

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Entrance Antiphon: "O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia." Cf. Ps 98 (97): 1-2

Communion Antiphon: "I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia." Cf. Jn 15: 1, 5

Reflection for this Sunday: On the 5th Sunday of Easter, the readings present a powerful invitation to reflect on three essential dimensions of our Christian life: God’s abiding presence, the call to love amid betrayal, and the strength we gain from supporting one another in faith. The vision from Revelation offers hope and comfort, portraying a God who dwells intimately with His people, wiping away every tear and promising a world free from pain—a powerful reminder that we are never alone, even in suffering. This closeness of God is not distant or abstract but deeply personal, offering us peace, guidance, and courage in our daily lives. Amidst this comforting image, the Gospel of John presents Jesus at the Last Supper, fully aware of His impending betrayal, yet choosing to focus not on sorrow but on love, issuing a new commandment: “Love one another as I have loved you.” In the face of treachery, Jesus teaches that love and trust in the Father must be our response, modeling how we are called to act even when faced with adversity. Similarly, the Acts of the Apostles recount Paul and Barnabas encouraging early Christians to persevere in faith, underscoring the vital role of community in strengthening one another through hardships. Their example, and Jesus’ own, remind us that faith flourishes when it is nurtured in love and lived out in mutual support. As a Church, we are challenged to carry this message forward: to recognize God’s nearness in every moment, to respond to trials with faith and compassion, and to journey together in unity, supporting each other with listening hearts and loving hands. In living this way, we embody the very heart of the Easter message—resurrection hope rooted in divine love and shared life.

CCBC ALTER ROSARY SOCIETY-ROSARY RALLY: The Altar Rosary Society of Burke & Chateaugay will be sponsoring a Rosary Rally on Sunday, May 25th at 6:00 PM. There will be a Blessing of the Statue of our Lady of Fatima at the church, followed by a rosary procession with Our Lady through the streets of Chateaugay to celebrate the Marian Month of May. We will end at church with prayers and light refreshments. All are welcome to join us.

Ordination to the Order of the Diaconate: Through the laying on of hands and the invocation of the Holy Spirit, the Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley, Bishop of Ogdensburg, will Ordain to the Order of Deacon Mr. Michelet Boncoeur, Mr. Tyler Martin Fitzgerald and Mr. Dennis Mamwaha Ombongi. You are cordially invited to join in the Ordination Liturgy on Saturday, May 24, 2025 at 11:00am at Sacred Heart Church, 212 Main Street, Massena, New York 13662. A Reception will immediately follow the Liturgy at Trinity Catholic School, 188 Main Street, Massena, NY 13662. The Ordination Mass may be viewed at www.rcdony.org/ ordination. The Ordination Mass program will be available at the same link shortly before the Liturgy.

St. Ann's 7th Annual Car Show: Festival of Cars, Mooers Forks, Sunday, June 1, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Craft Fair, Theme Baskets Raffle, Food & Entertainment. Kids Power Wheels Show Entry Fee \$10; Hot Wheel Races Kids fee \$5 & Adults fee \$ 10; Top 40 Picks and Special Awards at 3 p.m. Vehicle Pre-Register \$15 or \$20 Day of the Show between 11 a.m. & 1 p.m. Craft Table \$20 Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Cheeseburgers, Sausage, Slaw Dogs, French Fries, Poutine, Drinks St. Ann's Grounds, 24 Town Hall Rd, Mooers Forks Contact for More Information: Don Parras Phone Number: 518-236-7200 or 518-565-6754

Job Opportunity: Holy Cross Parish of Plattsburgh is seeking a detail-oriented **Bookkeeper**. This role is responsible for maintaining accurate and timely financial records. Candidate will record all financial transactions to include accounts payable, deposits, donations, tithing records, bi-weekly payroll processing, quarterly and year-end payroll reports, reconcile monthly bank statements and accounts, prepare yearly budget and financial report. Assist pastor with financial requests and provide general office support. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent and previous bookkeeping experience required. Candidates should possess proficiency in accounting software (QuickBooks), and Microsoft Office including Word and Excel. Candidates should have the ability to work independently and as part of a team. Starting Pay Range: \$35,000 - \$40,000. Submit letter of interest, resume and three professional references to: Fr. Kevin McEwan, Holy Cross Parish, 7 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, NY 12901, or email plattsburghoffice@rcdony.org.

Parish Pastoral/Finance Council Meeting will be on June 5 @ 5pm At St. Edmund’s Church Hall.

K of C to have a covered dish Super at St. Edmund’s Church Hall on Thursday May 22 @ 6pm.

Mass & Envelope Schedule

Saturday 5/24	Sunday 5/25
8:00pm (SB) (L) Pat Chase (EM) Karen Oehler	8:00am (SE) (L) Barb LaBombard (EM) Deryl Gregory (EM) Matt Sylvester
6:00pm (SE) (L) Erin LaClair (EM) Matt LaClair (EM) Betty Bulriss	10:30am (SB) (L) Mike Chase (EM) Mike Chase (EM) Joe Varin
Counters (Week 3)	Janet Waldron Bonnie Relation
May 18	May 25
Regular Collection Building & Maint.	Regular Collection Catholic Home Mission

Increased Offertory Program : Sharing is caring! Please share with our parish a weekly offering that reflects a sacrifice according to your current means. We need every family to prayerfully consider a reasonable increase from their current level of weekly support.

Father Gilbert Menard 70th Anniversary: Father Gilbert (Gibby) Menard, our former pastor, high school teacher, seminary professor and all around beloved priest, will be marking 70 years as a priest. This is a remarkable event for our Church and for Father. Because he has limited public events, we are asking for a gift of cards. You can be certain that these cards of congratulations, prayers, and thanksgiving will be gratefully received by Father. Cards should be sent by May 19th. Please address them: **Rev. Gilbert Menard, 2679 State Route 11, Mooers, New York 12958.** They will be presented to Father around the time of his anniversary, May 21st, 2025.

***CDA#1548 are now collecting New Baby items for Birthright in the Month of May. Please leave them in the basket in the Back of the Church.**

***Burials at St. Edmund’s cemetery on Monday May 19 for Donald Bombard at 9:30am and Barbara Miller at 9:45am.**

*****Thank you to CDA # 1548 for donation of \$1,500 for the removal of the Stairs at Lyon Mountain.**

Schedule of Holy Mass & Devotions

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Saturday, May 17th, 2025

4:00pm(SB) Robert Pageau by Mary & Family
6:00pm(SE) Ronald Manor by Pat & JoAnn McNeil

Sunday, May 18th, 2025

8:00am (SE) **First Holy Communion**
Trent Trombley 6th Ann. by Family
10:30am(SB)Dan Peters by Mary Fortin

Monday, May 19th, 2025:

No Mass

Tuesday, May 20th, 2025:

No Mass

Wednesday, May 21st, 2025:

No Mass

Thursday, May 22nd, 2025:

No Mass

Friday, May 23rd, 2025:

9:00am (SB) Ben & Annette Fortin by Mary Fortin

Next Weekend

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Saturday, May 24th, 2025

4:00pm(SB) Diane & Eric Necker by John Farrell
6:00pm(SE) Special Intention by Jane Manor & Family

Sunday, May 25th, 2025

8:00am (SE) Dorothy Rabideau by Randy & Carol Lashway
10:30am(SB) Maynard Bilow by Brent & Cathy Smith

In addition to mass dedications, sanctuary candles which remain lit on the altar for a full week can be dedicated for your prayer intentions.

SANCTUARY CANDLE
(Week of May 18th, 2025)

St. Bernard’s	St. Edmund’s
Anthony, Kathryn & Tony Danussi By Nancy Kaska & Family	William & Myrtle Minckler By Family

Pray for the Sick: Betty Gregory, Shirley Guerin, Baby Walter, Frieda Whitfield, Bill LePage, Rolland Magoon, Fred Cayea Jr., Veronica Demers, Amy Wilson, Irving Guerin, Jimmy Kowalowski

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St. Bernard's & St. Edmund's Parish

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Schedule of Holy Mass

Saturday	Sunday
4:00pm (SB) 6:00pm (SE)	8:00am (SE) 10:30am (SB)

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Office Hours:

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The sacrament of penance and reconciliation is available 20 minutes prior to each Saturday Evening masses, or anytime by appointment.

For the sacraments of baptism and RCIA please contact Deacon Lushia (518) 493-6671 or lushia@westelcom.com. For the sacraments of marriage and anointing of the sick, please contact Father Tojo.

Abuse Reporting: If you have a complaint of suspected misconduct involving diocesan clergy, religious, employees or volunteers, contact Victim Assistance Coordinator, Terrianne Yanulavich, Ph.D., LMHC, 5050 Route 374, Merrill, NY 12955; terrianneyanulavich@yahoo.com Phone: 518-569-0612; or Father Christopher Carrara, the Episcopal Vicar for Clergy; ccarrara@rcdony.org Phone: 315-393-2920 ext. 1340. If you have a complaint of suspected sexual abuse or related misconduct by the bishops, contact the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at 800-276-1562 or www.ReportBishopAbuse.org

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Prayer for the First Communion Children

"Lord Jesus, we thank you for the precious gift of the Eucharist. We ask you to bless these children as they receive your Body and Blood for the first time. May this be a beginning of a life-long love for you, and may they find comfort, guidance, and wisdom in you as they grow. Help them to continue to receive you throughout their lives and to always appreciate your great gifts.
Amen."

Picture on the Left: "In the year 1333, 11-year-old Saint Imelda Lambertini receives her First Holy Communion—a moment of divine ecstasy that would mark her entrance into eternal life."



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