

Third Sunday of Easter

Fr. Michael says.....

From aleteia.org, some interesting facts about the upcoming conclave:

- This is the largest conclave ever. There are 133 cardinal-electors who will participate in this year's conclave, out of a total of 135 eligible cardinals. The number of voting cardinals is theoretically limited to 120, but Pope Francis, like his predecessors, has used that number as a general target, not a strict limit. (As electors turn 80 or cardinals die, the number naturally decreases between consistories.)
- The youngest person in the conclave this year is Cardinal Mykola Bychok, 45 years old. Bychok is a Ukrainian Greek Catholic cardinal from Australia. He turned 45 on February 13, two months and one week after being elevated to the College of Cardinals.

The oldest cardinal-electors is Cardinal Carlos Osoro Sierra, the archbishop emeritus of Madrid. He is 79 years old, and he turns 80 on May 16, 2025. Had he been born just under a month earlier, he would have been too old to enter the conclave. Cardinals' eligibility is based on their age at the time of the pope's death.

- The 135 cardinal-electors come from six continents with Europe having the most. Italy alone has 17. The United States is second with 10, followed by Brazil with 7.
- There are five cardinal-electors in this conclave who have voted in two previous conclaves.
- There are 18 religious orders represented in the conclave including: Salesians, Franciscans, Jesuits, Dominicans, Lazarists, Redemptorists, Augustinians, Cistercians, and several more.

PRAYER FOR THE CONCLAVE AND THE ELECTION OF A NEW POPE:

O God, eternal shepherd, who govern your flock with unflinching care, grant in your boundless fatherly love a pastor for your Church who will please you by his holiness and to us show watchful care.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit.

God, for ever and ever. Amen.

(excerpt from the English translation of The Roman Missal 2010 International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation.)

<i>May God bless you for your goodness to His Church for the week of April 27th, 2025</i>	
Adult Collection	\$5,832.00
Children's Envelopes	\$2.00
Candles	\$162.00
SVdP	\$150.00
Improvement Fund	\$185.00
Loose	\$325.25
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Adult Collection	\$1,271.00
Children's Envelopes	\$0
Candles	\$68.00
SVdP	\$40.00
Improvement Fund	\$220.00
Loose	\$56.00

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS THIS WEEKEND!

Isaac Colins, Josephine Mary Collins, Luca Patrick DiCarlantonio, Braddock Goff, William Roy Heldreth, Robert James Hickle, Carson Kirsch, Jude Francis Liedel, Tyler Christian Lynskey, Natalia Antoinette Puorro, Matthew Pusateri, Henry Joseph Richards, Albus David Runkel, Jonah Dominic Schweitzer, Dominic Matthew Shepherd, Evelyn Marie Symington, Dominic Stanley Thorne and Francesca Mae Wallace.

This is a very important time in their lives when they first partake of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, and he becomes an intimate part of their being.

It is special occasions like this that remind all of us of how important our Lord in the Eucharist is to us.

Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

The Catholic Women's Club will sponsor a reception

to congratulate all First Communicants and their families, **immediately after today's 11:00am mass** in upper Sargus Hall. The Women's Club will provide gifts for those receiving their First Communion. There will be cake and light refreshments for everyone.



WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. 4:30pm	May 3 (BLS)	Third Sunday of Easter (Mary) Pat Wise (BLS friends)
Sun 8:00am	May 4 (BLS)	Third Sunday of Easter Bonnie Kaine (husband, Bob)
9:30am	(OLL)	Living & deceased members of our Wintersville parishes
11:00am	(BLS)	Rudy DiCarlo (Yolanda Almonte)
Mon. 8:00am	May 5 (BLS)	Easter Weekday Cynthia Rose Phillipson {BD} (Family)
Tues. 8:00am	May 6 (BLS)	Easter Weekday Geno & Liz Morelli {Anniv} (Family)
Wed. 8:00am	May 7 (BLS)	Easter Weekday Dolores Lapinski (Christine Peterson)
Thurs. 8:00am	May 8 (BLS)	Easter Weekday Kathy Corabi (Michael & Toni Gurskey)
5:15pm	(BLS)	Angie Soltis (Rosalie Falbo)
Fri. 8:00am	May 9 (BLS)	Easter Weekday Joseph DiNicola (Suzanne Synodinos & family)
Sat. 8:00am	May 10 (BLS)	Easter Weekday Betty Thress (Family & friends)
Sat. 4:30pm	May 10 (BLS)	Fourth Sunday of Easter Living & deceased members of our Wintersville parishes
Sun. 8:00am	May 11 (BLS)	Fourth Sunday of Easter Andrew Senecal (D'Aurora family)
9:30am	(OLL)	Mike Forcone (Neil & Amy Lynskey)
11:00am	(BLS)	Betty Holliday (husband, David)

The Witnesses of What Makes No Sense

by Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman ©LP

It never fails to amuse me that the disciples in today's Gospel don't recognize Jesus until he asks them to do something that makes absolutely no logical sense.

He's just some random stranger on the shore — until he gives them an order that, in any other circumstances, would have them rolling their eyes into the backs of their head: Drop the nets again. I know you haven't caught anything all night. I know you're tired. Just do it one more time. Trust me. Again.

That's when they recognize him.

The disciples display such poor recognition of Jesus after the resurrection. I'm sure there's a good, theologically sound



reason for it, one I am not smart enough to explain. Whatever that reason is, it's very clear that God was carefully orchestrating these moments of realization. He is trying to tell us something about how we recognize the risen Christ — the one who has conquered sin, the one whose love was stronger than death. The one who never made any sense, and never will, because his kingdom is not of this world, and to understand him — to recognize him — you have to detach from the priorities, the expectations, the limitations of this present world.

You have to be willing to do what makes no sense.

Love — again, even when it doesn't make sense.

Forgive — again, even when it doesn't make sense.

Believe — again, even when it doesn't make sense.

"We are the witnesses of these things," Peter tells the Sanhedrin (Acts 5:32). Peter, who was so full of joy when he recognized Jesus that he leapt into the sea, fully clothed, desperate to be near him.

It makes no sense, and that's okay. That's kind of our whole thing, as Christians. **We** are the witnesses of the things that make no sense.

**Please remember in your prayers the intentions
of our Holy Father, Pope Francis**

MAY

(For Working Conditions)

Let us pray that through work,
each person might find fulfillment,
families might be sustained in dignity,
and that society might be humanized.

In the hospital as of May 1:

Elizabeth Gentile,

Kitty Kleiner,

Robert Malcolm &

Terri Anne Pendleton





LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

May 10th & May 11th

Saturday 5/10

4:30pm

Lector: Mark Morelli

EMOCH: Jeff Aceto

Altar servers: Christian Mitchell

Sunday 5/11

8:00am

Lector: Michael Krog

EMOHC: William DiMichele

Altar servers: Symingtons

9:30am (OLL)

Lector: Beth Engle

Altar servers: (Volunteer)

11:00am

Lector: Dino & Rose Orsatti

EMOHC: Cindy Geger

Altar servers: Brynlee & Boen Benner
Peter Kissinger & Abigail Puorro

If you are unable to be at your designated ministry when you are scheduled, it is your responsibility to find a replacement. Thank you! Please don't just not show up.

PARISH NEWS / EVENTS

DONUT SUNDAY: Is also **THIS Sunday, May 4**, and will be held in conjunction with the reception for the first communicants in upper Sargus Hall after the 11:00am mass. What a wonderful way to gather and share in parish fellowship!



MAY PROCESSION: On **Sunday, May 11**, after the 11:00am mass, there will be a May Procession for the parish children. Weather permitting, the children will line up after mass and process to the Statue of the Blessed Mother. (If it rains, the procession will be inside the church). The child who will crown the Statue of the Blessed Mother will be chosen by placing the names of all children participating in a basket and the name drawn will be the child who crowns the Blessed Mother. We are recommending children participating be at least five years old and up. If you want your child to participate, please send an email to f_carinci@usa.net and give your child's name, and the parent's contact information

BLS CWC: Would like to thank all those who purchased items, baked items and worked the table after

all the mases for the Easter Bake Sale. It was a HUGE SUCCESS!

OLL CWC: Will hold their **annual cookout and auction** on **Tuesday, May 20**, beginning at 6:00pm. A sign-up sheet is posted in the back of the church. We are looking forward to seeing everyone there!

The winner of the 50 / 50 drawing for the month of April was Colton Wentz. Congratulations!

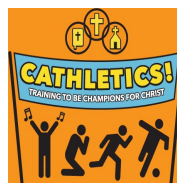
BLS / OLL BUS TRIP:

On Saturday, June 7th, we will be offering a **bus trip** to "**Holy Pittsburgh**". Some of the sites we will visit include the St. Anthony Chapel (home to an enormous collection of relics), Old Saint Patrick Church, St. Stanislaus Kostka Church, and the Historic Strip District.



The trip will cost \$129 a person (checks can be made out to Blessed Sacrament or Our Lady of Lourdes) and is organized by Wendt Touring. A flyer will be distributed in the coming weeks. Please let me know if you have any questions.

VBS CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!



VBS 2025 will be held at the Blessed Sacrament campus on **June 9-13** from **9am - 12pm** each day. This year's theme is: **Cathletics! Training to be Champions for Christ!**

VBS Volunteer Meeting

There will be a meeting this **Tuesday, May 6th**, at **7:00pm**, in **upper Sargus Hall** for anyone able to help out with Vacation Bible School this year. Come join the fun! We still need 10 more adults. Email Angelica Payne at WintersvilleParishesVBS@gmail.com with any questions. Service hours are available for teens. Participant registration is coming soon.

Wednesday in Wintersville is looking for your help!

Our first event will be on Wednesday, May 7th

May exhibit: Occupations

What we are looking for: tools, props and uniforms related to any occupation from vintage to modern day. Have an item to display? Contact Karen (740) 632-6572

May contest: Mint desserts

Wow the judges with your favorite mint dessert for a \$50 gift card!

Contact Monica to register (740) 424-9679