday, 05/15**
- 9:00 a.m. Jose Sison (D); Victor Zodda (D); Hugh Sharp (D)
- 5:30 p.m. Patricia Lim (D); Mary Jo & Terry Duncan (D)

**Sunday, 05/16**
- 8:30 a.m. David Barrows (D); Marie A. Maynes, IHM (D); Hugh Sharp (D)
- 11:00 a.m. Parishioners
- 5:00 p.m. Anne Kinney (L); Barbara Poma (L)

**Monday, 05/17**
- 9:00 a.m. Susan Sorelle (D); Charlotte Lombardo (D); Carlos Comes (D)

**Tuesday, 05/18**
- 9:00 a.m. Kay Boaz (D); Bob Morris (D); Lewis Dixon (D)

**Wednesday, 05/19**
- 9:00 a.m. Mary Pecci (D); Nick LaValle (D); Monique Anastasio (D)

**Thursday, 05/20**
- 9:00 a.m. Vera Girrard (D); Bernard Szrama (D); Priscilliano Curvas (D)

**Friday, 05/21**
- 9:00 a.m. Allen Swanson (D); Michael Levanti (D); James P. Riley (D)

**Saturday, 05/22**
- 9:00 a.m. Kenneth Friedl (D); Charles Steele (D); Veronica Podrasky (D)
- 5:30 p.m. Louise Sheyker (D); Wynn Harding (D); Raymond Agapay (D)

### PRAYER REQUESTS:

Father John Abe, Bobby Andrews, David Ballentine, Patricia Ballentine, Rosemary Basquill, Carol Bonesteel, Patrick Brophy, Michael Evans Tracy Hall, Leslie Hanna, Mary Hrkok, Doreen Kahl, Elmer May, Daniel Mayes, Marilyn Metzler, Philip Merriss, Thomas Murphy, John Preisser, Jim Rettig, Barbara Smith, Pat Vaughn, Lynne R. Walker, Williamsburg House of Mercy Staff and Volunteers

### OUR TROOPS:

Emily Bessler, Brian Connolly, Patrick Hart, David Holland, Thomas Mueller, Geof Palmer, Evan Poole, James Martin Ryan, Matthew Speicher, Edward Alexander Ustaris, Timothy Weber