
7th SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 12, 2024



THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

First: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26

Second: 1 John 4:11-16

Gospel: John 17:11b-19

FOCUS: **Seek above all else to be in union with God.**

When praying for his disciples, Jesus prayed for their protection from the power of the evil one and for their union with God. In other words, he prayed for their holiness. This is a good reminder that what matters most is our holiness, and holiness comes through our union with God, the source of all holiness. Let us strive to live in a manner that reflects this purpose.

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

In the first reading, Matthias is selected by lot to replace Judas and be counted as a witness to the Resurrection. In the second reading, John explains that God has revealed his love by sharing his Spirit with us and by sending his Son for our salvation. In the Gospel, Jesus prays that the Father will preserve his disciples in union with him, protect them from the evil one and sanctify them in his truth.



MASS INTENTIONS

5 p.m.: All of Our Mothers, Living and Deceased

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CHURCH CLOSED 2ND WEEK OF JUNE

The church property – including the office – will be closed from **Monday, June 10, through the morning of Saturday, June 15**, so that the parking lot can be seal-coated, given ample time to dry and then re-stripped.

As you know, although necessary, this is not an inexpensive undertaking, so we want to ensure more-than-ample time for all the materials to fully cure before vehicular traffic is permitted.

Fingers crossed the weather cooperates – although a rain day is built into this schedule!

WITH OPEN ARMS

Please welcome Anastasia Giselle Ward and Emmalyn Rogers, who were recently baptized into the St. Paul's faith community. Please keep the families in your prayers.

CONNECTING THROUGH PRAYER

Parishioners and **Rosary Team** volunteers Joan Miller and her sister Kathy Miller visited The Carlucci Home in Port Jervis last week, an assisted-living residence for senior ladies.



Five women joined them around the table in the homey dining room to pray the rosary.

"One promptly fell asleep," says Joan. "And another woman, who was Episcopalian, asked whether saying the rosary would make her Catholic. She didn't want to convert. I reassured her that she would remain Episcopalian and that we were all just there to talk to God together."

A third woman participated at her level and enjoyed moving the beads around.

"And the other two were thrilled," says Joan of the memories of their Catholic roots that were awakened. One even expressed dismay that she no longer had her own beads, a situation that Joan was quickly able to remedy.

Joan was moved by an article she read about the Denver-based nonprofit known as The Rosary Team, through which teams of volunteers visit nursing homes bringing companionship and spiritual support through weekly visits. Joan reached out to the Denver group to learn how to bring that endeavor here.

As envisioned, she and Kathy found their first visit rewarding and meaningful. They plan to return weekly to the Carlucci Home. Even the Episcopalian woman was positive afterward and said she was looking forward to participating next week.

With the commitment of a few more volunteers, the program could be expanded to include Campbell Hall Nursing Home, where Deacon John now resides, among others. However, the plan is still to start off slowly so as not to disappoint anyone.

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

Happy Mother's Day!



A Prayer for Mothers



*Blessed Mother,
we ask that you
bless our mothers
who gifted us with life.*

*Please console them
in sorrow and disappointment,
give them a sense
of safety and assurance,
and relieve them of all anxiety.
We are grateful for their sacrifice
and ask that you grant them
joy, peace, health and happiness.*

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Pray for us.

Amen

ARE YOU GAME?

The next multigenerational **Game Night** will be ready to roll at 7 p.m. this **Friday, May 17**. Along with a favorite game to play, don't forget your snacks!

TREASURER'S REPORT

Regular Sunday Collection

April 28- May 6: \$ 8,163.91

Envelopes: \$ 3,660.00 – Online: \$ 4,503.91

THANK YOU!

LAST WEEK'S MASS ATTENDANCE

5 p.m. – 98

10 a.m. – 163

RELIGIOUS ED REREGISTRATION

Note the date change!

For children now enrolled in our Religious Education program, **Reregistration** will take place from 6:30-7:30 pm on **May 20** and **22**. All you need do is come to Deacon John Hall that Monday or Wednesday evening. (**Monday, May 20, replaces the originally scheduled Tuesday, May 21.**)

For children who will be new to the program, registration will be by appointment. Call the Religious Education Office at 845-361-5816 and leave a message for Peg Hoblin.



CARDINAL'S 2024 APPEAL

Our parish goal is **\$50,600**, of which **\$45,845** has been received/pledged as of May 7 from 113 families; **\$4,755 to go!** If you have not done so already, please prayerfully consider your gift, which can also be made online at www.cardinalsappeal.org.



the **CARDINAL'S**
ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

*Sharing God's Gifts Throughout
the Archdiocese of New York*

YOUR DONATIONS AT WORK

Back in February, Saint Paul's Youth Ministry delivered 100 take-away bags of essentials for the homeless to the Middletown Warming Station, along with some of the "extras" collected.

The remainder of your generous donations went to Fearless, formerly known as Safe Homes. Good job all!



Fearless Hudson Valley, Inc.

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We thank the Saint Paul's Youth Ministry - SPYM, Bullville, for their support in collecting toiletries for our clients! It's heartwarming to witness young people actively engaging as community members. Your kindness makes a real difference!

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