

MASS INTENTIONS/LITURGIES**MAY 13-21, 2023****Saturday, May 13 | 4:00 p.m. Mass (ST. PAT)***JoAnn & Dale Hoepf by Janice & Jim Naderer***6:00 p.m. Mass (SMOW)***Parishioners, Mary, Queen of Angels Family of Parishes***Sunday, May 14 | 8:00 a.m. Mass (SMOW)***Aloysius Regensburger by Joe & Phyllis Rizzo***10:00 a.m. Mass (ST. PAT)***First Holy Communicants***Tuesday, May 16 | 8:00 a.m. Mass (ST. PAT)***Dussel Muter by Carol & Mike Maze***Wednesday, May 17 | 8:00 a.m. Mass (SMOW)***Mary Tuttle Hrisko by Joe & Kathy Leugers***Thursday, May 18 | 6:15 p.m. Mass (ST. PAT)****6:45 p.m. Eucharistic Exposition/Confession***Patricia & Dussel Muter by Carol & Mike Maze***Friday, May 19 | 8:00 a.m. Mass (SMOW)****8:45 a.m. Confession***Walter Waligura by Bill & Christine Miller***Saturday, May 20 | 3:00 p.m. Confession (ST. PAT)****4:00 p.m. Mass (ST. PAT)***Antonio J. Scalise by Laura Cucaro***6:00 p.m. Mass (SMOW)***Parishioners, Mary, Queen of Angels Family of Parishes***Sunday, May 21 | 8:00 a.m. Mass (SMOW)***Joseph Rizzo by Joe & Phyllis Rizzo***10:00 a.m. Mass (ST. PAT)***Christopher Born by Morissa & Mitch Sweeney***LITURGICAL MINISTERS – MAY 20/21, 2023****ST. MARY OF THE WOODS****6:00 P.M. SATURDAY****SERVERS:** Eli Baughman, Aiden Oldiges,
Lincoln Nielsen**READER:** David Goff**EEM:** (None Scheduled)**USHERS:** Nick Baughman, Derek Zumberger,
Jeff True, Willie Dearwester**CANTORS:** Katie and John McCabe**SACRISTAN:** Suzi Corwin**8:00 A.M. SUNDAY****SERVERS:** Lukas Hemmelgarn, Caleb Bihn,
Isaac Klinker, Owen Klinker**READER:** Jan Knight**EEM:** Kevin Knight**USHERS:** Shawn Bihn, Fred Wheeler,
Robert Stroebel, Dan Reichert**CANTORS:** Mary Kuba, Rebecca Bihn,
Kathy Robinson**SACRISTAN:** Laurie Stroebel**ST. PATRICK****4:00 P.M. SATURDAY****SERVERS:** Della Baker, Sutton Daring,
Mason Marcinko**READERS:** Brant & Theresa Dunn**EEM:** Sharon Hess**10:00 A.M. SUNDAY****SERVERS:** Carter Buck, Cayde Buck,
Cooper Buck, Cale Kline**READERS:** Keith LeVan and Bob Rhoades**EEM:** Catherine Oder**READINGS FOR THE WEEK****OF MAY 14, 2023****Sunday:** Acts 8:5-8, 14-17;
Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20;
1 Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21**Monday:** Acts 16:11-15;
Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b;
Jn 15:26-16:4a**Tuesday:** Acts 16:22-34;
Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8;
Jn 16:5-11**Wednesday:** Acts 17:15, 22-18:1;
Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14; Jn 16:12-15**Thursday:** Acts 18:1-8, Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4;
Jn 16:16-20**Friday:** Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7;
Jn 16:20-23**Saturday:** Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10;
Jn 16:23b-28**Sunday:** Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9;
Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20

Whether you recently moved here or are just visiting, we are happy that you are here with us. If you would like to join one of our Parishes, please contact the Parish Office for a registration form.

YOUR TITHE TO GOD

WEEK OF MAY 6/7TH	ST. MARY	ST. PATRICK
MASS COUNT:	325	378
SUNDAY COLLECTION:	\$ 3,440.50	\$ 7,172.00
ONLINE COLLECTION:	\$ 3,075.00	\$ 245.00
OTHER COLLECTIONS:		
BUILDING IMPROVEMENT:	\$ 30.00	\$ 90.00
ARCHDIOCESE ASSESSMENT:		\$ 25.00
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:	\$ 260.00	\$ 100.00
CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES:	\$ 1,235.00	
TOTAL COLLECTIONS:	\$ 8,040.50	\$ 7,632.00



ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Ordination to the Priesthood will take place on Saturday, May 20th at 11:00 a.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains. **There are seven men being ordained to the priesthood: Deacon Patrick Blenman, Deacon Isaiah Callan, Deacon Alex Dugas, Deacon Stephen Hughes, Deacon Jonathan Jergens, Deacon Jeffrey Stephens, and Deacon David Duy Tran.** Please keep these men in your prayers.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Jesus, please enter my being and guide me. Guide my hands, so that I can help others; guide my eyes, so that I can see others as You do; guide my heart, so that I can love others as You do; guide my ears, so that I can hear the needs of others and the Father's will; and guide my mind, so that I can think of You and others. Amen.



VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED

Catholic Social Services is looking for volunteer drivers for our RideConnect program. It is a flexible volunteer opportunity to help members of your community get to their essential appointments (physician, treatments, shopping trips, employment). Rides are provided for older adults and other individuals who do not have access to other options. Since the program began in 2021, our volunteers have provided 1,435 rides, yet 220 more were unable to be completed due to lack of volunteers. We are looking for those who are interested in making a difference in their community and helping to make an impact. For more information, visit <https://cssmv.org/services/mobility/rideconnect/> or call 937-575-7111.



Congratulations to all of our Seniors graduating from High School this month! We pray that God guides you and keeps you safe on the next chapter of your life!

ASK A CATHOLIC

QUESTION:

WHY DO CATHOLICS PRAY FOR THE DEAD?

ANSWER:

If Catholics pray for those still on earth, why not continue to pray for them after they die? Some Christians would reply that immediately after death, you go directly to heaven or to hell. If you're in heaven, you have no need of prayers. If you're in hell, prayers will do you no good. In short, they don't pray for the dead because they don't believe, as Catholics do, in purgatory.

What exactly is purgatory? The Catechism says, "All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven. The Church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification" (1030-1031).

Sacred Scripture and Tradition affirm that God's ultimate intention is for us to become perfect, as He is perfect, to become like Him so that we can know, love, and enjoy Him fully in heaven forever (see Matthew 5:48, Hebrews 12:14; 1 John 3:2-3). In fact, heaven simply wouldn't be heaven unless those who lived there had been perfected. If we were to bring along with us all the sins and weaknesses we have in this life, we would be just as miserable in heaven as we are on earth – for all eternity!

Yes, Christ died to forgive us our sins and save us. But even those who have escaped, through His infinite merits, the penalty of hell – an eternity without God – find that sin has countless other consequences. It disorders our souls, injures others, and leaves us overly attached to things we love more than we love God.

If we're to live with God forever, then, we must be healed and make amends. If we're selfish, we must learn to love. If we're deceitful, we must become truthful. If we're addicted, we must break the addictions. If we're bitter, we must forgive.

Whether in this life or the next, however, God doesn't wave a magic wand, bypassing our free will, to fix us. Instead, we must cooperate with His grace to undo what we have done: paying our debts, letting go of whatever binds us, straightening out whatever is crooked within us.

This process has already begun in our lives on earth. Through doing penance and accepting in faith the inescapable sufferings of this life, we can be purged of sin's effects and grow in holiness. Nevertheless, few seem to be perfect when they leave this world. They still need some purification, a painful but purging "fire," as Scripture calls it (see 1 Corinthians 3:14-15).

That's precisely why we pray and offer Masses for those in purgatory. As Scripture tells us, our intercession helps them: "For it is... a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins" (2 Maccabees 12:46, Douay).

(St. Catherine of Siena Roman Catholic Church website)



**MARY, QUEEN OF ANGELS
FAMILY OF PARISHES SACK LUNCH
MINISTRY FOR WOMEN**

invites you to a Mother's Day Tea on May 20th from 11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. in Makley Hall for Fellowship, Fun and Food! A light lunch will be provided. Feel free to bring a friend!

**ST. MARY OF THE WOODS
SVDP SOCIETY**

Hours (Food Pantry):

1st Thursday: 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

3rd Thursday: 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Hours (Thrift Store):

2nd Thursday: 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

4th Thursday/Saturday: 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

For April, the SMOW St. Vincent de Paul helped 17 families financially and provided 148 families with food through the Food Bank.

Thank you!

For more information about the Mary, Queen of Angels Family of Parishes or to view bulletins from the parishes, please log on to:

Immaculate Conception (North Lewisburg)

Sacred Heart (St. Paris)

St. Mary (Urbana)

St. Michael (Mechanicsburg)

champaigncatholics.org

St. Mary of the Woods

saintmaryofthewoods.com

St. Patrick (Bellefontaine)

catholicbellefontaine.org



ASCENSION DAY – MAY 21ST

The Ascension of Our Lord will be celebrated next week, May 21st. Ascension is the event where Jesus arose into Heaven at the end of His time on earth.

Jesus' time on earth began with His birth. It was interrupted for three days by His death on the cross. During that time, He descended into the realm of the dead and preached the Gospel to the good people who died before Him. This allowed those good and holy souls – the righteous dead, as we call them – who accepted Christ as their Savior to proceed to Heaven. On the third day after His death and burial, Jesus Christ was raised from the dead, an event we call the Resurrection. He spent the next 40 days preaching and preparing His disciples to perform the work of preaching and baptizing all people.

At the end of this 40-day period, Jesus ascended into Heaven. We call this the Ascension.

Traditionally, the Ascension of Our Lord was held 40 days after Easter, falling on a Thursday. However, in most dioceses in the United States, the observance of the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord is moved to the following Sunday, superseding the Seventh Sunday of Easter.