

## FAITH FORMATION & PARISH OUTREACH

A Mother's Day gift table is being offered this year at Street Soldiers in Troy. Friends will be able to "shop" for their mom, the special lady in their life, or their grandmother. The Street Soldiers would like to offer each person the opportunity to choose pick 2 or 3 items from the table for their loved one to celebrate this special day.

Please bring items to the rectory by Tuesday, April 27th. Ideas include wallets or change purses, candles, body spray, nail polish and polish remover, earrings, necklaces, body spray, hand or foot lotion, eye shadow (assorted colors), and mascara.

A similar gift table is planned for Father's Day, so stay tuned for these details in May.

A Family Faith Formation week is planned for July 26 -29 from 5:30 to 7:30 for all families in our CCNCC community. We will gather for a simple meal outside under a tent and joyfully celebrate God's creation through prayer and music, crafts and games, and service to others.

We need the time and talents of young people for this! Please call Ruth Ellen at 518-758-1828 if you are an experienced VBS helper or want to make this happen.

April 25 is our Confirmation candidates' special day! Please keep them in prayer by name: Ashley Ames, Alexa Barkley, Benjamin Brady, Bethany Brady, Emma Brew, Liam Curry, Hannah Frances, Zoe Geiger, Lucas Gohl, Elizabeth Holliday, Maddie Kelley, Dylan McCrudden, Ryan McGuirk, Delaney More, Annabella Rivero, Emma Scheitinger, Caroline Small, Kyra Stickles, and Tim Wheeler.

### Masses for April 2021

Please call the office to reserve your seat:

April 24th/25th Last name beginning with S-Z

*If seats available All Are Welcome!!*



## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Please keep in your prayers the sick and homebound of our parish and those who care for them:**

Paul Amyot, Okgana Bajko, Joan Bellanger, Sylvia Boulger, Virginia Bradley, John Brady, Pat Bruno, Daniel Burnett, Michael Burnett, Charlotte Chase, Eleanor Chase, Major Jeffrey Chase, Joseph Cimon, Susan E. Cotsonas, Dave Daly, Barbara Domigan, Michael Doyle, Beth Drzymala, Sammy Evans, Gianni Farinacci, Concetta Florientino, Michele Amyot Ford, Michelle Foutch, Donald Gaylord, Michael Gomez, Mary Ann Goodine, Sharon Hall, Leshia Hardgraves, Robert Havelka, Mary Hayes, William Hernandez, Marianna Iacovelli, David Jaffarian, Craig Kingslely, Doug LaBudde, Jack Law Jr., Pinky Laviano, Kristen Law, Kevin M. Lynch, William Lindberg, Dominick Lizzi, Cindy Mahony, Erica Matthies, Kevin McCann, John McCauley, Gary McDonald, Edin Mercado, Marianne Martinez, Judy Martino, Kaylee Rose Meyer, Luba Myktyiw, Amelia Nabozny, Richard Norton, David Nichlos, Rita Paladino, Elise Panico, Bonnie Pelizza, David Picchione, Pam Polashenski, Helen Rayve, Claire Renn, Tim Renn, William Robinson, Lisa Rossello,, Kimberly Sabella, Alice Salvatore, Maddi Sidarous, Ralph Sitcer, Katy Smith, Special Intentions, Bonnie Sperl, Sean Spicer, Kyle Stickles, Kevin Sutton, Joan Torcello, Br. David Turnel, Matthew West, Edward Wheeler, Dan Wiltse, Marybeth Wiltse, Gary Wickes, Chrissy Wills, Darrell Wilson, Carol Wisenhunt, Veronica Wistar, Erica Wordon ,

**Dear Clergy Member,**

**We are reaching out to you because there are still senior citizens throughout Columbia County who need assistance in obtaining the COVID-19 vaccine. While every effort has been made to get the word out about vaccine clinics, we also know the information regarding vaccine distribution requirements has changed repeatedly. This has caused confusion for many seniors as to how and where to register for a vaccine. In addition, many seniors do not have access to internet service, which is necessary to register for a vaccine appointment. Would you please ask your congregation to let any seniors they know to call the Columbia County COVID-19 Vaccine Information Line and someone will assist them in registering for a vaccine appointment. The Vaccine Information Line number is 518-697-5560 and is available Monday – Friday, 900am-4:00pm. Thank you in advance for helping us help our seniors.**

**Sincerely,  
The Columbia County Health Department**

## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

April 18, 2021

### 3rd Sunday of Easter

We often act out of ignorance. Armed with the best of intentions, we think we are seeing clearly and correctly, but we are not. We don't always understand the full meaning of things and only perceive part of the truth. Hence, our judgments and actions can be impaired by myopic, incomplete or erroneous perceptions. The meaning of life, understanding of human experience, and negotiating life's challenges can all become skewed without proper understanding and vision. The resurrection of Christ is the corrective to our incomplete and limited view of life. Looking at things with the eyes of faith brings a depth of clarity and understanding to how we see God, ourselves, others, and the world.

Even the disciples struggled with their limited understanding and ignorant perceptions. It was only when Jesus opened their minds to understand the Scriptures that their eyes were opened. It was their "aha" moment when everything clicked. We all want the substance of our lives to come together, make sense, and have meaning. This is easier to achieve when things are going positively, and life is good. It is when suffering, disappointment, death, hardship, and injustice enter the picture that things can become unsettled and disoriented. Our faith in the goodness and love of God is tested. We tend to shift our focus on these difficult and challenging moments and do not see them within the greater picture of how God intends life to unfold. We can gain, from the passion and resurrection of Christ, the clear vision we need in order to move away from ignorance to enlightenment.

We need our "aha" moment when everything comes together and clicks. It can come in a fleeting instant when we feel totally connected with God, where we find ourselves, others and all of creation. It is a moment when all is right and good, regardless of how difficult our journey. Our "aha" moment assures us that God is here, right with us, in us and around us bringing us a gift and blessing we can receive nowhere else: peace. In those brief sacramental encounters when we are lifted up out of ourselves and centered, we can hear God say, "peace be with you," and we feel secure. It's all okay. The resurrected Christ has the power to bring this gift to us. Some people, as they are facing their deaths, remark about this peace. When looking into the window of eternity, they experience a depth of joy and are amazed at God's goodness and closeness. We are called to be witnesses to this Good News.



### Readings for the week of April 18, 2021

Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1

Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30

[1ab]/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69

Next Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

### THIS WEEK'S AND NEXT MASS SCHEDULE

#### Saturday, April 17th

**4:00 pm** **Jackie Bullett** by Marilyn Ryan and family  
**Edward Helfer** by Paul Bently  
**Alice Forget** by Paul & Mary McAvoy  
**Belle T. Kunz** by Edward Morrissey

#### Sunday, April 18th

**7:30 am** **Michael le** by LeNguyen family  
**Lena Graziano** by Guy & Janis Graziano & Family  
**Phillip Burkhart** by the family  
**Charles Rutherford** by Steven & Ruth Ellen Berninger

#### Saturday, April 24th

**4:00 pm** **Myroslaw MyKytiv** by Chris Muryne  
**Patricia J. Weber** by Middle School Sunshine Club

**Rita Ryan** by Paul & Mary MacAvoy

**7:30 am** **Florence Osswald** by Jason Pape & Andy Phesay  
**Florence Osswald** by Carl Coppello  
**Dit & Anna Bandura** by the family