

6th Sunday of Easter
May 5th, 2024



Living Mass Intentions for the Week

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Paul & Sue Henkel, Jerry & Patricia Garland, Corrado Farioli**

SMA: Pat Weiler, Ron Haefner, Jeff & Mary Bresson

St. Patrick: Marty & Denise Bickett, Drew & Alyssa Montavon



From the Gusset

Of course, everywhere you look in **Heaven** is *paradise*. This could be **the byline** of **Dante's *Divine Comedy*** – that **although the grace of God does not fall on all in the same way** – all are exceedingly thrilled to be in **Heaven**. God shines **the grace** of His **love** on some souls more than He does on others. So, in **the higher spheres** of **Heaven** the souls shine with **the brilliance** of a small star, but in **the lower spheres** of **Heaven**; **Dante** can barely recognize the souls. Remember in **the sphere of the moon**, the lowest level of **paradise**, the souls were bright, but **Dante** could just barely make out their faces. He could see his sister-in-law's face — **Piccarda** – **Dante** says: “**in your marvelous appearance their shines I know not what, but the Divine image which alters you from my first**

images of you on earth.” You see, **Piccarda** looks more like Jesus to **Dante** (now that she is in **Heaven**) then she looks like her **earthly** self! But in **the sphere of the sun**, the souls are so bright, **Dante** can't tell who the souls are until they **introduce** themselves to him. The souls on **the sphere of the sun** rush up to **Dante** and they just start telling him all about the **love** God gave them during their **lifetime** on **earth**. They speak of their **vocational Sacrament**: “God gave me His divine **love** when I was married” (**the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony**), “God gave me His **grace** when I became a priest” (**the Sacrament of Holy Orders**), and some say, “God blessed me with His **grace** when I was ordained a single person” (**the sacrament of Confirmation**). Then they tell **Dante** how they did some **heroic feat** on **earth** all because God gave them **the grace** to do that **action, speak that word, think that holy thought....** The souls in **Heaven** won't stop **discussing the glory** that God gave to them when Jesus Christ bestowed **a Sacrament of the Catholic Church** upon them. As **the psalmist** says in Psalm 145: “**may my mouth speak the praise of the Lord, so that all flesh may bless God's holy name forever and ever.**” **Dante** comes to **the understanding** that he is to spend his **life** on **earth** glorifying God just as the souls in **Heaven** glorify God in **the next life**. Isn't this what we pray when we pray the **Our Father Prayer**? That God's **will be done on earth just as it is in Heaven** by the angels and Saints. The angels and Saints are always **praising** God— we practice that ‘always’ on **earth** especially when we **celebrate the Holy Mass**. I don't know about you, but I look forward to listening to **my parents, my older brother, my favorite uncle, my godparents** — I look forward **to listening** to all my deceased relatives glorifying God in **Heaven**. I look forward to my deceased relatives telling me **the stories** of how God gave them His **grace** in the **Sacraments of the Catholic Church**, and how they then went forth and used that **grace** to glorify God in their **earthly life**. And of course, I look forward to telling them how **generous** God was with His **love** to me — after all — didn't I **celebrate the Eucharist** every day of my **priestly life!**

Happy Easter!

Yours on the Path

Fr. Randy





MOTHER'S DAY

The Knights of Columbus Council #8277 will host a Mother's day Breakfast at St. Joseph's Hall at St. Patrick's Church in Amboy.

May 12th from 7:30am to noon. Treat Mom to pancakes, eggs, sausage, and juice.



HOLY MASS FOR ALL WHO FACE MENTAL ILLNESS OR ADDICTION OF ANY TYPE



Join Bishop Malloy on the Anniversary date of his installation as the Bishop of Rockford (the Feast of St. Matthias) for a special Mass at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Rockford.

Tuesday, May 14th at 5:30pm

Refreshments and social time after Mass in the Fellowship Hall



Easter Retreat



In this year of Eucharistic Revival and as we gear up to the culmination of this Easter Season—our first Communicants reception of the Blessed Sacrament on Corpus Christi Sunday—perhaps you would like to go on retreat with our first Communion CCD Class. On Saturday, May 25th we will be out at St. Patrick's Church in Maytown at 10:00am for our retreat—this is the weekend prior to Corpus Christi—June 2nd. Our Lord will be present for Eucharistic Adoration and the opportunity for Confession. We will even conduct a practice run for our Corpus Christi procession to conclude the Holy Hour. Then we will adjourn to the Hall for a quick breakfast, and conclude the retreat in Church with a quick tour of the Eucharistic Prayer and the Paschal Mystery; before learning how to receive our Lord on the tongue in Holy Communion. All parishioners are invited!

The Art and Architecture of our Catholic Churches

How is it that the Catholic Church where one worships God
—can be so influential on one's Faith!



During the forty years in **the desert**, **the tabernacle** was a shrine or **sanctuary**, shaped like a **tent** and built according to the detailed instructions given to **Moses** – **the tabernacle** represented God's **presence** to His **Chosen People**. Our **tabernacle** today is the exact same thing: a symbol of God's **presence** to **Catholic citizens**. Our **Eucharistic Revival Prayer** prays that we can **adore** our Lord every time **the Eucharist** is raised above the altar in **the Mass**, we can **adore** our Lord every time we bow before our Lord in **the Monstrance** of our **Home Holy Hours**, and also that we can **adore** our Lord behind **the locked** the doors of **the tabernacle** any time we enter into the Church! I always tell **the CCD kids** that **the tabernacle** is where Jesus lives on **earth** whenever **the Mass** is not being **celebrated**. As we get ready for the culmination of **the Easter Season** with **Pentecost**, we will take a tour of our three Church **tabernacles** – that place where our Lord's **true presence** resides. **Our Lady of Perpetual Help** has a **magnificent tabernacle** – arrayed all in **gold**—there are **two angels** on the front doors of **the tabernacle** and **the tabernacle** is topped by a glorious crown – Jesus is indeed our King! **Will Klein** had his **Aunt** make **tabernacle veils** for us – they skirt the doors of **our tabernacle** and cover its crown like a **zucchetto**. The **veils** are of exquisite **damask material**, and they come in **the liturgical colors** that symbolize the seasons: **white** for **Christmas** and **Easter**, **purple** for **Advent** and **Lent**, and **green** for **Ordinary Time**. **Happy Easter!**



Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 4th

(+) Raymond Adams/ Mr. & Mrs. Howard McInnis
4:00 pm, **OLPH** (+) Carol Bonnell/ Mr. & Mrs. Mark Henkel
5:30 pm, **SMA** Pro Populo/ Fr. Randy

Sunday, May 5th 6th Sunday of Easter

8:00 am, **St. Patrick** (+) Thomas Sharkey/ Mr. & Mrs. Scott Bickett &
(+) Melvin Stewart & (+) Ronald Fronck/ Fr. Randy
10:30 am, **OLPH** (+) Carol Widolff & (+) Mike Widolff/ Janet Widolff
(+) Joseph Schauer & (+) Sister Frances Anna Hraback/ Mr. & Mrs. Robert Mixa

Monday, May 6th

Living Intention of John & Lisa Corcoran/ Mr. & Mrs. John Corcoran

Tuesday, May 7th

7:30 am, **SMA** (+) Alexander & (+) Rose McInnis/ Mr. & Mrs. Howard McInnis

Wednesday, May 8th

8:00 am, **OLPH** (+) Dennis McCoy/ Mr. & Mrs. Mark Streit

Thursday, May 9th

7:30 am, **SMA** (+) Rita Haefner/ Family
8:30 am, **OLPH** (+) Sally Pry/ Carlene Schuhler

Friday, May 10th

8:00 am, **St. Patrick** (+) Richard Cardot/ Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Klein
10:45 am, **Stoncroft** (+) Joseph & (+) Anna Mixa/ Mr. & Mrs. Robert Mixa

Saturday, May 11th

(+) Raymond Adams/ Mr. & Mrs. Howard McInnis
4:00 pm, **OLPH** (+) Florence Kuebel/ Family & (+) Rich Wertz/ Shawn Leffelman
5:30 pm, **SMA** Pro Populo & (+) Deceased Mothers/ Fr. Randy

Sunday, May 12th Ascension Sunday

8:00 am, **St. Patrick** (+) Joann Burke/ Mr. & Mrs. Dan Leffelman
10:30 am, **OLPH** Mark & Tammy Henkel & (+) Deceased Mothers/ John Gorman
(+)Catherine Vanco & (+)Catherine Schauer & (+)Geraldine Fronck/ Rick and Roger Fronck

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