

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

The disciples decided that someone should take the place of Judas, who killed himself in remorse for betraying Jesus. They nominated two who had been among them from the time of Jesus' baptism to the crucifixion. Then they drew lots to decide who would join them as witnesses of the resurrection.

Second Reading: I John 4: 11-16

John reminds us that God dwells in those who love one another. We have come to know God's love for us. Only by loving one another can we be sure that God will remain with us always.

Gospel: John 17: 11b-19

Jesus prays for his disciples at the Last Supper. He knows that by knowing the word of God as they do, they no longer belong to the world. He asks that God consecrate them in truth and protect them from the enemies they have made because of their belief in Jesus.

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A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY *by Rev. William J. Reilly*

"Lifting up His eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed, saying: 'Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are one...as you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world.'... 'We have come to know and believe in the love God has for us. God is love and whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him.'"

There must have been something special happening when Jesus prayed. His time with the Father attracted the attention of His disciples, leading them to ask Him to teach them to pray. We know the words placed on His lips by Matthew and Luke. The words of praise and petition, the request for forgiveness and expression of gratitude are found in the text and are part of our daily prayer.

The prayer of Jesus today, called the priestly prayer, finds Jesus expressing His care for me as I read these words. He asks that I be one with others and reminds me that I too am being sent to bring His words and message to others. I might think that I am not able to do much, but He sends me with all that is necessary to complete the task.

The source of strength is found in my knowledge of and love for Jesus as my Savior and Lord. With Paul I say 'I can do all things in Him who strengthens me.' I am sent to others needing to know the love which God has for them. It might be to be with someone looking for the Lord, who will find Him only because of me.

As I strive to know the Lord better, it will lead me to bring my discovery to others just waiting to know Him through me. In this way I remain in His love.

Mantra: 'Stay with us Lord, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over.'

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MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, May 25th, in observance of Memorial Day.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

This week our 92 eighth grade students will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at two Masses celebrated by **Bishop Dominick Lagonegro on May 26th and May 27th** at 6 pm. At the Rite of Confirmation the candidates will renew their Baptismal vows and be anointed with Holy Chrism after the Bishop calls upon the Holy Spirit to come and fill them with His Gifts of Wisdom, Understanding, Knowledge, Counsel, Fortitude, Reverence and Fear of the Lord. Our candidates will become fully initiated *Confirmandi* and will henceforth be regarded as adult members of the Roman Catholic Church. Let us all pray for them as they take this momentous step in their spiritual lives and receive the graces of this beautiful sacrament. The names of our new *Confirmandi* will be printed in next week's bulletin.

PASTORAL CARE FOR THE SICK

If you are sick, homebound, or in the hospital and would like to receive Holy Communion or would like a pastoral visit, please contact Deacon John by leaving a detailed message at 223-8410 or calling the rectory at 227-1710. If you prefer, you may e-mail Deacon John at JBarone49@gmail.com.

LOOKING FOR ROCKS

The Blessed Kateri landscaping committee is looking for bowling ball sized, round rocks to be deposited on the dirt at the back of the north lot for the Rosary garden.

DUCKS (TEEN GROUP)

There will be no meeting this evening, May 24th, due to the Memorial Day weekend. However, on Pentecost Sunday, May 31st, the Teen Group will host a barbeque for all newly confirmed eighth graders following the 5:30 pm Mass. Please join us for food, games and friendship; bring a friend. For more information, call Debbie at 226-5929.

On Sunday, June 7th, the teens will host a pancake breakfast after the 9am and 10:30am Masses.

Any teens interested in going on the camping trip to Assateague Island should come to the 6:30pm meeting on June 7th with their parent(s).

ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL YOUNG ADULT ROSARY WALK

Join young adults for six Rosary Walks this summer through Central Park. We will all meet at the fountain in Grand Army Plaza opposite the Plaza Hotel (5th Avenue between 58th and 59th Streets,) no later than 6:30 P.M., and then head into the park for our walk of prayer. The dates are June 9th and 23rd, July 7th and 21st, and August 4th and 18th. Rain dates will be next Wednesday after the scheduled dates. For more information email info@cspya.org or visit www.cspya.org.

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FREE CAREER COACHING

Catholic Charities is offering a free program, by a Certified Professional Career Coach. Learn the do's and don'ts of networking and tactics for finding jobs in a difficult market. Those that attend this two part session will be eligible for individual follow up coaching sessions. The first session will be held on May 28th and June 11th; the second session will be held on June 24th and July 8th. Sessions will begin at 7pm at the Poughkeepsie Catholic Center, 218 Church Street, Poughkeepsie. To register, please call Mary Marshall at 452-1400 x4217.

BLESSED KATERI PARISH COUNCIL

Any parishioner 16 or over is invited to consider nominating himself or herself, or someone he or she admires, to serve a three year term on our Parish Council. This is a very important and satisfying ministry, as pastors consult with, and rely on, the members of the Parish Council for many things. Former members of the Council who have been off for one year or more can offer to serve again, if they are nominated and selected.

On June 7th at the 10:30 Mass, the names of those willing to serve will be placed in a bowl, and four names will be selected at random. Our prayer and trust is that all nominees are ready and able to serve, and that the Lord will choose whom He wants for this ministry at this time.

PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATION FORM

Please return this form to the rectory by Friday, May 29th
I understand that service on the Blessed Kateri Parish Council is an important ministry, to be done for the glory of God and the advancement of His Church.
Knowing that, I am willing to serve and nominate myself.

Name

Address

Phone #

Or check below if you are nominating this person:

I nominate this person for possible selection.

(He or she will be called and must be willing to accept.)

CUB SCOUT RECRUITING NIGHT

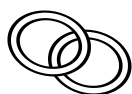
Pack 182 will be holding an informational Cub Scout recruiting night on Thursday, May 28th at 7:00pm at Noxon Road Elementary School. Cub Scouting is for boys entering 1st grade through 4th grade. An initial registration fee will be collected at sign up. Scouting is a great opportunity for boys to have fun and build character outside of school and sports! We hope to see you there!

SCHEDULE CHANGE

Please note that there will be no Confessions on Monday evening, June 1st, due to a pastoral meeting with Archbishop Timothy Dolan.

LaGrangeville, New York

Marriage Banns



Elizabeth Smith &
Christopher Shih

ROCKIN' THE SPIRIT YOUTH RALLY

The annual Rockin' the Spirit Youth Rally will be held on Thursday, June 25th. All teens from 8th grade through 12th grade should reserve the date to come together with Catholic teens from all over the county at Tymor Park in Unionvale. Please contact Mary Marshall at Catholic Charities at (845) 452-1400 x4217 for more information.

BENEFIT CONCERT

The Sons of Italy Joe DiMaggio Lodge #2248 are sponsoring a benefit concert at Van Wyck Junior High School on May 29th at 7pm. A variety of local entertainers will be performing. All proceeds will be donated to two needy families in our community. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children under ten years of age. Tickets can be purchased at Pizza Time or by calling 221-7234 or 896-1362.

BLESSED KATERI PRAYER NETWORK

If you have intentions or requests that you would like our Prayer Network to pray for, please call Nancy Vaughn at 226-4053 or Betty Paraggio at 223-5674.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

This week the items needed by the SVDP food pantry are instant coffee, toothpaste and Parmalat. Please leave your items in the church narthex. For those in need of assistance, the SVDP hotline number is 227-7863.

Please pray for those who are ill

Jackie and Joe DePalma--Marion Carney--Billy Jacobs
Deneé DeVizio -Caitlin Ann Martin--Rick Cole-Maria Sorrentino
Marcia Sabol-Marie Gauci-Richard DeLeo Sr--Ann Leonard
Johnny Romano-Amanda Jones-- Fred Matthews- Jane Kurz
Victor Thomas-Wendy Sullivan-Terri Schollmeyer-Frank Flora
Raymond Trangalli-Susan Lancelli-Concetta Liccione
Mary Griego-Bob Wilson-Joseph Liccione- Carmel Adams
William Grafer-Mark Kearney- Frank Fetzer-Marie Fetzer
Michael Besko

PARISH INCOME REPORT

Last Week's Collection: \$9,798

Last Year's Collection: \$9,225

PETITION OF THE WEEK

This weekend we, as a nation, pray for all those who have offered the supreme sacrifice of their lives in service to our country. Let us also remember those still serving in harm's way and their families.

We, as a parish, pray for all our young people being confirmed this week. May they always be open to the Holy Spirit and have the courage to proclaim their faith in word and action.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday 9:00am	May 25 For All Parishioners
Tuesday 9:00am	May 26 Luz Rojas by her children and family
Wednesday 9:00am	May 27 Mary Maguire by Pat and Bill O'Hare
Thursday 9:00am	May 28 Anne Diggins by Elaine Maddox
Friday 9:00am	May 29 Alix Doreen Eadie by the Scianimanico Family
Saturday 9:00am	May 30 Denis Cornax by the Cornax Family
Sunday 5:00pm Sat.	May 31 Charles Allison by Dusty and Paul Maiolo
9:00am	Steve Majusiak by Blessed Kateri Adult Choir
10:30am	Celina Hryc by Karolenko Family
12:15pm	John Spellman by his family
5:30pm	Dorothea Codella by Catherine Galatti

Liturgical Ministers for May 31st 2009

	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
5:00pm Sat Msgr. Desmond	MaryEllen McCue	Cathy Anderson, Marie Smith Rosanne Desjardins	Hannah, Richard and Katherine Coffin
9:00am Fr. Perez	Laura Leahy	Virginia Fisher, Robert Young, Dennis Rosenfeld, Sally Mastreani, Christine Ryan	Amber Hammerschlag, Carolyn Newhard Courtney Meester
10:30am Msgr. Desmond	John Reale	Betty Perrino, Diane Maddock, Lorraine Travia, Geraldine Natale Patricia Mackey	Brian Kusior, Angelina Reale Alex Rodriguez
12:15 pm Fr. Perez	Kelly McMann	Julie and Dave Borges Rosemary Archer	Robert Slevin, Emily Holtman Lauren Kirchner
5:30pm Sun Msgr. Desmond		Stephen and Margaret Ren Tara Izzo	Taylor Hickey, Amanda Silva Christian Murphy