

Catholic Neighbors in Faith



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Holy Apostles

Ss. Peter & Paul

508 Cherry St.
Jamestown NY 14701

St. James

27 Allen St.
Jamestown NY 14701

Sacred Heart

380 E. Fairmount Ave.
Lakewood NY 14750

St. Patrick

189 Main St.
Randolph NY 14772

St. John

282 Newton Ave.
Jamestown NY 14701

Our Lady of Victory Oratory

6 Institute St.
Frewsburg NY 14378

Our Lady of the Snows

36 E. Main St.
Panama NY 14767

Our Lady of Loreto

309 W. Everett St.
Falconer NY 14733

Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

April 14, 2024 • Third Sunday of Easter

Happenings within Our Parish Families...

- **St. Vincent de Paul** meets the 1st & 3rd Mondays of the month at SSPP Church Hall at 3pm. All are welcome to come.
- **The Catholic Daughters** meet every 3rd Monday of the month at Sacred Heart Church Conference room at 5:30pm. All are welcome to attend
- **“Lord Teach Me To Pray”** meets at St. James on Mondays from 6 - 7:15pm in the Hall Classroom.
- **“Be A Man” Ministry** meets at St. James on Tuesdays at 6:30pm in the Hall Classroom.
- **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** is at St. James chapel every Wednesday - 9am until the 7pm Mass. Anyone interested in taking a scheduled hour of prayer as a guardian of the Blessed Sacrament is asked to call the central office at 716.487.0125. This keeps the chapel doors open for others to visit our Lord!
- **Confessions** are heard at St. James Church on Wednesdays, 6 - 6:30pm followed by Mass at 7pm & Saturdays from 3 - 3:30pm followed by Mass at 4pm.
- **Liturgy of the Hours** can be viewed Fridays on Zoom at 9am. Call the central office for the ID & passcode info to join.
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry** meets 10am on the 2nd & 4th Saturdays of the month at St. James. All are invited.
- **Coffee Hour** next Sunday April 14th after 8am Mass at St James Church hall. Hosted by the Italian Dancers. **Altar & Rosary** also meets at 9:30am after coffee hour. All are welcome!
- **Cookie Baking** for the Italian Festival on Saturday, April 20 from 9AM - 1PM at St. James church hall. Signups are in the vestibule. Please come if you can help!
- **Young people in grades 8 - 12** are invited to *Making Connections: A Day for Catholic Teens* on Sunday, April 28th from 12 - 5pm at Villa Maria College in Buffalo!

NIGHT PRAYER continues each night beginning at 9:00pm. Join the clergy on Facebook at Catholic Neighbors in Faith and pray with them and fellow parishioners.

Please Pray For . . .

Parish Family members who are ill:

John Adams
Mikki Arrance
Rose Atkins
Timothy Dean
Gayle Boudreau
James Boudreau
Collins Family
Erica Collins
Michelle Cracker
Marcia de la Cerda
Grant Damon
Gail Gillig
Mark Hedstrand III

Bohdan Kanicki
Elizabeth LaMantia
Burke Lindquist
Shelly Pacheco-
Johannessen
Nancy Johnson
Sam McMaster
Nancy Michaels
Elizabeth Nguyen
My Nguyen
James Post
Louis Rieg
Marty Sargent
Andrea Schneider
Donald Segrue

Dorothy and David Seth
Robert Sprankle
Emily Sechriest
Mary Helen Smith
Savannah Steves
Megan and Sean
Ellen Tyler
Therese Whit
The Unborn.
People of the Ukraine.
Those in the military.
All those touched by
loneliness or illness.

Those in purgatory.
And all parishioners in need
of our prayers.

*Call the parish office if you
would like to add a name to
our prayer list.*

Please Note: You must
have the permission of the
person you want listed
before we can add them to
this list.

Please Remember to let us know when you someone can be taken off the Prayer list. Thank you.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 13

JMS - 4:00PM † **Jim Scully**
By Durwood & Geri Swanson

4:00PM † **Tom Lombardo**
By Toni Bellitto

OLS - 4:00PM † **Father Joseph Dowdell**
By Parishioners

PAT - 5:30AM † **Living & Deceased Mothers**
By Parishioners

Sunday, April 14 - 3rd Sunday of Easter

JMS - 8:00AM † **Busty Iuculano** (Birthday)
By Mother & Family

JHN - 9:00AM † **Charles Loverme**
By Kathy Vassallo

SHR - 9:00AM † **Living & Deceased Mothers**
By Parishioners

OLL - 10:00AM † **Mary & Willis Wilder**
By Daughter, Adeline & Grandchildren

SPP - 11:00AM † **Mr. & Mrs. W. Kutschke**
By the Kutschke Boys

PAT - 11:00AM † **Living & Deceased Fathers**
By Parishioners

Monday, April 15

JMS - 8:00AM **Mass for the Parishioners**
By the Priest

SHR - 9:00AM † **Souls of the Faithful Departed**
By Parishioners

SPP - 12:10PM † **John Scorce** (Anniversary)
By Family

Tuesday, April 16 - St. Bernadette

PAT - 8:00 AM † **Souls of the Faithful Departed**
By Parishioners

OLL - 9:00 AM † **Living & Deceased Mothers**
By Parishioners

Wednesday, April 17

JHN - 8:00 AM † **Esther O'Hara** (Birthday)
By Pat O'Hara

JMS - 7:00 PM † **L&DM of the Scully & Miller Families**
By Mary Lou Scully

Thursday, April 18

OLL - 9:00 AM **Intentions for Rev. Don Watkins** (birthday)
By A Friend

OLV - 5:00 PM † **Living & Deceased Mothers**
By Parishioners

Friday, April 19

JMS - 8:00AM † **Living & Deceased Fathers**
By Parishioners

SHR - 9:00AM † **Rev. Joseph Dowdell**
By Parishioners

SPP - 12:10PM † **Catherine Revere**
By Anne Thorpe

Saturday, April 20

JMS - 4:00PM † **Jim Scully**
By Valerie Scarpino

4:00PM † **Linda Osborne & Beverly Fedorsic**
By the St. James Choir

OLS - 4:00PM † **Living & Deceased Fathers**
By Parishioners

PAT - 5:30AM † **Mary & Harry Kilburn**
By the Hoffman Family

Sunday, April 21— 4th Sunday Easter, Good Shepherd & World Day of Pray for Vocations

JMS - 8:00AM † **Sam Pollino**
By Cousins, Joe & Leigh Bellitto

JHN - 9:00AM † **Souls of the Faithful Departed**
By Parishioners

SHR - 9:00AM † **Living & Deceased Mothers**
By Parishioners

OLL - 10:00AM † **Thomas & Maria O'Kelly**
By Anne Mareri & Family

SPP - 11:00AM † **DMO the Gullotti & Trusso Families**
By Don & Millie Ball

PAT - 11:00AM † **Living & Deceased Mothers**
By Parishioners

[Call the central office for your 2024 Mass Intentions.](#)

JMS—St. James
JHN—St. John

OLL—Our Lady of Loreto
OLS—Our Lady of the Snows

OLV—Our Lady of Victory
PAT—St. Patrick

SPP—Ss. Peter & Paul
SHR—Sacred Heart

CATHOLIC NEIGHBORS IN FAITH

Wine, Hosts, Sanctuary Lights and Memorials



Sanctuary Light

St. James Church

In Memory of DMO the Trussalo & Fisher Families

By Gene & Carmela Fisher

St. John Church

In Memory of Nancy Mistretta

By Susan Stehling

Sacred Heart Church

In Memory of Jim Maitland (Wedding Anniversary)

By Wife, JoAnne

Our Lady of Loreto Church

For Prayers Answered

By Brad & Christine Heitzenrater

Wine

St. James Church

In Memory of Sam Polino

By Cousin, Toni Ann Bellito

St. John Church

In Memory of Frank Marcello (Birthday)

By Daughter, Joan

Hosts

St. James Church

In Memory of Tom Lombardo

By Toni Bellitto

Sacred Heart Church

In Memory of Jim Maitland (Wedding Anniversary)


By Wife, JoAnne

*Join us for Adoration of
the Blessed Sacrament at St. James Church*

We have the holy Sacrament exposed in the chapel of St. James every Wednesday from 9:00am to 7:00pm for everyone to come and pray.

We need individuals to sign up for a weekly hour to help keep the sacrament open through these hours.

Please call the Central Office at 716.487.0125 if you can help.



Please Pray for the Repose of the Soul of...

Maxine Brown

Armondo Michele "Mike" Calimeri

Sally DePietro

Eternal rest grant unto them,
O Lord, and let perpetual light
shine upon them.

May their soul and the souls
of all the faithful departed
through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen

Application for Catholic Neighbors In Faith Memorial Listing (Please Print Clearly)

Please send a check for \$50 made out to your HOME PARISH and mail it to: 27 Allen St., Jamestown NY 14701.

Name (s) _____

Your Contact Information

Your Name _____ Parish _____ Phone _____

Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Catholic Neighbors in Faith

Our Stewardship - For March 31, 2024

St. James

Offertory - \$ 7,303.32 Parish Improv. - \$125.00

Holy Apostles

Offertory - \$ 4,838.76 Sp. Projects - \$300
Repair & Main. - \$215 Flowers - \$135 Holy Land - \$226

Sacred Heart

Offertory - \$ 2,550 .00

St. Patrick

Offertory - \$954 Holy Land - \$85.00 Candles - \$26.00

Correction for March 17 Offertory - \$951

Easter Flowers - \$141.00 Fuel - \$15.00 Candles - \$15.00

Our Lady of Loreto

Offertory - \$2021.00 Holy Land-\$736.00
Easter Flowers - \$30.00

Correction for March 17 Offertory - \$2,096

Easter Flowers - \$ 485 Candles - \$207

*Thank you for your support of
our parishes and ministries!*

DONATIONS STILL NEEDED...

Ss. Peter & Paul Church and St. James Church are still in need of your help for two very important upgrades.

1) The Rosetta Window at the back of the church at Ss. Peter & Paul is in need of major repairs. We are asking for your help in trying to ensure that this beautiful window be restored and made structurally sound again.

2) St. James Church and Rectory are in need of foundation masonry repairs. Any donations would be tax deductible. If you have any questions or would like more information, don't hesitate to contact the rectory.



Festival Corner: brought to you by the Festival Committee:

Festival baking begins! Can you spare an hour or two to help with cookie baking for the festival? "Many hands

make light work"...and we could really use your help! You can roll dough, bake, frost or box cookies. Please sign up to help in the vestibule or just simply show up. We will be baking on the following dates: **Saturday, April 20th** and **Saturday, June 1st** from 9am to 1pm in the hall at St. James. *Your help is greatly appreciated!*

MOTHER'S DAY MASS INTENTIONS

We are once again accepting donations for our Mother's Day Mass Intentions.

Please make your check out to the Parish that you are registered. Fill in the coupon below and mail or drop it into the Sunday collection basket in a plain white envelope marked "Mother's Day Mass Intentions" Or, mail to: Catholic Neighbors In Faith, 27 Allen St. Jamestown NY 14701.

MOTHER'S DAY INTENTIONS

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

By: _____

Phone: _____



Chose Life of Jamestown / Options Care Center would like to send a heart felt thank you for showing love to our Mom's and their unborn babies! St. James Parish collected \$705.00 in the month of March.



Catholic Women of Buffalo - 2024 Conference - April 27, 2024

Join women from across the Diocese of Buffalo for a day of empowering Catholic speakers, praise & worship music, small business vendors, Confession, Adoration, and fellowship. The event will conclude with a 4 p.m. vigil Mass celebrated by Fr. Fred Betti.

Time: 8am - 5PM.

To register: www.CatholicWomenofBuffalo.org

Location : St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute
845 Kenmore Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14223

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TEENAGERS – YOU'RE INVITED . . .

Young people in grades 8 - 12 are invited to *Making Connections: A Day for Catholic Teens* on **Sun., April 28th from 12-5pm** at Villa Maria College in Buffalo!

Gather with teenagers from across the Diocese of Buffalo for an interactive day with national speaker and musician ValLimar Jansen! ValLimar's unique blend of proclamation, reflection, storytelling, music, movement, insights and wisdom propels faith to new heights. The day concludes with Mass with Bishop Michael Fisher.

Teens have the choice of different breakout topics and service activities during the event. The cost is \$20 and includes lunch. For more information or to register, visit <https://tinyurl.com/makingconnections716>.

This will be an experience you won't want to miss!



Bible Study – Beginning April 25th

All are invited to join a Bible study entitled "Wisdom: God's Vision for Your Life."

It is an 8-week program of biblical wisdom literature including the books of Wisdom, Sirach, Proverbs and Ecclesiastes, supplemented by excerpts from The Catechism of the Catholic Church. The theme is how to apply God's revealed Wisdom to our daily lives and is guided by scholars from Ascension Press via video presentations. It will run from April 25th to June 13th on consecutive Thursday nights from 7 to 8:30 pm in the church hall on the lower level of Saints Peter and Paul Church. The cost is \$20 for a journal which has assigned readings, discussion questions and explanatory notes. To enroll, please call the church office at 716.487.0125 by April 11th so we may order the appropriate number of books.

Bible Study - Beginning May 6th

A Bible study program on "Acts" will be starting in May 6th from 6 - 7:30 pm at St. James Church Hall, presented by Louise Wolanski. Acts is a story of Hope. It is a story of how a few Christians empowered by the Holy Spirit, were chosen to bring Christ and the good news to the ends of the Earth. They taught as Christ did. They performed miracles as he did. Some even gave their lives for him. They faced secular forces, internal strife, and hostile crowds; and despite all of this, they brought the kingdom of God to a broken world, and the love of God to the hearts of all men. This is a 2-part series. Part one begins this May with a 10-week session. Part two will be May of 2025. If you are interested in joining in this bible study program, call the parish office at 716-487-0125. All are welcome! Cost of materials will be determined based on the number of people who sign-up.

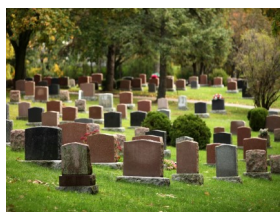


Mercedes Holliday wishes to thank everyone for the lovely cards. She received over 50, along with some from the Religious Ed. class in Jamestown. It made her birthday VERY special. Thank you!



Below are the figures for Catholic Charities as of April 5, 2024.

Church	Goal	Collected	Variance
OLL	\$10,131	\$5,145	- \$4,986
JMS	\$24,719	\$9,742	- \$14,977
S.H.	\$12,500	\$5,461	- \$7,039
Pat.	\$6,544	\$3,655	- \$3,364
HAP	\$30,140	\$14,023	- 25,012



CEMETERY CLEAN-UP TIME

Please remove all winter plants and decorations from gravesites by April 15th. After this date, items will be removed and discarded by our Cemetery personnel.

Nice Weather = Cookouts!!

A brand-new grill sure would make those warm spring and summer gatherings a lot less stressful! Members of the Our Lady of Loreto Holy Name

Society are currently selling tickets for a brand-new Weber Portable Gas Grill! The tickets are only \$10 (while they last!) The drawing date is Sunday May 19th directly after 10am Mass. You can get your ticket from any of the OLL Holy Name Society members, stopping by the central office of Catholic Neighbors in Faith, or by contacting Andy Kutchke at 716.397.4710 to help you in purchasing a ticket.

Thank you for your support!



Catholic Neighbors In Faith

Easter Paschal Candles

Paschal Candle at St. James Church was donated by a Friend
For Prayers to all within our Family of Parishes

Paschal Candle at St. John Church was donated
in Loving Memory of Rev. Dennis W. Mende, Paul Tran Ming Cong,
Anna Nguyen Kim Hong, Teresa Tran Kim Loan and Peter Tran Binh
Thanh Requested by The Tran Family

Paschal Candle at Ss. Peter & Paul Church was donated
in Memory of G. Craig Miller - Requested by Wife, Nancy, daughters
Lynn Kutschke and Elisabeth Hall and their families



Saint of the Week

SAINT BERNADETTE SOUBIROUS (1844-1879)

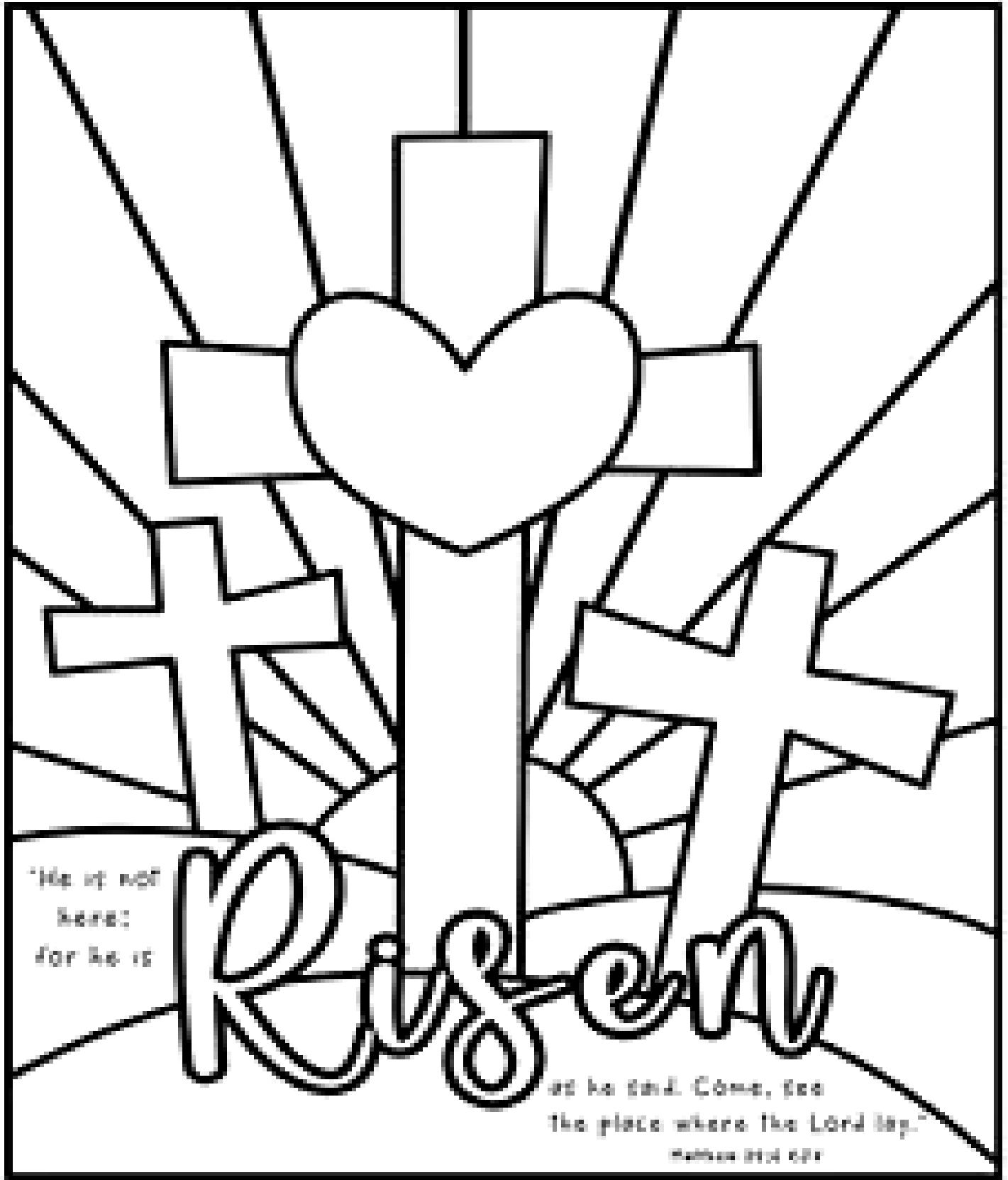
April 16

With Immaculate Mary's "Ave Maria" for its refrain, Andy Williams' "Village of Saint Bernadette" peaked at #7 on *Billboard's Top 40* at Christmas 1959, airing on radio stations all over America. Imagine! In some dioceses, today marks the feast of Bernardette Soubirous, the teenager who, combing a refuse heap for firewood, saw a "beautiful lady" who identified herself in words Bernadette faithfully reported to the bishop, though she did not understand their meaning: "I am the Immaculate Conception." Relentlessly interrogated, she never wavered in her story or sweetness. Chronically ill all her life and dead at thirty-five, Bernadette left behind the shrine at Lourdes where healing waters still flow from the spring that her "beautiful lady" pointed out to her. —Peter Scagnelli

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Third Sunday of Easter

The month of May has not only good weather, but an interesting pedigree. It is named after the Roman goddess Maia, said to be the mother of Hermes, or Mercury. The Romans saw it as "love's month," while in England, more practical farmers called it "Three Milks," since the cows grazing on springtime's bounty could produce at a phenomenal rate. Old customs die hard, and Christians have never made peace with Maytime frolics. No wonder that popular tradition dedicated the month's prayers and devotions to Mary, although we cannot lose sight of the fact that the liturgy always has Easter at the center of celebration. Recent developments have enriched Mary's place in a cycle of feast days woven through the whole year, dedicated Saturday as a weekly day for devotion, and highlighted Mary's role in the Advent story. In fact, every day of the year Evening Prayer centers on the singing of Mary's Cantic of Praise. The fifty days of Easter culminate on Pentecost with Mary, present of course for Christ's birth, waiting in the upper room for the birth of the church. —Rev. James Field



Reflections

Third Sunday of Easter

Fault or Fate?

Peter seems to be pretty tough with his listeners in the first reading. He says they handed Jesus over, denied him before Pilate, asked for a murderer to be released in his place, and put Jesus to death. They must have thought they were doomed. Suddenly, he tells them they were just ignorant. And that God had planned all this long ago. So is he saying Jesus' death is their fault, or just fate?

The answer of course is that it's everyone's fault. Our sins are the reason for Jesus' death. We deny Jesus when we choose to be selfish instead of loving. We hand him over when we tell ourselves we are too busy to take time to pray. We ask for Barabbas to be freed instead of Jesus when we insist on doing things our own way rather than God's way. We crucify Jesus when we follow the crowd instead of following the Lord.

It is only "fate" in the sense that our sins needed to be forgiven and God plan's for salvation was through Jesus' death and resurrection. Does that mean our sins cause something in the past to happen? There were sinners long before Jesus' time and God knew there would be sinners after that. God also planned to forgive anyone who repented their sins. In one sense, Jesus died for those who deserved to be punished for sin, and also for those who would deserve punishment in the future. He rose from the dead to show that God's forgiveness raises us up from guilt to a new life.

Peter wasn't laying a guilt trip on the listeners. After all, this is good news. God planned all this to show how much he loved us. Our response should be one of joy that we are forgiven because of that love. All we have to do is tell God we are sorry, mean it, and start living our response of love. Sins may be our fault, but Love is our fate. Tom Schmidt

Truly Favored

"Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God."

What an interesting choice of words from the Angel Gabriel - "favor with God." This has to be where Mary's fullness of grace comes in, because if I was told I had favor with God and then my life went on the roller-coaster ride that Mary's did, I'm not sure I would believe the Archangel Gabriel nor share the same definition and understanding of "favor."

Here in the Annunciation, we hear these profound words spoken to Mary, along with the astounding news that God has chosen her to bear His beloved Son. Although I try to place myself in that room, hearing those words, I simply cannot fathom the depth of Mary's emotions in that very moment, that unique experience that the Blessed Virgin Mary alone has been graced to experience.

This "favor" that was found to be with Mary becomes increasingly harder to imagine as the rest of the story of Mary's life with Jesus unfolds — in what we, who are not full of grace, might see as a complete unraveling of God's favor. As a woman, I know how I would perceive this journey if I were to put myself in Mary's situation. Mary is the ultimate model of trust and faith because we have no evidence that she lost these gifts, as I would have if my expectations were seemingly twisted completely around.

These are a few of the events and situations I wouldn't expect if I had received the news I was expecting the Son of God: I would not have expected to travel to help out a slightly more pregnant cousin right after finding out I, too, was to have a baby, especially if that child was the Messiah!

I would have expected to have the baby at home with my mom and maybe some women from Nazareth to help out, not in a barn all the way in Bethlehem with only my husband's assistance.

After my son's unexpected birth in a manger, I would have expected to return back to Nazareth, again to the comfort of my home and my family and community to help me raise my new son. I would have never expected this urgent, I am sure, frightening escape from Bethlehem into Egypt.

In the end, it is irrefutable (to me, at least) that Mary has truly found favor with God. This grace may not align with our thoughts and understanding of 'favor'; but I continue, like her, to ponder all these things in my heart, praying that if the day ever arrives for me to be greeted by an angel with a great message from God, I too will answer, "May it be done to me according to your Word." By Allison Gingras

In Loving Memory Memorial Page

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen

May the prayers of Mary, the Mother of God, who stood by the cross as Her Son was dying, help those who mourn for our brothers and sisters and accompany all of us in our time of need. Amen

Leroy & Ethel Anderson

Christopher Baczynski

Fred Baker

Beaver & Stearns Families

Cora Bonfiglio

Tichy, Horvath & Brunecz Families

Charles E. J. Cassidy

DMO the Crasti & Marino Families

John & Tillie Cusimano

Michael Danielson

Rev. Msgr. Joseph M. Dowdell

DMO the Dominick & O'Hagan Families

Dr. Anthony Floccare

DMO the Floccare & DePetro Families

Stephanie A. Frucella

Alexander Gil

Angelo Giuffre & Maria Cali Families

Glenard A. Grabow

Dr. Joseph & Concetta Griffo

Charles "Charlie" Heggarty

Grunert & Perk Families

Hacker & Tuzzo Families

Hedrich & Peterson Families

Rev. John T. Horne

Hutchinson & Truax Families

L & DMO the Irons & Pfurtscheller Families

For the Soul of Judas Iscariot

Rev. Joseph P. Janaczek

Phyllis Johenning

Andrew B. & Eleanor H. Johnson

Karg & Kurtzhals Families

Kilburn & Hoffman Family

Rev. John L. Kuhlmann

Edda Liuzzo

Giuseppe & Giuseppina Liuzzo

Joseph X. & Mary R. Lombardo

Carol K. Lucas

Marie F. MacNamara

Mareri, O'Kelly, Murphy Families

Frank & Josephine Marcello

Marchiando & Dominici Families

Nina Claire Marsh

Rev. Dennis W. Mende

Mary Jo Mason Montagna

Reinaldo E. & T. Silvia Muniz

Janet & Henry Napier

DMO the Nicastro & Gullo Families

O'Brien, Letro & Plunkett Families

L & DMO the Pappalardo Family

Mary Ann Pappalardo

James Patti

Robert J. Perron

Plummer & McGraw Families & Sisters of

St. Joseph of Buffalo

Tom Prechtl & Katy Guye

Rau & Shepherd Families

DMO Raymond & Raimondo Families

Rieg, Barnes & Pearson Families

James R. Rusiniak

Nicholas & Miriam Rodriguez

B. Muriel Rose

Dr. Joseph & Ruth Rube

L & DMO the Scarpino & Heffern Families

Laurie L. Shay

DMO Belluz & Shay Families

Nicholas W. Shelley

Ross & Josephine Spoto

Swanson & Regan Families

The Twichell Family

Paul Tran, Minh Cong, Anna Nguyen

Kim Hong, Teresa Tran, Kim Loan,

Peter Tran Binh Thanh

Linda J. Wadsworth

Richard & Emily Weimer

Jason M. Williams

Zahler, Cuffney & Green Families

Zunner & Gumienik Family