

Pentecost Sunday

May 19th, 2024



Living Mass Intentions for the Week

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SMA: John Gehant, Celia Haub, Jeff & Mary Bresson

St. Patrick: Indian Bickett, Mariah Quest

From the Gusset

It was **the Summer of 2004** and I was just finishing my third year of Theology in **Rome** – I had to make a discission, if I wanted to be ordained **a transitional Deacon** in **Rome** at **St. Peter's Basilica** or back home at **the Cathedral of St. Peter's** in **Rockford**. It was **'tradition'** that **Seminarians** studying in **Rome** would be ordained to **the Diaconate** in **Rome**, but not until October at the start of their 4th year of **Theology**. Priests **love** to say, *"I was ordained in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome."* But you need to ask them, were they ordained **a Deacon** or a Priest in **the Eternal City**. There is just something about the bragging rights to say a man was ordained in **Rome**. Well, I really wanted to be ordained in **St. Peter's**, but I knew my family would not be able to come over for **the Mass**; and to tell you the truth, I just couldn't stand the thought of having to go through another Summer as **an Acolyte** and not being able to celebrate **the Sacraments of Baptism** and **Holy Matrimony**, proclaim the Gospel, **preach homilies**, and minister at **the Altar** in **Holy Mass**. So, I decided I would get ordained **a Deacon** at home by **Bishop Doran** in **Rockford** in the Summer. After all, I could still say, *"I was ordained at St. Peter's!"* I was so **glad** (then and now) that I made the decision to be ordained **a Deacon** on June 12th in **Rockford**, because then I got assigned to **St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Crystal Lake** and served under the famous **Msgr. Hermes**. **Msgr.** assigned me to do two or three dozen **house blessings**, to preach and serve **Mass** every Tuesday through Friday, and to preach and serve at the altar for at least one of **the Sunday' Masses**. I did several **Baptisms** as well! In fact, one of the young men being ordained **a transitional Deacon** this year, **Ryan Noorae**, was one, whom I poured **the water** thrice over and **baptized** in the name of the Triune God!



Ryan will be ordained on Saturday June 1st with **Ian Herrera**, and **Rockford** will also celebrate the priesthood Ordinations of **Grant Colborn** and **Jeffrey Filipski**. Just think, if I had decided to be ordained in **Rome** with my classmates – I would never have been allowed to give **the Sacrament of Baptism** to **Ryan** – one of the other priests or **permanent Deacons** would have been assigned to **Baptize Ryan** and his younger brother! I'm telling you there is no experience **on earth** as **glorious** as giving **a Sacrament** of Jesus Christ to another **human being**. This year **the Diocese** is not ticketing the Ordination Mass, so if anyone would like to pray an Ordination Mass, which is one of the most **joyous Masses** in Christendom – feel free to come to **the Cathedral of St. Peter** 1243 North Church street, in **Rockford** at 11:00am on June 1st – the weekend of **Corpus Christi**. May Jesus Christ be praised now and forever!

Happy Easter!

Yours on the Path

Fr. Randy

Collection Amounts for the Month of April

	OLPH	SMA	St. Patrick
Loose Collection	\$690	\$41	\$65
Envelopes	\$4,894	\$1,540	\$2,360
Total	\$5,584	\$1,581	\$2,425
Monthly Expenses	\$10,921	\$4,184	\$3,695
Rice Bowl	\$20.47	—	—
Diocesan Appeal	\$13,091/\$9,658	\$5,564/\$4,298	\$14,829/\$2,658



1ST PROCLAMATION of WEDDING BANNS for:



Mason Moeller and Kaylee Althaus

To be wed on June 15, 2024 at

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Sublette



Easter Retreat



Pope Benedict encouraged priests to conduct a Holy Hour with First Communicants before they received the blessed Sacrament for the first time.

Wouldn't it be something, if our First Communicants worked a Plenary Indulgence with their first ever reception of Holy Communion?! To give them this honor, we will have a retreat on Saturday, May 25th. We will be out at St. Patrick's Church in Maytown at 10:00am for a Holy 1/2 Hour (one of the works for a Plenary Indulgence) and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Then when they receive our Lord on Corpus Christi Sunday—they may tell our Lord, whom they are working this indulgence for! We will also be celebrating the Anniversaries of their taking of Religious Vows for two of the Daughters of Divine Love on June 2nd. All parishioners are invited to this retreat!



TRINITY SUNDAY

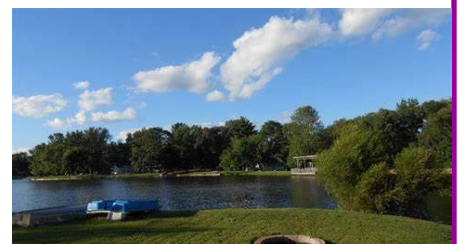
Woodhaven Mass for Trinity Sunday

Memorial Day Weekend,

Saturday the 25th

7:00pm

at the Amphitheater



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!



West Brooklyn's St. Mary of the Assumption Church has its **Tabernacle** located at a **side altar**; whereas, the Churches in Sublette and Maytown have the **Blessed Sacrament** reserved in a **Tabernacle** in the Sanctuary behind the main altar. There are many prominent European Churches, which locate their **Tabernacle** at a side altar – and most notably, Cathedral Churches in **the United States** have a **side altar Tabernacle**. This is because these Churches have many **tourists**, who might

fail to properly reverence Christ in **the Eucharist**, if the **Tabernacle** were at the main altar. Placing a **Tabernacle** at a **side altar** – away from the center of **tourist** traffic flow and at a place where the devout could still make a **Holy Hour** with our Lord behind the closed doors of the **Tabernacle** without being disturbed – became a good idea. I have always found it a **pious rule of thumb**, that if we see someone (especially if the person is someone, whom we **love**) disrespecting God out of ignorance that we ought to go out of our way to show our **respect** for God. For example, if we hear someone using God's name in vain, we quickly (and quietly) say a **"Glory Be Prayer,"** or if someone fails to genuflect in their passing the **Tabernacle** – than we make sure we would genuflect when passing the **Tabernacle**. When my Dad's **arthritis** was crippling him at the end, I would genuflect for my Dad. **The Code of Canon Law** instructs the Rector of Churches to take care that, if the **Tabernacle** is at a **side altar** – then they should take **diligence** in decorating the **side altar** containing the **Tabernacle** above all others, so that by **the appearance** of the altar, the Faithful will be moved to greater piety and devotion to the most **Holy Sacrament**. West Brooklyn's **Tabernacle** is without **veils** (perhaps some talented seamstress reading this article could make a **veil** for our **Tabernacle**), and so we can readily see **two shafts of wheat** – one **red** in color the other **blue**. Whenever we see these two colors together, our **religious minds** think of **Mary**. Remember in ancient times, a woman identified herself by the color clothes she wore. **Blue** was the color of a **Virgin**, and **red** was the color of a **Mother**. Our **Blessed Lady** was both a **Virgin** and a **Mother**, and this is why **iconographers** often have **Mary** wearing both colors. When I was a Seminarian at **St. Patrick's Church in Rochelle** – they had a **Tabernacle** that was shaped like the Virgin **Mary's** womb out of which came **the Body of Christ**, our Lord. I am reminded of **the Incarnation**, every time I open the **Tabernacle** at **St. Mary of the Assumption Church**. **Happy Easter!**



Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 18th

Jason Gerhardt/ Mr. & Mrs. Jim Meznarich

4:00 pm, **OLPH** Pro Populo/ Fr. Randy

5:30 pm, **SMA (+)** Quin & (+) Josephine Torri/ Torri Family

Sunday, May 19th Pentecost Sunday

8:00 am, **St. Patrick (+)** Joseph Quest/ Velma Quest

10:30 am, **OLPH (+)** Clement Henkel/ Family &
(+) Elizabeth Henkel/ Mr. & Mrs. Louis Vaessen

(+) Ronald Fronek & Roger Fronek/ Fronek Family

Monday, May 20th Mary, Mother of the Church

Living Intention for Christopher & Josiah Jordan/ Mary Schreiner

Tuesday, May 21st

7:30 am, **SMA (+)** Robert Bresson/ Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Wilson

Wednesday, May 22nd Feast of St. Rita

8:00 am, **OLPH (+)** Charles & (+) Florence Kuebel/ Family

Thursday, May 23rd

7:30 am, **SMA (+)** Rita Haefner/ Mr. & Mrs. Richard Studebaker

8:30 am, **OLPH (+)** Sally Pry/ Marilyn Bonnell

Friday, May 24th

8:00 am, **St. Patrick (+)** John Burke/ Mr. & Mrs. Jim Burke

Saturday, May 25th

(+) Thomas Palmer/ KOC Council #8277

4:00 pm, **OLPH (+)** Thomas Berry/ Joni Walker

5:30 pm, **SMA (+)** Justin Corcoran/ Mr. & Mrs. Steve Patterson

7:00 pm, **Woodhaven (+)** Elden & (+) Carol Blevins & (+) Ray & (+) Jean Ritola/ Fr. Randy

Sunday, May 26th Holy Trinity Sunday

8:00 am, **St. Patrick (+)** John & (+) Evelyn Ryan/ Family

10:30 am, **OLPH (+)** Pro Populo/ Fr. Randy

(+) Sister Frances Anna & (+) Gertrude & (+) Barbara Hraback/ Fr. Randy

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