



St. Columbanus Parish

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

Fr. Francis J. Samoylo, Pastor
May 5, 2024



(Statue of Our Lady of Good Success, Quito Ecuador)

The month of May is dedicated to **The Blessed Virgin Mary**

“...’Woman, behold your son.’...” -John 19:26

The Blessed Virgin Mary has many titles. She is Queen of Heaven and Earth, Mother of Sorrows, Our Lady of Good Success, Virgin Most Powerful. She has a key role to play in God’s plan for His creation. There are numerous devotions to her. During this month dedicated to her, take some time to look into Marian devotions and grow in your faith. Mary leads all to Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY ~ May 5

5:00 p.m. Vigil Ronald Powe
 8:00 a.m. Patrick O'Brien and Parents
 10:00 a.m.
 11:00 a.m.
 12:00 noon For Our Parish & Parishioners

MONDAY ~ May 6

9:00 a.m. Elizabeth Rocco (healing)

TUESDAY ~ May 7

9:00 a.m. The Poor Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY ~ May 8

9:00 a.m. Helen Galanin (living)
 6:00 p.m. Vigil—St. Columbanus

THURSDAY ~ May 9

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

7:30 a.m. St. Columbanus
 11:00 a.m. North American Martyrs Mission
 12:00 p.m. St. Columbanus
 7:00 p.m. St. Columbanus

FRIDAY ~ May 10

*St. John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church;
 St. Damien de Veuster, Priest*

9:00 a.m. Alice Mary McKenna

SATURDAY ~ May 11

8:30 a.m. James Scidoletto
 5:00 p.m.

(note: Masses with no assigned names are held for unannounced Mass intentions)

“It is part of the discipline of God to make His loved ones perfect through trial and suffering. Only by Carrying the Cross can one reach the Resurrection.”
 -Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen

“Suffering is a great grace; through suffering the soul becomes like the Savior; in suffering love becomes crystalized; the greater the suffering, the purer the love.”
 -Diary of St. Faustina # 57

SUNDAY’S READINGS

1st Reading: The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out on the Gentiles also.
 (Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48) -Year B

Psalm: The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.
 (Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4) -Year B

2nd Reading: God is love.
 (1 John 4:7-10) -Year B

Alleluia: Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him and we will come to him.
 -Year B

Gospel: No one has greater love than this: to lay down ones life for one’s friends.
 (John 15:9-17) -Year B

PRAY FOR THE SICK

*Names of the sick are listed for six months from the date of the initial request.
 Contact the rectory to add someone.*

Ann Marie & Patricia Barber, John Daly,
 Louise Darbonne, Annamaria DeScisciolo,
 Thelma Doebbler, Justin Fedele, Robert Gillick,
 Kevin Hayden, Matthew Hempel, Alex Hetsko,
 Maureen Kemple, Kevin Kolosky, Vincent McKenna,
 Leah Meenaghan, Angel Luis Ortiz, Donna Paolucci,
 Peggy Pugliese, Charles D. Potter, Fr. Frank Samoylo,
 Pete Samoylo, John Simuneck,
 Theresa “Terry” Simuneck, Matthew Tosolini,
 Jacob Valis

WINE and HOST / TABERNACLE CANDLE MEMORIAL

The wine and host at this week’s Masses, along with the burning of the Tabernacle Candle are offered in memory of

Anthony Pacio
 as arranged by Patricia Roden. Please keep Anthony in your prayers.

~PASTOR'S NOTES~

May 5, 2024



The Foundation of the Trinitarian Order by Juan Carreño de Miranda, 1666 [Louvre, Paris]

Yesterday we had confirmation for our students and also for a few of our RCIA members. Next week we will have First Holy Communion. Please keep all candidates in your prayers. One thing I try to impress on all is the need and obligation to attend the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on Sunday and Holy Days. The following is an article by Brad Miner in the April 21, 2024 edition of *The Catholic Thing*:

<< We need to talk about something, and I've already told you what it is above.

Here are the remaining obligatory Holy Days in 2024

Thursday, May 9, 2024 – The Ascension of Jesus (moved to Sunday May 12th in many places)

Thursday, August 15, 2024 – The Assumption of Mary, Solemnity

Friday, November 1, 2024 – All Saints' Day

Wednesday, December 25, 2024 – The Birth of Our Lord, Christmas

Let's add in the remaining Solemnities (attendance optional but encouraged):

Thursday, May 30, 2024 – Corpus Christi

Friday, June 7, 2024 – The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Monday, June 24, 2024 – The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Saturday, June 29, 2024 – Saints Peter and Paul

Saturday, November 2, 2024 – All Souls' Day

Monday, December 9, 2024 – The Feast of the Immaculate Conception

There are some good liturgical calendar apps available for Apple, Android, and whatever, so consider downloading one.

And relax! Before Pope St. Pius X reduced the number of Holy Days of Obligation to eight – via the *motu proprio, Supremi disciplinae* (1917) – there were *thirty-six of them!* I gather many of the Catholic faithful hadn't minded the extra trips to church. (I can't tell you exactly what's in that document, because it's not listed among the *motu proprios* of Pius X on the Vatican website, which is odd. Maybe the Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments doesn't want to remind Traditionalists of what used to be.)

Now, there's a reason why I've not mentioned some well-known and very significant feasts that always fall on Sundays, and it's a bombshell, which – sad to say – is a fact too many Catholics refuse to acknowledge or don't even know: ***every Sunday is a Holy Day of Obligation.***

I don't need to repeat that, but here's the proof, as stated in the *Code of Canon Law*:

Can. 1246 §1. ***Sunday, on which by apostolic tradition the paschal mystery is celebrated, must be observed*** in the universal Church as the primordial holy day of obligation. The following days must also be observed: the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Epiphany, the Ascension, the Body and Blood of Christ, Holy Mary the Mother of God, her Immaculate Conception, her Assumption, Saint Joseph, Saint Peter and Saint Paul the Apostles, and All Saints. [bold italics added]

§2. With the prior approval of the Apostolic See, however, the conference of bishops can suppress some of the holy days of obligation or transfer them to a Sunday.

Can. 1247 On Sundays and other holy days of obligation, the faithful are obliged to participate in the Mass.

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And as the *Catechism* explains:

2193 “***On Sundays and other holy days of obligation*** the faithful are bound. . .to abstain from those labors and business concerns which impede the worship to be rendered to God, the joy which is proper to the Lord’s Day, or the proper relaxation of mind and body.” (CIC, can. 1247) [bold italics added]

We Americans, of course, work hard, and some like to sleep late on weekend mornings. But that doesn’t matter. We all have to be in church every Sunday. Have. To. Be.

Of course, if you are sick or have another serious reason for not attending Mass, you may be entitled to a dispensation. There’s no reason to come to Mass if you are suffering from influenza, and you should not, since you might infect other parishioners – even if you come masked and wearing surgical gloves.

Now the nuclear bomb: If you do sleep in and blow off Mass, you have committed a mortal sin. Again, the Catechism:

2181 The Sunday Eucharist is the foundation and confirmation of all Christian practice. For this reason the faithful are ***obliged*** to participate in the Eucharist on days of obligation, unless excused for a serious reason (for example, illness, the care of infants) or dispensed by their own pastor. ***Those who deliberately fail in this obligation commit a grave sin.*** [Italics! Bold!]

Note that you can *excuse* yourself from the obligation as a matter of your *own* conscience and commonsense (knowing you have an infectious disease), or you may receive a *dispensation* from your pastor.

I once asked a priest friend if he gets swamped with calls from parishioners seeking guidance about such matters, and he said: “No, but I wish I did. That’s one reason why I’m here.”

Do not call him to ask him if he’ll give you dispensation from the Sunday obligation because you’ve tested positive for COVID. You already know the answer to that.

And let’s be honest: “I’m too tired” and “I don’t feel like it today” are not valid excuses. Neither is your regular foursome.

Let me add that the Church has no canon or *Catechism* entry about proper attire for Mass, but it should. I tire of hearing people say, *God doesn’t care what I wear in Church!* A few summers ago, at the church I attend (I’m one of four ushers at the 10:45 Sunday Mass), the pastor had to use part of his homily to address the wearing of t-shirts, tank tops, and short shorts. He reminded us that we are in God’s house and in the presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. He shouldn’t have had to point this out, but I’m glad he did.

Finally, on comments-based or membership websites (including free ones such as Facebook), there are users known as “lurkers.” These are the people who hover around a site and never register as a user, comment anonymously, or just read and leave. *Don’t be a lurker in your parish.*

Think of your local church as the vessel that will help carry you to heaven with your brothers and sisters. Because that’s what it is. Register! Donate! Participate! >>

Pray the Rosary Daily, Defend Life!

In Jesus Mary, and Joseph,

Fr. Frank Samoylo

Archbishop Stepinac H.S. Spring Open House

Prospective 6th and 7th grade students, and transfer students, and parents are invited to attend **Stepinac’s Spring Open House on Wednesday, May 15th at 5pm.** RSVP is required at www.stepinac.org. Visitors will be among the first to tour the latest additions to Stepinac’s advanced real-world learning environment. Discover what makes this renowned all-boys Catholic High School a leader in preparing young men for success in college, career, and life. 950 Mamaroneck Ave. White Plains, N.Y. 10605



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Mother's Day (May 14th)
Happy Mother's Day!

Mother's Day offering envelopes are available at the front and back of the Church. A "Novena of Masses" will be held for those enrolled via offering envelopes. Please write the names of your loved one on the envelope and place it in the collection basket or return it to the rectory.



ST. COLUMBANUS SCHOOL

Have you considered a Catholic education for your child? Catholic schools routinely outperform local public schools on NYS Exams. Please call to speak with the principal and learn what a Catholic education can offer your children: (914) 739-1200.



The **Legion of Mary** at St. Columbanus Church would like to request parishioners to promote praying the Rosary in the families by inviting Our Lady of Fatima's statue to their homes for a week. Please contact Hugh Clerkin at (845) 518-8184.

This devotion has been well received among our parishioners resulting in Peace in the homes and prayer intentions answered. Please take advantage of this great opportunity by contacting the rectory to book the statue in advance. The Legion meets on Thursday's at 6:30 p.m.



Deacon William Mendoza's Ordination to the Priesthood

Parishioner Deacon William Mendoza, son of Deacon Chris Mendoza, will be ordained to the priesthood, as an Archdiocesan priest, on Saturday, May 25th at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

St. Columbanus Church has arranged a bus transport for this wonderful event.

- Bus tickets are \$30 per person (either adult or child)
- Tickets must be purchased by Monday, May 20th
- Stop by the rectory to purchase tickets, M-F 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Riders must be at the St. Columbanus lower parking lot by 7:00 a.m.
- The Bus leaves at 7:15 a.m. sharp and will not be able to wait for anyone running late.

Join us in celebrating this wonderful day with Deacon Mendoza and his family.

Ascension of the Lord
Thursday, May 9th
Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Schedule

- 6:00 p.m. Vigil Wed. at St. Columbanus
- 7:30 a.m. St. Columbanus
- 11:00 a.m. North American Martyrs Mission
- 12:00 p.m. St. Columbanus
- 7:00 p.m. St. Columbanus

There will be a collection at these Masses.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Jan Peek Homeless Shelter needs your help. We are looking for volunteers to help us on the first Saturday of each month, Volunteers prepare meals for 20 people and then deliver them to the shelter on Water Street in Peekskill at 5:00 p.m. The Shelter truly needs help in feeding the homeless. Please consider donating your time to this much needed cause.

Those interested in volunteering can contact parishioner Linda Murphy at:

lsmurphy813@gmail.com
845 641 2461

REMINDER

We would like to remind parishioners of the need to keep us informed of any address or phone number changes. This is especially important for the moderators of parish organizations. Also, please read the “reminders blurb” on the last page. Thank you.

PRAYER FOR THE UNBORN

Heavenly Father, in Your love for us, protect against the wickedness of the devil, those helpless little ones to whom You have given the gift of life.

Touch with pity the hearts of those women pregnant in our world today who are not thinking of motherhood.

Help them to see that the child they carry is made in Your image, as well as theirs, made for eternal life.

Dispel their fear of selfishness and give them true womanly hearts to love their babies and give them birth and all the needed care that a mother can give.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever.

Amen.



CONFIRMATION

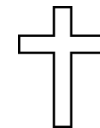
Please join us in congratulating and welcoming into the fullness of the faith those who made the Sacrament of Confirmation yesterday, May 4th:

Religious Ed Confirmandi

- Karina Arraiano
- Nicholas Cathcart
- Ryan Lojano
- Eduardo Maldonado
- Hunter Martinez
- Dylan McBride
- Savannah Quick

RCIA Confirmandi

- Angela Distadio
- Philip Valis
- David Valis



**2024 St. Columbanus’ Appeal Status
(4/30/2024)**

Goal \$56,500
 Pledged \$37,393
 # of Donors 120
 Percent to Goal 66%
 Average Gift \$311



As of today, our Parish has raised \$37,393 in pledges towards our goal of \$56,500.

Thank you to the 120 families who have contributed.

We have \$18,561 to go!

Join your fellow parishioners in supporting the Cardinal’s Appeal today via: www.cardinalsappeal.org/donate

You can use the QR code below to make your donation. Hover over the code with your cell phone’s camera; click the link. Remember to select the radio button for ‘direct my gift to my parish’ and select St. Columbanus.



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Are you new to the Parish?

Please remember to register as a parishioner. You must be a registered parishioner to request a sponsor form to allow you to be a godparent or confirmandi sponsor. You must also be a parishioner to get married and baptize your children. Additionally, you must be a parishioner for 6 months prior to making these requests, so please register now, ensuring you are eligible when you need it.



North American Martyrs MISSION Church
55 Oscawana Lake Road,
Putnam Valley, NY
Mass Time:
Sunday 11:00 a.m.

THIS WEEKS EVENTS

- Monday ~ Adoration 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday ~ Bible Study 5:45 p.m. (library)
- Thursday ~ Legion of Mary 6:30 p.m. (library)
- Saturday ~ First Holy Communion 11:00 a.m.
~ Confession 4:00—4:45 p.m.

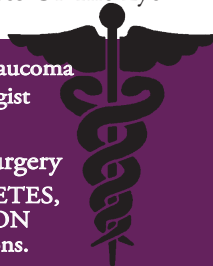
REMINDERS for Sponsors and More

- Parishioner:** You should register to be a parishioner under your own name at 18 years of age, whether or not you live with your parents/guardians.
- Sponsors:** You must be a registered parishioner, under your own name for at least 6 months in order to request a sponsor form for Baptism or Confirmation. The only exceptions are 14-17 year olds, who should be registered under their parents.
- Marriage:** You must begin the preparation process at least 6 months prior to your wedding date; and be a registered parishioner.
- Baptism:** Parents must be registered parishioners. There is a mandatory baptism class. God-parents need sponsor eligibility forms. Call the rectory to initiate all requests.

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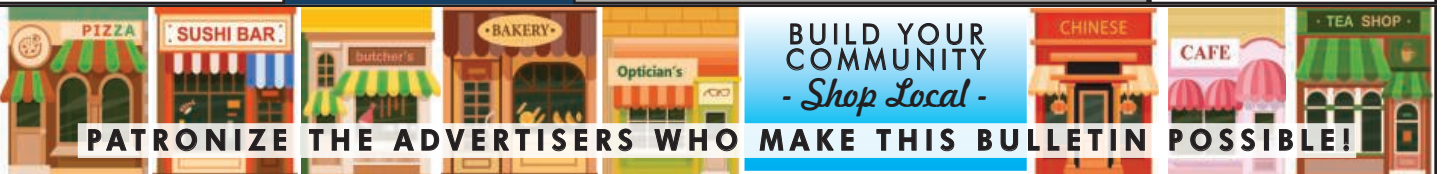
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