

Ascension Sunday

June 1, 2025

“Recognition is the sweetest grace of the New Testament.” —Bishop Flores



JUBILEE YEAR 2025
WE ARE PILGRIMS OF HOPE



From the Gusset—Easter Freedom

Happy Easter! Sometimes, depending on **the price of gas**, **Fr. Randy** won't fill the tank all the way up; rather, I will just put in **\$20** to get me past **the Memorial Day** weekend or just put in a few gallons – enough to visit **a cheaper gas station** in another town. I guess that is the **Bohemian** in me. Thank God that Jesus is only a small part **Czech**.

For every time that we **celebrate the Mass**, Jesus **pours out** His life to us, and once filled to **the total capacity of our soul** with God's **grace** – then we are sent out into **the world** for another week! See, God does **not** partially fill my **soul** with His **love** or simply top off my **soul** (my tank); no, God **fills to the brim** – to the point of overflowing—my being with His **Divine Being!** Recently, **Fr. Randy** had his **chalice regilded** to celebrate his **20th Anniversary** as a **Priest**. My **chalice** has always been **super-special** to me (any priest's ordination chalice is special to him), because my parents bought me the **chalice**, because **Pope St. John Paul the Great** used my **chalice** to celebrate one of his **Masses** just before he died (March 14, 2005)—but my **chalice** is **super-special** to me, because the Christ **pours** His **precious Blood** into my **chalice** from His wounded side as He dies **on Calvary** at every **Mass** I **celebrate!!!** Yes, **Pope St. John Paul II** consecrated my **chalice** nineteen days before he died (and **the Holy Father** spent the last two weeks of his **life** in coma), but my **chalice** is **consecrated** at every **Mass**. This is why I pause before I pick up the **chalice**. I reflect (just for



a moment) that I am about to touch **the vessel** that God will **consecrate**. Every time I touch the **chalice**, Jesus shares His **consecration** by God the Father with me. What is **consecration**? **Consecration** is a setting apart for a **sacred use**. And so, we say, Jesus was **consecrated** – Jesus was set apart as a **super-special** man (who was both **human** and **Divine**) to bring us God's **love** through the sacrifice of His **life**. Thus, when we drink from my **chalice** at **the Mass**, when we receive **Holy Communion**, we are sharing in **the life** of Christ – Christ is **consecrating** us! We are being set apart by God for a '**sacred use**'—God is using us to (once filled to the brim—to the point of overflowing)—God is using us to go out from **the altar**, after having received **the Eucharist** to go and **consecrate** others. What does **Fr. Randy** say at **the conclusion** of all his **Masses**? "**Go in peace to glorify the Lord by your life!**" Go, go out into **the world** – you have been **consecrated** – go and share **the life**, **the grace**, **the love** that

God gave you in **Holy Communion** with others that they might become **holy** – that they might share in **the life** of Jesus Christ!! You see, **Fr. Randy** is always telling you how special **Catholics** are, we are the persons through whom God **consecrates the world!!!** **Catholics** are fed from a **consecrated** altar—fed with Christ—fed by Christ, and then sent by Christ to **consecrate** others. You are **super-special**, you are **consecrated**, you share in **the life** of Jesus the Christ—God **consecrates the world** through persons called **Catholics**—people whom His Son has touched in **the Holy Mass!** **Happy Easter!**

Yours on the Path Fr. Randy



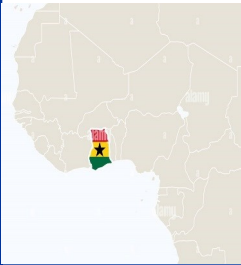


PRIESTLY ORDINATIONS

on **June 7th** at 11:00 am at **St. Peter's Cathedral** in Rockford. An open **invitation** to any **young men**, who are considering a **vocation** to the **Priesthood**, as been offered.

Bishop thinks that a front row seat to this **beautiful Mass** will be the final effort of **the Holy Spirit** to help **a man** want to enter into **a sacred covenant** with the **Sacred Heart of Jesus**.

MISSIONARY SUNDAY **June 7th & 8th**



Please welcome **Fr. Benjamin Asibuo Kusi** from the **Diocese of Goaso, Ghana West Africa**. **Father** will be **praying** all the **Masses** on **Pentecost Sunday**. Please be as **generous** as possible to **Fr. Benjamin's mission**.



SUMMER RETREAT ON ICONS

To **celebrate** our **Lady of Perpetual Help's Feast Day (June 27th)**, we will pray a **Novena of Masses** starting on **June 19th** and have a **retreat** on **Icons** – **highlighting** the most popular **Icon** in the world: **Our Lady of Perpetual Help**. We will use **the Eastern Catholic Church's** definition of an **Icon**: **Icons** are **'energy-filled' realities** that draw us into **a relationship** with the person portrayed in the **Icon**, and **Icons** help us **recognize** the Divine in our midst. **Our Lady** is constantly in our midst in **Sublette** and she **wishes** only that we would have a more **intense relationship** with her Son.

The **First Holy Communion** retreat will be on **June 14th** at 10:00am at the Church of **St. Patrick's in Maytown**. **Breakfast** will be made available in **the Hall** for **parents** and all **family members** and any other **zealots**, who wish to come on retreat.



THE MASS AND THE SAINTS

Luke's Gospel tells us that after our Lord ascended into **Heaven** that the disciples **returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple praising God.** The end of **the Mass** is very much like this. Think about it. Jesus, after spending **40 days** with the disciples (following **the Resurrection**), **leads them out as far as Bethany, raises His hands, and blesses them.** As Jesus blessed them He parted from them and was taken up to **Heaven.** In **the Mass**, Jesus has called us from **the world**, from our **homes**, from our **work**, from the mundane—Jesus leads us to **the altar** in our Church where **the Paschal Mystery** takes place (the birth, **life**, **death**, and **resurrection** of our Lord)—Jesus allows us to experience all that He has done for us; and then, through the raised hands of **the priest**, Jesus blesses us and ascends (returns to the right hand of His Father), and sends us back into **the world.** **Bishop Amalarius**, a 9th century Bishop, whom many claim was **a mystic**, would say that “just as the disciples looked up at **the sky** in **awe** of our Lord's ascending into **Heaven**, so also our minds should long for the **Heaven** to which Jesus has preceded us.” We **wish** to be in **Heaven**, because Jesus **wishes** for us to be with Him in **Heaven.** Remember, our Lord said, **I wish (Heavenly Father) that where I am they also may be...so that they can see My glory – a glory, which You (Heavenly Father) gave Me before the foundation of the world.** See, that is what **Heaven** is like: we want what God wants! We do not **want** what we **want** anymore—we only **want** what God **wants.** **The Garden of Eden** was not **Heaven**, because **Adam** was desirous of things: fruit trees, **animals**, **a wife**... so, God gave **Adam** these things as **gifts.** But Adam did not ask for a **deeper relationship** with God, he did not ask for God to **love** him more; for that is **Heaven—Heaven** is the place we only **want** what God **wants**, we only **want** God to **love** us more (isn't that wild? that God **wants** to **love** you). **Dante Alighieri** would say, “eternity is that place where you finally get what you **want.**” If you **want** God's love, you spend eternity in **Heaven**, if you **want** some object, some person, some authority or power, you spend eternity in **Hell** experiencing that object, longing for that person, **suffering** under that authority or **power.** It is interesting that in **the old Latin Mass** during **the Advent** and **Lenten Seasons**, **the deacon** would not say the normal **Mass** ending: *Ite, missa est* – the Mass has ended—but **the deacon** would say: *let us bless our Lord.* The great Jesuit, **Cardinal St. Robert Bellarmine** said, “this is done to express the more **severe**



character of these seasons; for it seems somehow to be rather **mournful**, that the dismissal is not public, but rather each person departs by himself.” See, the disciples went back to Jerusalem together and **with great joy!** Our response to the end of the **Mass** is: **Thanks be to God!** We are so **happy** that God has blessed us, **poured** all of His **love** into us, and has gone back to **Heaven** to prepare a place for us!

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Saturday, May 31st Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

(+) Geraldine Fronek/ Fronek Family

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

5:30 pm, **SMA** (+) Quin & Jospeh Torri/ Charles Torri

Sunday, June 1st Ascension of the Lord

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

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

Monday, June 2nd

(+) Larry Leffelman/ Mr. & Mrs. Rick Considine &

(+) Geraldine Fronek/ Fr. Randy

Tuesday, June 3rd

7:30 am, **SMA** (+) Patty Torman/ Fr. Randy

Wednesday, June 4th

8:00 am, **OLPH** (+) Betty Henkel/ Family & (+) Pat Syskowski/ Mr. & Mrs. Steve Klein

Thursday, June 5th

7:30 am, **SMA** (+) Sister Benedict/ DDL

8:30 am, **OLPH** (+) James & (+) Candy Hanson/ Carlene Schuhler

Friday, June 6th

8:00 am, **St. Patrick** (+) Sylvia Montavon/ Mr. & Mrs. Westin Montavon

Saturday, June 7th

(+) Msgr. Donovan & (+) Msgr. Mahowald/ Fr. Randy

4:00 pm, **OLPH** (+) Floyd Wilson/ Carlene Schuhler &
(+) Lynn Peterson/ Mark Lauer

5:30 pm, **SMA** (+) Quin & Jospeh Torri/ Charles Torri

Sunday, June 8th Pentecost

8:00 am, **St. Patrick** (+) Fran Anderson/ Mr. & Mrs. Rick Cardot

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

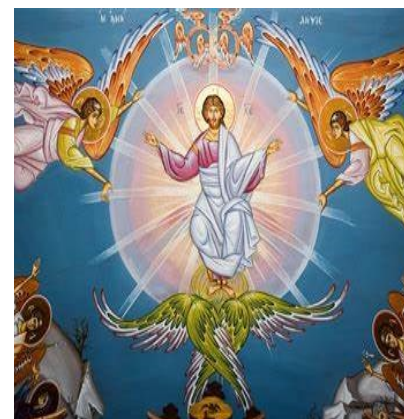
Living Mass Intentions:

OLPH: John & Lisa Corcoran, Don & Donna Dinges,

Doug & Colleen Klein, Mary Jo Zimmerlein

SMA: Larry & Linda Lindenmier, Raymond Henkel

St. Patrick: Joe & Marci Hebert, Leo Bushman



**Make sure to congratulate
our **Confirmandi** when
you see them at **Mass**:**

**Landon Jackson,
Abel Mumm,
Blake Mumm,
Nolan Scully,**

**Olivia Perryman, and
London Jones**