

Ascension of the Lord

May 17th, 2026



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

Let us spend this Easter Season recognizing Christ in one another!

From the Gusset



Happy Easter! Though my favorite character in the movie: **Star Wars** is **Darth Vader**, I always felt like **Han Solo** had all the best lines. From his, “*look, the planet has been blown to bits, let’s get the heck out of here.*” – to their escape from **the Death Star**, when **Han** tells **Chewie**, “*I hope that old man got that tractor beam out of commission or this is going to be a real short trip.*” I always think of this last line, when it comes to **Ascension Sunday**. One of **the Preface Prayers** of **Easter** prays: “through the Risen Lord, the children of light rise to eternal life and the halls of the heavenly Kingdom are thrown open to the Faithful;” and elsewhere, “He has unlocked the gates of Heaven.” If **Obi Wan Kenobi** had not shut the tractor beam off, **the Millenium Falcon** would never have escaped. If Jesus, by His death and **Resurrection** had not destroyed our **death** – then our escape from this world to **the Heavenly Kingdom** “was going to be a real short trip!” You and I have received our **vocational Sacrament** (**Confirmation** for single people, **Holy Matrimony** for



married people, and **Holy Orders** for **Fr. Randy**), and we are to be **confident** of following where the Savior has gone before! Each of us is bound for **eternal glory** by what the Lord has accomplished for us in this **Easter Season**. Eternity is a long time, because we will need every second of eternity to show our **gratitude** to God for all that He has done for us. **Happy Easter!**

Yours on the Path Fr. Randy

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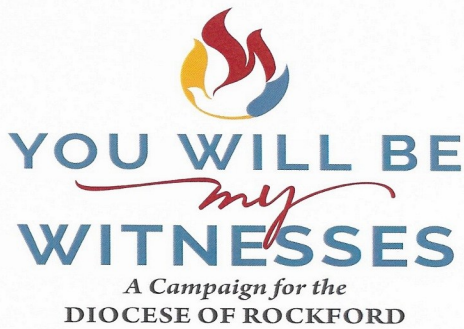
ANNIVERSARY
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The Holy Hour scheduled for May 20th in honor of our **Country’s 250th Anniversary** has been canceled. **Bishop Malloy** is celebrating the **Holy Mass** at **Sacred Heart Church in Sterling** at 4:00pm for the **Newman High School** graduating Seniors. Thanking God for all of His gifts to our **Country** will resume on Wednesday, May 27th. Don’t forget we will be having a **Holy Hour** on Tuesday, May 19th following the 7:30 am



Mass at **St. Mary of the Assumption’s Church** in West Brooklyn. Praying a **Holy Hour** during this 800th Anniversary of the death of **St. Francis of Assisi** can be the 5th work of a **Plenary Indulgence** for our beloved dead in Purgatory.





You Will Be My Witnesses Capital Campaign

This weekend marks the official start of the **Capital Campaign**. The goals for our three Parishes are:

St. Patrick Church \$30,044

St. Mary of the Assumption \$43,388

Our Lady of Perpetual Help \$115,881

We will be showing the **Campaign Video** in the hall in **Sublette** at Masses this weekend. There will be a light reception in the Hall following the **4:00pm Saturday Mass** in **Sublette** and again after the **Sunday noon Mass** in **Sublette**. If you don't come to one of these **Masses**, the **Video** will be available on our Website: www.olphmarystpatrick.com.

In the coming week, you will receive a letter from **Bishop Malloy**, which will include the specific amount that the **Diocese** would like you to consider. Please review the **Campaign material**, **pray** about your families pledge amount, and continue to support the **Bishop's Diocesan goals** to keep our Parishes open.



Also, many of you will be receiving a phone call from our **Campaign Volunteers**. This is a fellow **parishioner**, who can answer any questions you might have about the **Campaign**, and who would be **happy** to visit with your family and discuss your **pledge response** should you so desire. Remember, the **Campaign Volunteer** does not know how much the **Diocese** is asking you to **pledge**. This number is only known to you, the **Bishop**, and your **priest**; so please have no anxieties over this. The more **families**, who make a **pledge**, the easier it will be meet our **Diocesan goal**. Besides **40% of the money** coming back to our Parishes, each of our Churches qualifies for an additional return from the **Small Parish Opportunity fund** of the Diocese.

Collection Amounts for the Month of April

	OLPH	SMA	St. Patrick
Loose Collection	\$409	\$80	\$145
Envelopes	\$3,709	\$790	\$941
Total	\$4,118	\$870	\$1,086
Monthly Expenses	\$10,921	\$4,184	\$3,695
Diocesan Appeal	\$10,295/\$10,350	\$4,730/\$3,796	\$12,557/\$2,495
Holy Thursday	\$210	—	\$210
Good Friday (Holy Land)	\$300	\$50	—
Easter	\$2,715	\$650	\$570



The Last Supper by Leonardo da Vinci

Leonardo da Vinci is an artist *par excellence* when it comes to perspective. His treatment of space and motion in a two-dimensional media and Leonardo's treatment of complicated human emotions in his art work ushered in a new phase



of art called **the High Renaissance**. Da Vinci is subtly communicating elements of **the Catholic Faith** in the **Last Supper** without his ever actually actively saying them. Symbols of **the Trinity** flood **the Last Supper**. There are four groupings of three Apostles seated together, three windows at the back of the room, and the Christ figure Himself is an equilateral triangle. The three Apostles on the far lefthand side of the table are **St. Bartholomew**, **St. James the lesser**, and **St. Andrew**. Remember, the picture is enormous: 15 feet tall and nearly 30 feet wide – the figures are all life-size. **St. Bartholomew** (also called **St. Nathaniel**) stands gripping the table – the farthest Apostle from Jesus on the Lord's right. **Bartholomew** is the largest figure in the scene – he is just over six feet tall, and because the painting actually curves around the viewer, if one stands at **the epicenter** of the room – **St. Bartholomew** would be standing at your lefthand side and Jesus would be straight across from the viewer. **Leonardo** painted with so much detail that you would notice the white knuckles of **the Saint** as he grips **the table**. **Tradition** tells us that **Bartholomew** was **martyred** by being skinned alive – that is why he grips the table so forcefully; and also, the reason that the knife blade in **St. Peter's** righthand points to him. **St. James the lesser** is in the middle of this first grouping of three – his chest, his **heart**, is the smallest of the **thoracic cavities** of the twelve. Compare **James the lesser's** chest size to **St. James the greater's** chest (**St. James the greater** is the Apostles to Jesus' left, wearing a **green** alb and throwing both arms out). **St. Andrew** is the Apostles with both hands stretched out in front of him – you can count all ten fingers on his hands. **St. Andrew** was **martyred** on an **X-shaped Cross**, so his hands would be at the top two points of **the X** and his feet spread out on the bottom two points of **the X-shaped Cross**. Again, **Leonardo** is painting details of **Catholic tradition** into **the Last Supper**, such as the **martyrdom** of the Apostles. This reoccurring theme of the Apostles actually telling us who they are by the position of their hands is part of the genius



of **da Vinci**. You see **High Renaissance** art does not ask our interpretation of the painting; but rather, tells us **specifically** the message the artwork wishes to convey.

Mass Intentions



Saturday, May 16th

Roger & Kimberly Fronек/ Richard Fronек & Fr. Randy

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

Sunday, May 17th Ascension Sunday

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

10:00 am, **SMA** (+) Quin & (+) Josephine Torri/ Torri Family

Noon **OLPH** (+) Clement Henkel/ Family & (+) Rose Theiss/ Judy Marschang

Monday, May 18th

(+) Howard McInnis & (+) Kathleen Romanoski/ Fr. Randy

Tuesday, May 19th

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

Wednesday, May 20th

8:00 am, **OLPH** (+) Sharon Funfsinn/ Mary Kuebel

4:00 pm, **Sacred Heart, Sterling Newman Central Baccalaureate Mass**

Thursday, May 21st

7:30 am, **SMA** (+) Edward, (+) Mary, and (+) Jeanne Hamilton/ Karen McInnis

8:30 am, **OLPH** (+) Joan Miller/ Janet Widolff

Friday, May 22nd Feast of St. Rita

8:00 am, **St. Patrick** (+) Donald & (+) Elaine Henkel/ Velma Quest

Saturday, May 23rd

(+) James & (+) Geraldine Fronек & (+) Joseph Schauer/ Mr. & Mrs. Robert Mixa

4:00 pm, **OLPH** (+) Thomas Fassler/ Sue Fassler

6:00 pm **Woodhaven** (+) Grysko Lotar, (+) Strama Ludwika, &
(+) Amelia Cymermann/ Maria Franklin

Sunday, May 24th Pentecost Sunday

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

10:00 am, **SMA** (+) Howard McInnis/ Judy Truckenbrod

Noon **OLPH Pro Populo**/ Fr. Randy



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Up Coming Events

Consecration of our Country to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Thank you to all participated in the Survey

on our Parishes.

Response Level from each Parish:

OLPH: 42% **St. Patrick's: 36%**

St. Mary of the Assumption: 33%

