

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

APRIL 6, 2025



First Reading – Isaiah 43:16-21

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 126

Second Reading – Philippians 3:8-14

Gospel – John 8:1-11

Lesson Plan on Being a Hypocrite

On the 5th Sunday of Lent Year C, the Gospel reading tells the story of Jesus and the woman caught in adultery. The religious leaders try to trap Jesus by asking if she should be stoned according to the law. Instead of condemning her, Jesus responds with wisdom, saying that whoever is without sin should throw the first stone. This challenges the leaders' hypocrisy, as they are quick to judge her while ignoring their own sins. One by one, they walk away, realizing their own faults.

We are reminded not to judge others harshly, as we all have our own weaknesses, to be honest about our own faults and to show mercy and understanding to others.

Psalm 126's Joyful Message

We reflect on Psalm 126, which is a psalm of gratitude and joy. It reminds us of times when God turned sorrow into happiness, showing his power to change difficult situations. It encourages us to remember the good things God has done, to thank him and to trust him even in hard times. We are reminded to look back on our own lives and see how God has helped us through challenges.

MASS INTENTIONS

5 p.m. George Olsen, Joseph Mongelluzzo and Ursulina "Nena" Tamarez

10 a.m.: Noreen Bevacqua, Elisabeth Foster, Louis Miloszewski and Elaine Blaut

CONDOLENCES

We extend our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of John Horan, who died earlier in the week. Please keep them in your prayers.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday: Vigil Mass at 5 p.m. Saturday, April 12, and at 10 a.m. next Sunday, April 13.

Reconciliation Monday: Confessions will be heard from 2-4 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. April 14 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Middletown, NOT here.

Holy Thursday: Service will begin at 7 p.m. April 17 and will include foot washing. There are signup sheets on the bulletin board.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament follows in the hall and continues until 11 p.m.

Good Friday: The Commemoration of the Lord's Passion will begin at 3 p.m.

April 18 and include Veneration of the Cross. There will be no Stations of the Cross nor evening service.

Blessing of Easter Food: In the tradition of many Eastern European nations, Deacon Carl will bless baskets of Easter food at noon on Holy Saturday, April 19, in Deacon John Hall.

Easter Vigil: The Vigil Mass will begin at 8 p.m. on Saturday, April 19.

Easter Sunday: Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on April 20.



TREASURER'S REPORT

Regular Sunday Collection

March 24-30: \$ 5,547.48

Envelopes: \$ 2,802.00 – Online: \$ 2,745.48

LAST WEEK'S MASS ATTENDANCE

5 p.m. – 112

10 a.m. – 156

CARDINAL'S 2025 APPEAL

There are so many reasons why the Appeal is important. Your support helps countless people and sustains ministries throughout our parishes.

Our parish goal is **\$50,600**, the same as in 2024, of which **\$31,265** has been received/pledged from 79 families as of April 1. Please prayerfully consider your gift, which you can also make online at www.cardinalsappeal.org. Thank you.



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IN THE LOOP



There is one more opportunity to join your fellow parishioners after Mass to reflect and share your thoughts about the Gospel reading. Please note that you can still attend this **Sunday, April 6 after Mass**, even if you did not sign up.



The deadline to remember deceased loved ones with a contribution toward Easter flowers is this **Monday, April 7**. There are envelopes in the church vestibules. If you donate using WeShare, be sure to give the names of those being remembered to the office so they can be included in the booklet.



The next **Parish Council** meeting is 7 p.m. **Tuesday, April 8**. You can click on the link to the Zoom meeting right from the home page of our website, stpaulsbulldville.org. All parishioners are welcome to sit in; however, if you have something to discuss, it needs to be placed on the agenda beforehand by contacting a council member or Fr. Sean. Minutes are posted on the website; click on "Parish Council" in the menu bar to access them.



The final Stations of the Cross of this Lenten season takes place at **7 p.m. this Friday, April 11**. This is a prayerful and powerful way to help prepare for Holy Week next week.



The church will be decorated for Easter on **Saturday, April 19**, beginning at 11 a.m. Volunteers can just show up at that time, but it would be helpful to email Anne Savistano at anya1321@gmail.com beforehand so she has an idea of how many helping hands there will be.



The next **Game Night** will begin at 7 p.m. on **Friday, April 25**. Don't forget your snacks and a favorite game to share.



The **Third Listening Session** will take place after Mass on **Sunday, April 27**. The focus will be to prioritize suggestions from the prior two sessions, which will help shape the face of our church moving forward. More details will be forthcoming, and everyone is welcome regardless of prior attendance.



Capuchin Youth & Family Ministries is returning to Appalachia in **July 12-20** for its 32nd mission. Help is needed to provide crucial aid in one of the poorest communities in the nation.

Also, the Catholic Literature Arts summer program (CLASP) will take place **August 3-8** in Wappingers Falls. Peers and pros educate and inspire during this theater-arts summer camp, the culmination of which is the performance of an original musical on onf.org.



TIME TO STOCK THE SHELVES

This is the first weekend of the month, which includes what is known as Food Pantry Sunday.

Last month, 120 people from 37 families were served. During the first few days of April, 47 people from 8 families needed assistance from our pantry. It's no surprise then that the shelves are pretty bare.

Almost-free food (about 850 pounds with a focus on meat, vegetables and fruit for under \$200!) is picked up twice a month from the Regional Food Bank. This last trip there initially weren't as many options from which to choose. Fluke or foreshadowing? Too early to tell for sure...

But the upshot is, if you can grab a nonperishable item or two when you shop this week, it would be greatly appreciated.

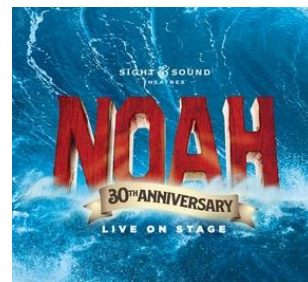
TAKE THE BUS TO THE ARK

The National Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel is sponsoring a mid-week, two-day bus trip from **April 23-25** to Lancaster, PA. – and there's still room on the bus.

Along with a tour of the Amish Country, the highlight is preferred seating at the live performance of "Noah" at the Sight & Sound Theater. Returning for one season only, this landmark production takes the audience on board one of the world's best-known voyages as live animals fill the stage and aisles.

The cost is \$589 per person, double occupancy (\$728 single), and includes bus transportation, hotel, breakfast and dinner daily, taxes, meal gratuities and show tickets.

Call Carol Bezak, the Shrine director, for reservations at 845-343-1879, Ext. 22.



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