

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

# MAY 19, 2019

## LITURGY SCHEDULE

### Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> St. John I, Pope & Martyr

8:30 am - St. John – No Intention  
 9-9:30 Confessions at St. John's  
 3:00 Confessions at St. John's  
 3:30 Confessions at St. Elizabeth  
 4:00pm - St. John – Pauline & Diane Langlois by Ed  
 4:30 pm - St. Elizabeth – Germain & Claire Maurice by M/M Chris Maistros

### Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> Fifth Sunday of Easter

7:30 am Confessions at St. John's  
 8:00 am Confession at Queen of Peace  
 8:00 am - St. John - For the Parishioners  
 8:30 am - Queen of Peace - Special Intention  
 10:30 am - St. Elizabeth – Conversion of Souls by a parishioner  
 11:00 am - St. John – Deceased & living members of the Larrivee, Locke & Crowley fam.

### Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> St. Bernardine of Siena

8:30am - St. Elizabeth – Marc Poulin by a friend  
 2:15pm – Rehab & Pines Nursing Home Masses  
 5:15pm - St. John – Mary Letourneau by the family

### Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> St. Christopher Magallanes & Companions

8:30 am - St. John – Art Siwinski by Rev. Mr. & Mrs. Peter Gummere  
 5:15pm - St. John – Special Intention

### Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> St. Rita of Cascia

8:30am - St. John – Jacqueline Williams by a friend  
 5:15pm - St. John – Anne Wilkins by her loving family

### Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>

8:30 am - St. John – James & Gloria Carlton by the family  
 5:00 pm - St. Leo – Mass at St. Leo's in Lunenburg  
 5:15 pm - St. John – No Mass

### Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>

8:30 am - St. Elizabeth – William "Bill" & Germaine Thompson by their estate  
 5:15 pm - St. John – Melanie Jaffee by Amy Marcinko

### Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup> St. Bede the Venerable; St. Gregory VII; St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi

8:30 am - St. John – No Intention  
 9-9:30 Confessions at St. John's  
 3:00 Confessions at St. John's  
 3:30 Confessions at St. Elizabeth  
 4:00pm - St. John – Ralph & Gratia Roy by Michael  
 4:30 pm - St. Elizabeth – John Wall, Jr by Thomas Holzman

### Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup> Sixth Sunday of Easter

7:30 am Confessions at St. John's  
 8:00 am Confession at Queen of Peace  
 8:00 am - St. John – Harold Elliot by M/M Bill Young  
 8:30 am - Queen of Peace – For the Parishioners  
 10:30 am - St. Elizabeth – Emma Wall by Linda Toborg  
 11:00 am - St. John – Shane St. Hilaire by Pauline (10 years)

Please keep our parishioners who are ill & in need of your prayers, especially: Charlotte Farrow, George Thurston, Charlie Weis, Randy Thomas, Hugette Authier, Jerry Prevost, & Camilla Dente

If you know anyone who is homebound and would like Holy Communion brought to them at home and/or a Priest visit, please call the Rectory.

*Congratulations to the students who made their First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, and to those students who made their Confirmation on Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. Please be assured of our continuing prayers for you: that Christ's divine life might grow and strengthen in you more and more each day. May God Who has begun this good work in you bring it to perfection! Amen.*

## PARISH EVENTS

Sun. May 19<sup>th</sup>..... 11:00 am Secular Franciscan Mtg  
 Mon. May 20<sup>th</sup> ..... 6:30pm. Parish Council Mtg  
 Wed. May 22<sup>nd</sup> ..... 7:00pm Choir Practice  
 Sat. May 25<sup>th</sup> ..... 6:00pm K of C Bingo

### FINANCIAL REPORT

Fiscal Year: 7/1/18-6/30/19 Budget: \$295,000 (\$6,000 needed per week)  
 Reg. Collection Year-to-date: \$160,748.09./Weekly collection: \$4,486.09  
 On-Line: YTD: \$37,819.00

**Second Collection: May 19<sup>th</sup>: None**

The FORMED program is available to everyone in our parish. To start enjoying this free gift, please visit the FORMED website:

1. Go to: nekatholic.formed.org
2. Click on REGISTER to create a personal account

### Recommended: The Shroud of Turin

The official film for the 2010 Exposition of the Shroud. Written by Ian Wilson, it tells the story of the Shroud for our modern age of high technology to show the image of the Man on the Shroud as never before seen. This film does not shrink from examining the religious significance of what has become the single most studied article in history.

### Good Shepherd Catholic School Early Education

We are currently conducting readiness screenings for children ages 3-5. Please call the school for more information at 751-8223.

**LYNDON AREA FOOD SHELVE:** The following items are needed this month: peanut butter, jelly, cereal, laundry products, & toilet paper. Please leave these donations at the entrance of St. Elizabeth Church or drop them off on Wednesday's from Noon to 4 at the Food Shelf, Elm St. Lyndonville.

*Congratulations to Patrick McWilliams and Eydie Aremburg who have completed two years of study through the Lay Formation Program, culminating in a graduation ceremony held at St. Joseph Cathedral in Burlington on May 19<sup>th</sup>. Their studies included spiritual, pastoral, and academic formation. As part of the requirements for graduation, each student needed to complete a project which included a formal written paper. Patrick's project was a ministry fair, and Eydie's project was starting up a parish youth ministry. We congratulate each of our graduates and thank them for their willingness to serve. May God continue to bless you both!*

**Fr. Miller has received notice that effective July 2, 2019 he is appointed Administrator of Most Holy Trinity Parish, in Barton, VT.**

**Deacon Robert Little, who will be ordained a Priest on June 15, 2019, will be subsequently appointed as Parochial Vicar of Corpus Christi Parish on July 2, 2019.**

**Please keep Fr. Miller and Deacon Little in your prayers as they prepare for this transition.**

*Corpus Christi Parish is helping to sponsor a new Pregnancy Center in Lyndonville, which will serve much of the Northeast Kingdom. The Center will provide counseling and other services to pregnant mothers who may be struggling with the decision to choose life.*

*Anyone interested in being involved with this important project is asked to contact the rectory office at: 748-8129.*

### May 21<sup>st</sup>: Feast of St. Christopher Magallanes & Companions



**"Long live Christ the King and the Virgin of Guadalupe!"**

This was the slogan of the "Cristero" uprising in the 1920's against the anti-Catholic government of Mexico which had instituted and enforced laws against the Church in an absurd attempt to eradicate the Catholic faith in Mexico, even going so far as to ban all foreign clergy and the celebration of Mass in some regions.

St. Christopher Magallanes, along with 21 other priests and three lay companions, were martyred between 1915 and 1937, by shooting or hanging, throughout eight Mexican states, for their membership in the Cristero movement. Magallanes erected a seminary in Totatiche and he and his companions secretly preached and ministered to the faithful. Arrested on 21st May 1927 while en route to celebrate Mass, he was executed without a trial four days later. He gave away his last remaining possessions to his executioners, absolved them, and turned to his companion Fr. Augustine Caloca before he was shot, said: "Be at peace, my son; just a minute and then we're in heaven".

Pope John Paul II beatified the Cristero martyrs in 1992 and canonized them in 2000.

During that same period, the Knights of Columbus in Mexico was instrumental in founding the League of the Defense of Religious Liberty, which organized economic boycotts and petition drives in response to the persecution. When a civil war broke out between the government and Catholics, the Knights of Columbus worked to bring about peace. Standing in solidarity with the persecuted Catholics in Mexico, the Knights raised funds for humanitarian relief of those displaced and for the education of the American public about the horrific acts of the persecution. A delegation of Knights even met with President Calvin Coolidge in 1926 to discuss ways in which the U.S. government could influence the Mexican government to end the persecution. The K of C did this in the face of attempts by the Calles regime in Mexico to eliminate the organization and despite strong support for Calles in the United States from powerful groups like the Ku Klux Klan.

In the end, the pressure brought by the Knights of Columbus and others to end the conflict, and restore peace had an effect, and in 1929 the U.S. government helped broker an agreement between the Mexican government and the Catholic Church, which ended the worst of the persecution.

The history of the Christero War is the subject of the 2012 movie: *For Greater Glory*

**Vocation Ministry:** A Parish Vocation Workshop is being held June 8<sup>th</sup> from 9am-2:30pm at Our Lady of the Angels church in Randolph, VT. The day will include: witness talks, idea sharing, prayer, Mass and fellowship. All are invited; please call Diane Bailey at: 626-5889 to carpool.

**Congratulations to Fr. Pat Forman who is celebrating his 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination on June 3, 2019!**

### May 22<sup>nd</sup>: Feast of Saint Rita of Cascia

**SAINT RITA OF CASCIA** (Born Margherita Lotti 1381 – 22 May 1457) was an Italian widow and Augustinian nun. She was married before the age of 12. The marriage lasted for eighteen years, during which she is remembered for her Christian values as a model wife and mother who made efforts to convert her husband from his abusive behavior. Upon the murder of her husband by another feuding family, she sought to dissuade her sons from revenge.



Rita subsequently joined an Augustinian community of religious sisters, where she was known both for practicing mortification of the flesh and for the efficacy of her prayers. Various miracles are attributed to her intercession, and she is often portrayed with a bleeding wound on her forehead, which is understood to indicate a partial stigmata.

Pope Leo XIII canonized Rita on 24 May 1900. Her feast day is celebrated on 22<sup>nd</sup> of May. At her canonization ceremony she was bestowed the title of *Patroness of Impossible Causes*, while in many Catholic countries, Rita came to be known as the patroness of abused wives and heartbroken women.

### May 25<sup>th</sup>: Feast of Saint Gregory VII

The 10th century and the first half of the 11th were dark days for the Church, partly because the papacy was the pawn of various Roman families. In 1049, things began to change when Pope Leo IX, a reformer, was elected. He brought a young monk named Hildebrand to Rome as his counselor and special representative on important missions. Hildebrand was to become Pope Gregory VII.

Three evils plagued the Church then: simony—the buying and selling of sacred offices and things; the unlawful marriage of the clergy; and lay investiture—kings and nobles controlling the appointment of Church officials. To all of these Hildebrand directed his reformer's attention, first as counselor to the popes and later as pope himself.

Gregory's papal letters stress the role of the bishop of Rome as the vicar of Christ and the visible center of unity in the Church. He is well known for his long dispute with Holy Roman Emperor Henry IV over who should control the selection of bishops and abbots.

Gregory fiercely resisted any attack on the liberty of the Church. For this he suffered and finally died in exile. He said, "I have loved justice and hated iniquity; therefore, I die in exile." Thirty years later the Church finally won its struggle against lay investiture. The Liturgical Feast of Saint Gregory VII is May 25.

*"The last thing I ask of you — and I ask it in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ — is that you love him alone, that you trust implicitly in him and that you encourage one another continually to suffer for the love of him."*

*"Prayer ought to be humble, fervent, resigned, persevering, and accompanied with great reverence. One should consider that he stands in the presence of a God, and speaks with a Lord before whom the angels tremble from awe and fear."*

~ Saint Mary Magdalene de Pazzi. Her Feast Day is also May 25<sup>th</sup>.