

Third Sunday of Easter

MAY 1, 2022



THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

First: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41

Second: Revelation 5:11-14

Gospel: John 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

FOCUS: *We continue to celebrate and give thanks for the gift of the Resurrection.*

As we continue to celebrate this glorious season of Easter, our readings today show us how the Resurrection was preached and made manifest to the early Church. They also indicate how Jesus' first followers were strengthened in their faith, becoming enthusiastic and faithful witnesses to the risen Lord.

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

The Apostles continue to speak out in the name of Jesus despite formal warnings from the Jewish authorities. John writes of the vision he had, which included angels surrounding a throne and all creatures gave praise to the one who sat on the throne. In the Gospel, Jesus reveals himself once again to the disciples, while they are fishing. Jesus asks Peter three times if he loves him and tells Peter to take care of his sheep.



MASS INTENTIONS

5 p.m.: Kevin Maher, Jr., Nancy Wood and Michael Wood

9 a.m.: Steven Sanabria, Rosalina Rodriguez and Virginia Trochymczuk

11 a.m.: Robert Carpino, Alberto Biondi and Scott Hilgenfeldt

THE CRAFTY ARE HOOKED & HAPPY

You don't even have to like to work with yarn to join our close-knit – but not cliquey – intergenerational **Hooked & Happy craft group**. Woven among those who knit and crochet are jewelry-makers and those who favor the loom. Scrapebookers are welcome, too! The next gathering is this **Friday, May 6, at 6:30 p.m.**



More than a dozen crafters reconvened in early April – the first time in more than two years – with projects in hand, eager to reconnect with their church community. Accompanying their crafts of choice was plenty of pleasant chatter – with folks occasionally ending up in stitches.

Some talked about the projects that sustained them when they couldn't meet. Another hoped to garner interest in making blankets to send to Ukraine. After all, hats had been made and donated to the hospital in the past. A couple of middle-schoolers learned how to crochet – including using "fat" yarn and their fingers rather than a crochet hook, which drew some older participants into that loop as well.

So if you're hooked on working with your hands, consider spending some happy time with fellow crafters, and with no strings attached!

FROM THIS DAY FORWARD ...

Spending 18,250 days with one person rarely just "happens." Instead, it's the shining expression of a lifelong commitment to vows pledged – a truly golden accomplishment to be celebrated.

The Archdiocese of New York's **Golden Jubilee Wedding Mass** will take place at 2:30 p.m. **Sunday, June 5**, at St. Patrick's Cathedral for couples celebrating 50 years of marriage in 2022. Timothy Cardinal Dolan will officiate. Couples must register through their church by May 16.

But here at St. Paul's, we think that spending 9,125 days with the same person is also worthy of celebration. So our Masses the weekend of **May 28** and **29** will honor those marking their 25th anniversaries as well as couples celebrating 50 years together. Let the office know if you've reached either milestone.



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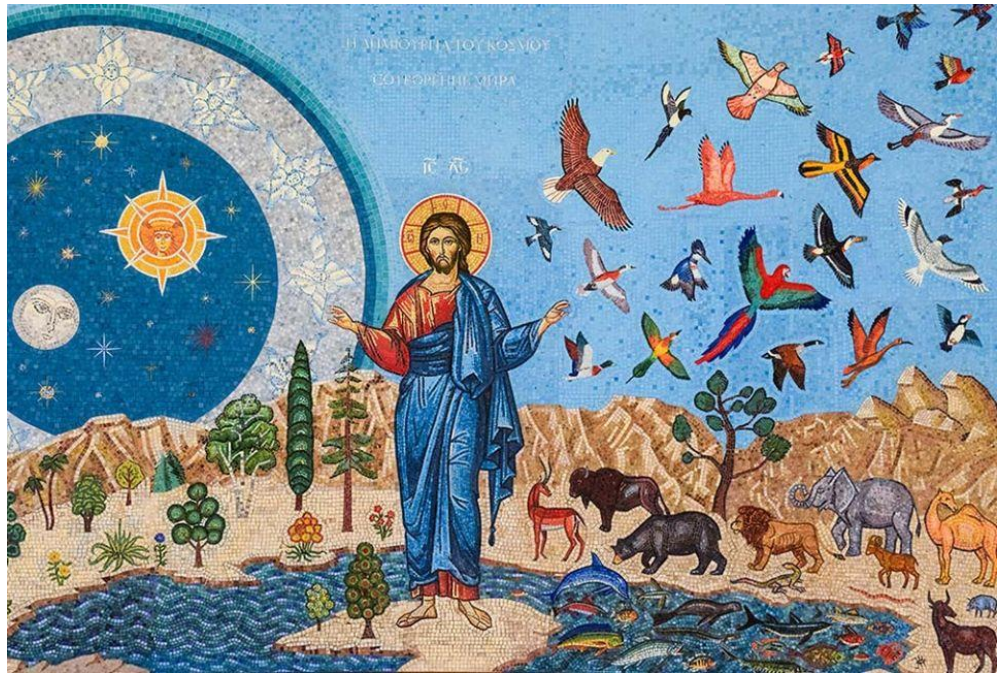
CALL TO JUSTICE Pray the Lord's Prayer with all creatures

Christians are accustomed to thinking about life in terms of loving God and loving neighbor. These are, after all, the greatest commandments. The neighbors that come readiest to mind are human neighbors. But what if we expanded the boundaries of the neighbor whom we are charged to love? What if we prayed the Lord's Prayer with all creatures?

God is not fatherly toward humans alone. Many scriptures, especially in the Old Testament, witness to God's parental watchfulness over nonhumans. (Note this weekend's Liturgy of the Word on the preceding page.)

In his speeches at the end of the Book of Job, God exults over wild animals and wild places. God notices and celebrates the mountain goats and deer, the donkeys and oxen that live in the wilderness, the ostrich and the birds of prey (Job 39). God sustains these creatures, giving each its food at the proper time (Psalm 104:27).

"It is high time we include the rest of God's creation when we consider who is our neighbor," says Collin Cornell, who runs the Center for Religion and Environ-



ment at the University of the South (Sewanee).

"Newspaper headlines and climate reports blare out the intensifying consequences of our failure to care for Earth. But expanding our neighbors to encompass the nonhuman is not only a concession born of crisis; it recovers a truth lodged deep in our scriptural heritage."

For easy access to the full article, visit our website, www.stpaulsbullville.org, click on "Read More" under "A Call to Justice" on the home page and double click on the article(s) you wish to read.

IN THE LOOP

Summer Outreach Week runs from

June 27-July 1, during which Capuchin Youth & Family Ministries mobilizes middle- and high-school-age teens, adult volunteers and friars to serve children, the elderly and infirmed, the poor and the homeless. Participants can spend a day or two or the whole week. Registration fee of \$50/day or \$225/week includes meals and transportation to worksites from St. Joachim's Church in Beacon. Registration (<https://bit.ly/CYFMSOW2022>) deadline is May 30. Call (845) 718-0218 for information.

Thus far, the Archdiocese of New York has forwarded more than \$600,000 in **emergency aid to the Church in Ukraine**, which included \$3,665 from St. Paul's. We will pass along any additional donations with the scheduled special collection on May 16, "Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe."

If you are able, please remember our busy **food pantry** when you do your grocery shopping. We, and the families we serve, are grateful for any assistance you can provide.

TREASURER'S REPORT

April 17-24: Totaled \$ 5,226.65

Envelopes: \$ 2,640.00 – Online: \$ 2,586.65

Additional Easter (envelopes): \$ 551.00

THANK YOU

PRIEST, TAXI DRIVER AND ST. PETER

One Easter, a priest and a taxi driver both died and went to heaven. St. Peter was at the pearly gates waiting.

"Come with me," said St. Peter to the taxi driver. The taxi driver did as he was told and followed St. Peter to a mansion. It had everything one could imagine from a bowling alley to an Olympic-size pool.

"Oh my word, thank you," said the taxi driver.

Next, St. Peter led the priest to a rough old shack with a bunk bed and a little old television set.

"Wait, I think you are a little mixed up," said the priest. "Shouldn't I be the one who gets the mansion? After all I was a priest, went to church every day and preached God's word."

"Yes, that's true," St. Peter replied. "But during your Easter sermons, people slept. When the taxi driver drove, everyone prayed."



*"God loves each of us
as if there were only one of us."*

- St. Augustine

