

Pastor's Blog,

*I give you a new commandment: love one another.
When Judas had left them, Jesus said,
"Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him.
My children, I will be with you only a little while longer.
I give you a new commandment: love one another.
As I have loved you, so you also should love one another.
This is how all will know that you are my disciples,
if you have love for one another."*

In my homily on Holy Thursday, I shared what was for me a new insight into the Gospel: What does it mean that Judas' feet were washed before he left to betray Jesus? The Gospel this week on the Fifth Week of Easter follows immediately after his departure, and Jesus reveals that the Son of Man is now to be glorified. We, too, are invited into this mystery to be glorified not only in the sacrificing that we make but also in the love that we share. The new commandment is not just that we love one another but to love as Jesus loves us. It is in that unselfish, generous love of covenant and compassion that we find ourselves embraced in this great mystery. We will become known as disciples not only when we serve others, as Jesus did in the washing of the feet, but when we do so motivated by love.

I could very easily transition into a discussion of the Bishop's Appeal at this point. We give generously and prayerfully because of not only the people served, including those in our own midst and in a wider extension of the Mission's reach, but also because we do so out of true love for our brothers and sisters.

There will be ample opportunity in the coming weeks to discuss this, so I would like to share with you a special story that touched my heart this week.

I have been blessed over the course my ministry here and elsewhere to meaningful and inspiring time with people close to the Lord, especially in the final stages of their earthly life. This past week, I had an opportunity to spend time with an incredible woman, Ruth, whom I have known for twenty-three years.

I was serving as an associate pastor in Schenectady twenty-three years ago when the pastor, who was a dear family friend, was unable to celebrate the funeral for her husband. Ruth embraced me immediately and taught me so much about how to enter into a family's life during this sacred, poignant time.

When I was appointed as administrator and eventual pastor to parishes in the North Country, I would be delighted and feel at home immediately because Ruth and her extended family had several summer cabins which formed a compound of sorts within my parish. Ruth would spend the summer there and continue to not only join us at liturgies but also invite me to those special reunions that were held throughout the season. I was privileged to maintain a relationship and be part of weddings and baptisms as the family grew.



THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5/18

4:00pm

Dorothy Strout by Eileen Avery
Father Gregory Roy by Accuosti familt
Special Intention of the Hart & Friess Family by Marietta Friess

Sunday 5/19

7:30am

Joan Johnson , Corrinne Woodward, & Paul Rohan by Cathy & Dick Draper
10:30am Hylario Nguyem by the Lenguyen family
Angelo & Concetta Chiarella by Fran Campeta & sons

Monday 5/20

11:00am

Health of Fr. Jack by a friend

Wednesday 5/15

11:00am

Janet Kerr by her family

Saturday 5/25

Myroslaw Mykytie by Andrea & John Horowitz & family
Dennis Knoll by Jane Knoll

Sunday 5/26

7:30

Connie Bailey by the Bertrand family

10:30

Joseph Nguyen by the Lenguyen family

Next Sunday's Readings:

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

Rev. 21:10-14, 22-23

John 14:23-29

*Oh God, let all the nations
praise you!*

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

Paul Amyot, Bob Babirad, Nancy Battistello, Joan Bellanger, Sylvia Boulger, John Brady, Eric Boyce, Major Jeffrey Chase, Charlotte Chase, Eleanor Chase, Susan E. Cotsonas, Pat Dimond, Michael Doyle, Beth Drzymala, Shannon Estes, Francis Endryck, Sammy Evans, Gianni Farinacci, Mary Fleming, Anna Galuska, Lauren Gawron, Donald Gaylord, Mary Ann Goodine, Jim Hamblet, Lesha Hardgraves, Mary Hayes, Michele Hauser, Ed Helfer, William Hernandez, David Jaffarian, Linda Keegan, Tom Kelty, Doug LaBudde, Jack Law Jr., Pinky Laviano, Kevin M. Lynch, William Lindberg, Dominick Lizzi, Cindy Mahony, Erica Matthies, Edin Mercado, Andrew McAleer, Ann McIntyre, Marianne Martinez, Judy Martino, Kaylee Rose Meyer, Amelia Nabozny, David Nichlos, Tommy Palmer, Bonnie Pelizza, David Picchione, Pam Polashenski, Claire Renn, Tim Renn, William Robinson, Lisa Rossello, Dawn Ruchel, Rita Ryan, Alice Salvatore, Tom Santoro, Eileen Scott, Frances Shields, Maddi Sidarous, Ralph Sitcer, Special Intentions, Bonnie Sperrl, Sean Spicer, Kevin Sutton, Jeanette Tator, Joan Torcello, Nancy Troutman, Matthew West, Edward Wheeler, Marybeth Wiltse, Gary Wickes, Carol Wisenhunt, Robert Woodward and Erica Wordon.

PARISH

Sacrificial Giving

5/12/2019 Offertory - \$4,925.10

Thank you to everyone who gives each week.

NEXT WEEK there will be a **second collection** for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in more than 20 countries that are still struggling to recover in the aftermath of communist rule. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, building renovations, and seminary formation.

Thank you for prayerfully considering your gift to the **2019 Bishop's Appeal**. Your personal letter and envelope are ready for pick up on the counter near the kitchen. Please take it home with you after mass. St Johns goal this year is **\$54,837.00**.

GRATEFUL! GRATEFUL!

To all who contributed to the Red Cross Blood Drive!

**150th Anniversary Celebration Year
1864—2019**

Stop to see the **'Windows of Saints'** on display at the entrances to the church. This will be on display after masses during the month of May. If you would like this keepsake for your home **order forms are available and may be returned to the office.**

Generously created by John Zukowski.

Print Only \$15.00 Framed Print \$50.00

**150TH ANNIVERSARY planning meeting—Sun, May 19th,
At 6:00pm All are welcome! COME AND BE INVOLVED!**

Save the Date

Sunday, June 23, 2019

2-5pm Open House

**Celebration of Fr. George's 25th Anniversary
Chatham Fair Grounds**

RICE BOWLS may be returned to the basket near the altar.
All donations benefit Catholic Relief Services

FOOD PANTRY

Suggested items for **May** are kids cold cereal, dinner helper, rice, tuna and boxed potatoes. Also needed are **used plastic grocery bags**. Thank you for your continued support.

NEVER ALONE SUPPORT GROUP

Meetings are held on the second & fourth Tuesdays

Next meeting - May 28th 2:30-4:00pm

The **ELVES** meet Tuesday, May 21st, 9:30-11:30a.m.

The **MONDAY NIGHT STITCHERS** meet Monday May 20th from 7:00-8:00p.m.

ALL ARE WELCOME

FAITH FORMATION

CELEBRATE OUR NEWLY CONFIRMED

Tismark Boham
Sydney Cook
Joseph Dolan
Ashlyn Hunter
Carissa Palladino
Bridget Pulver
Nicolas Spensieri
Caroline White

Trevor Cavagnaro
Erin Curry
Michael Hall
Caitlin Matthies
Marco Pantoja
Scott Race
Aiden Swere
Austin Ziomek



AND OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS

Landon Filli
Annie Lockmer
Alexandra Matthies
Colin McDonald
Connor Meehan
Rowen Nelson

Brooklyn Norton
Emily Pallozzi
Jillian Shull
Lilyanna Stevens
Jack Turrin
Landon Westfall

VBS July 15-19

(Register by June 1st for discount)

Meeting for interested workers **May 20th at 6:30p.m.**

Registrations for Faith Formation 2019-20

are on the faith formation bulletin board (discount applies if returned by July 1)

GARDEN TOUR FUNDRAISER for St. James Haiti Project

June 1st from 10am—4pm. It includes 6 venues, 5 gardens and 1 farm, featuring flowers, vegetables, walls, ponds, sheep and a few turkeys.

Cost is \$25.00 per person, children 12 or under free. Call Pat Dieffenbach, 518-392-7947 for ticket information.

EASTER SEASON

St John's

Mon. 5/20 Mass at 11:00a.m.

Wed. 5/22 Mass at 11:00a.m.

Saturday - 4:00p.m.

Sunday - 7:30a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

St James

Tues. 5/21 Mass at 8:00a.m.

Fri. 5/24 Mass at 8:00a.m.

Saturday - 5:30p.m.

Sunday - 9:00a.m.

St Joseph (SF)

Tues. 5/21 Mass at 9:00a.m. followed by Adoration

Sunday - 10:30a.m.

12:30p.m. (Spanish)

St Joseph (Stottville)

Saturday - 4:00p.m.

(No Masses on Monday, May 27th—Memorial Day)

