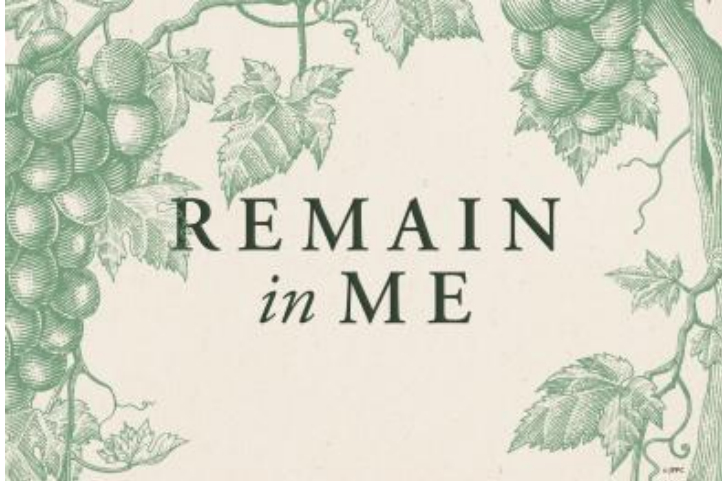

5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 28, 2024



THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

First: Acts 9:26-31

Second: 1 John 3:18-24

Gospel: John 15:1-8

FOCUS: *Remain in Jesus as the Father tends and cares for us.*

When we remain in Jesus, his word remains in us, and we bear the fruit of love for one another. The Father prunes us, knowing what we need and do not need to grow and flourish. No other vine is as life-giving as that of Jesus.

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

In the first reading, Barnabas introduces Saul to the Apostles in Jerusalem. In the second reading, John teaches that we remain in Jesus by keeping his commandment to love one another. In the Gospel, Jesus uses vineyard imagery to describe our relationship with him and his nurturing Father. Jesus is the true vine, we remain in him as his branches and his Father is the vine grower pruning us to bear much fruit.



MASS INTENTIONS

5 p.m.: Victor Khokhlacheva, Michael Wood and Frank Valenti

10 a.m.: Mary Thiel, Nancy Wood and Michael Wood

LAST WEEK'S MASS ATTENDANCE

5 p.m. – 101

10 a.m. – 165



By 2019, it had become apparent to Teresa Rodriguez, a hospice nurse in Colorado who was raised praying the rosary nightly with her entire family, that the spiritual needs of her memory-care patients were not being met. The Rosary Team evolved to fill that void.

Rosary Team volunteers visit nursing homes to pray the rosary with residents in a group setting. These volunteers offer companionship and spiritual support through their weekly visits. Residents, who are facing physical limitations and loss, often find a renewed sense of purpose as they fulfill God's call to pray.

Catholics were not the first to pray with beads. Men and women of many faiths and cultures use beads for this purpose. In fact, the word *bead* in English is actually derived from an Old English word *bede*, which means *prayer*.

And the prayer now of this Denver-based nonprofit is to fill nursing homes nationwide and worldwide with a dedicated Rosary Team.

Could those in Orange County be among them?

Moved by an article she read, Joan Miller reached out to the folks in Denver for guidance and materials.

"This is low key and prayerful," she says of proposed local visits to pray the rosary "slowly and loudly" (as advised) with whomever is interested. A gradual growth of this team is envisioned.

If you're interested in learning more, contact Joan at joan.miller@msmc.edu or (845) 457-9171.

ASCENSION THURSDAY

The **Ascension of the Lord**, also known as Ascension Thursday, marks Jesus' ascent into heaven 40 days after his Resurrection. It is a Holy Day of Obligation that this year falls on **Thursday, May 9**. Mass will be celebrated here at 9 a.m. only.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Regular Sunday Collection

April 14-21: \$ 7,158.58

Envelopes: \$ 2,542.00 – Online: \$ 4,616.58

THANK YOU!

CARDINAL'S 2024 APPEAL

Our parish goal is **\$50,600**, of which **\$43,485** has been received/pledged as of April 23 from 109 families; **\$6,615 to go!** If you have not done so already, please prayerfully consider your gift, which can also be made online at www.cardinalsappeal.org.

LOOKING FOR A PART-TIME JOB?

The Carmelite Friars are seeking an efficient, detail-oriented administrative assistant to work in the Carmelite Development Center. Duties include:

- Handling phone and email queries and requests.
- Providing general assistance to the director and assistant director, including maintenance of donor wills and estates.
- Coordinating the annual mailing.
- Drafting special letters and correspondence.
- Assisting in the donation processing.

Applicants should be computer literate with strong writing, editing and organizational skills. Knowledge of DonorPerfect software is a plus. The position is part-time, requiring 22 hours per week. Send resume to: mobrien@carmelites.com

ZOOM PROGRAM TO COPE WITH LOSS

Beginning Experience of the Hudson Valley is a peer-led ministry that serves those grieving the end of a marriage or spousal relationship due to death, divorce or separation.



Men and women of all ages are invited to **"In the Beginning ... Coping with Life Alone."** This one-day remote program via Zoom will take place from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on **Saturday, June 22.**

For information or to register, which is required, please call Jim at 845-220-7883 or Denise at 845-325-3147.s

2024 COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

The Monsignor James S. Conlan Knights of Columbus is offering a \$500 scholarship for a graduating senior who lives in the Pine Bush School District. Applicants need to submit an essay addressing the following:

"Who is your favorite Catholic Saint? How does this saint's life and work help you to understand what it means to be a faithful servant of Jesus Christ?"

The **typewritten** essay should be between 250 and 300 words. One winner will be chosen.

Applicants must:

- Reside in the Pine Bush School District (includes those enrolled in other schools).
- Be a graduating senior who will be either attending a college in the fall, a trade school or entering the military.
- Be a practicing Catholic.

Essays must be received by May 22 and can be emailed (preferred method) as an attachment to kofc5329@hvc.rr.com. Alternatively, they can be sent to: Knights of Columbus 5329, P.O. Box 166, Thompson Ridge, NY 10985. Don't forget to include your name and contact information.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY CONFIRMED



No matter how much planning and preparation, the Confirmandi are sure to wake up with butterflies in their stomachs that morning – and some with more than others!

Bishop Dominick Lagonegro, D.D., however, is sensitive to their fears. He meets with each candidate individually beforehand and takes the time to put them at ease. He connects with and relates to them – and laughs. Suddenly, those butterflies aren't in control.

His homily during the Mass at which they are confirmed includes personal anecdotes from his youth. And despite his awe-inspiring vestments, he continues building that bridge to meet our young people where they are. And then at the end of Mass, last Saturday as in the years before, he shares how much he enjoys coming to St. Paul's!

To our newly confirmed, remember that joy is found in our selfless connections with God and one another.

Congratulations!

Michael Andrikut Jr. (Maximilian)

AJ Britto (Nicholas)

Daniel Diaz (Dismas)

Isabella Diaz (Cecilia)

Stephen Felizzi (Anthony)

Leah Ford (Mary)

Julianne Gabriele (Teresa of Calcutta)

Jason Hilgenfeldt Jr. (Paul)

Lauren Keeley (Cecilia)

Calvin Martin (Francis)

Anthony Pappagallo (Genesius)

Nicholas Pitt (John Paul)

Jenna Ramos (Elizabeth)

Isabella Rosas-Renwick (Anastasia)

Elizabeth Rough (Therese of Lisieux)

Rozlynn Schoonmaker (Josephine)

Caroline Sgourdas (Elizabeth)

Megan Sullivan (Therese of Lisieux)

Joshua Szigethy (Sebastian)

Owen Terranova (Gregory the Great)

Cole Thompson (Dominic)

Thea Valdez (Teresa of Calcutta)

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