

Ascension of the Lord May 29, 2022 Acts of the Apostles

1:1-11 Ephesians 1:17-23 Luke 24:46-53

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sat. May 28 -Sacrament of Penance 11:30am – 12:00pm ST. PATRICK'S

3:00pm - 3:45pmST. ANDREW'S

4:00pm ST. ANDREW'S - Oliver Mackey by Ed & Sue Mackey Boyle

8:30am ST. PATRICK'S – Intentions of the People of the Parishes Sun May 29 –

10:30am CHURCH OF THE VISITATION - Kester Wells by Debbie, Rachel, & Chad

7:45am ST. ANDREW'S – Walter "Butch" Smutz by his wife & family Mon May 30 -

Tues May 31 - 8:30am CHURCH OF THE VISITATION - In thanksgiving for Fr. Garry Giroux

by the Women of Grace

9:00am LBSH - Margaret L. Bryant by family

Wed June 1 - 10:00am CHURCH OF THE VISITATION - Jim, Jeanette & Rodney Spencer by the family

Thurs June 2 - 8:30am CHURCH OF THE VISITATION - Donald "Smiley" LaBarge by Debbie & family

8:30am CHURCH OF THE VISITATION - Susan Regan by Ted & Kathie Ashley Fri. June 3 –

8:30am ST. PATRICK'S - Louise Giroux by Mona Bertrandt & Cherie Johnson

Sat. June 4 -Sacrament of Penance 11:30am – 12:00pm ST. PATRICK'S

> 3:00pm - 3:45pm ST. ANDREW'S

4:00pm ST. ANDREW'S – Intentions of the People of the Parishes

8:30am ST. PATRICK'S - Bill Demo by Julia Best & family Sun June 5 -

10:30am CHURCH OF THE VISITATION - Allison Todd by Debbie

SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp burned this week at St. Andrew's Church for Tommy Fiacco by Bonnie Peterson & Mike & Betty Orologio.

You can memorialize the sanctuary candle for an offering of \$10.00. Please contact the parish office.



Please join us for recitation of the Rosary every Sunday before Masses during the month of May.

GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING – TITHING

Parish of the Visitation and St. Raymond

May 21-22, 2022 - \$1,351.00 Adult Env. \$980.00/Plate \$62.00 Maintenance \$50.00. Catholic Charities \$25.00 Catholic Communications \$25.00, Ascension \$35.00 Catholic Home Missions \$145.00/Plate \$29.00

St. Andrew's Church

May 21-22, 2022 - \$2,929.00 Adult Env. \$1,957.00/Plate \$141.00 Maintenance \$150.00. Easter Flowers \$20.00. Ascension \$40.00, Catholic Charities 155.00 Home Missions - \$224.00/Plate \$112.00 Catholic Relief \$20.00, Central Eastern Europe \$20.00 Fuel \$70.00, Holy Land \$20.00

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PVSR PRAYER LINE – LET US PRAY

Please remember in your prayers our parish family and friends who suffer emotionally, spiritually, or physically especially for Sadie Cameron, Belinda Quinn and her children Erin, Breandan and Andrea, Peter Rodger, and for ALL who have been affected by Covid-19. If you wish to have someone listed for one month, please contact the Parish office at 315-384-4242.

Anyone from **Our Catholic Parishes** may request to have a person included in the bulletin for prayers. We will adhere to the practice of including a name for one month before removing it. Prayer can always be requested again at any time.

ST. ANDREW'S PRAYER LINE

Members of our Parish who would like a member of their family or a close friend put on our Prayer Line are asked to call either Doreen Valade @ 315-212-5729 or Ann Miller @ 315-353-2950. Please be sure the person we will be praying for agrees to this before you call. Everything you share with us is kept confidential.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

"There is a nobility in the duty to care for creation through little daily actions, and it's wonderful how education can bring about real changes in lifestyle".(Laudato Si') Jesus often uses nature to educate us how to live life to the fullest. What lessons have you learned from the patterns of the seasons and its creatures that have brought about changes in your lifestyle? i.e. Nature only uses what if needs.

WALK THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS WITH FR. CHRIS LOOBY
Join Fr. Chris Looby of St. Mary's Church in Ticonderoga
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November 5-13, 2022 on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land! Highlights will include visiting Caesarea, Church of the Transfiguration, Cana, Tiberias, Sea of Galilee, Mount of Beatitudes, Capernaum, Nazareth, Bethlehem, Church of the Nativity, Jerusalem, Mount of Olives, Church of the Holy Sepulcher, Western Wall, Via Dolorosa, Celebrate Mass Daily. Double \$4,249pp, Single \$5,049pp, Triple \$4,219pp. For more information contact Mary McIntosh at Watertown AAA at (315) 558-6372 or

www.route74catholics.org.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." (Revelations 22:13)
Our limited human understanding cannot

begin to understand the immense power of God. Instead of trusting in God, we often think we can control every outcome. Do you want to make God laugh? Tell Him your plans. The next time worry, anxiety or fear creeps in, thank God for all He has given you and trust that He has a better plan for you. Make God your first choice and not your last resort.



NORFOLK KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus are planning the return of their breakfast.

June 12th

Hope to see you there.

BROWNBAG CHAT SERIES

Evangelization Lunchtime Discussion via Zoom

The Office of New Evangelization will be running a new Brownbag Chat starting Wednesday, June 8 from noon-1pm via Zoom. We will use videos from **The Search Continues on Formed.org**. In each session, we will watch one or two short videos together via zoom and then have an informal discussion.

Description of the Series: The Search Continues is a series of Q&A interviews by Chris Stefanick with professors from the Augustine Institute. Based on some of the most searched questions on the internet on the Catholic faith, these videos accompany The Search and help facilitators with questions that might come in The Search group discussions.

If you would like to join us this series of lunch-time chat discussions, please sign up online at

https://www.rcdony.org/brownbag. For more information, contact Marika Donders at mdonders@rcdony.org.

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HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

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CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

Thank you for your generous support of last week's Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Your contribution helps to strengthen the Church and spread the Gospel across the United States. It's not too late to give!

Sacred Heart of Jesus, protect our priest Fr. Giroux in the midst of his work at our parishes St. Andrew's, The Parish of the Visitation and St. Raymond, and Brasher Falls. Comfort him in his afflictions. Give him health of body, assistance in his temporal needs, and your blessing on all that he does. We ask the Holy Spirit to come down and light his heart anew for the priesthood and help him to grow in holiness.



The North Country Catholic already detailed some of my background and my parish assignments. For those who may not have seen those details... I am currently serving as pastor of St. Paul's in Black River and St. Mary's in Evans

Mill. Previously I served as pastor in Gouverneur, Star Lake and Edwards; Old Forge, Inlet and Raquette Lake; Wells and Lake

Pleasant; temporary administrator in Croghan; parochial vicar in Saranac Lake and Lake Clear; Notre Dame in Malone and the Malone Catholic Parishes; as well as my home parish of Holy Family in Watertown.

I would also like to share with you a few more details. As already noted by the NCC, I am a native of Watertown and a 1990 graduate of Immaculate Heart Central High School. In the fall of that same year, I began my studies for the priesthood at Wadhams Hall Seminary-College in Ogdensburg, graduating in 1994. I continued by study and formation at St. John's Seminary School of Theology in Brighton, MA (Boston) in the fall of 1994 until 1996. During that time, in the fall of 1995, with the Bishop's approval, I accepted a commission into the Naval Reserve as a Chaplain Candidate, completing chaplains' school in Newport, RI in June of 1996, after which I spent some time on active duty aboard the USS Kearsarge LHD-3, even sailing through a hurricane. In the fall of 1996, I took a leave of absence from the seminary, having completed 2 years of theological studies in Boston (6 years into the 8 years of formation). Realizing my leave from the seminary would extend from one year into two, I resigned my commission and was honorably discharged in 1997. I am proud of that opportunity to have served.

During the subsequent years I worked retail jobs taking steps toward the goal of entering into a career in law enforcement. It was also during this time that I began my career in the volunteer fire service. However, after been away from seminary for two years I ultimately discerned

that it was time to return. In the fall of 1998, I did just that, first to a spiritual formation year in Pennsylvania, then returning to St. John's in August 1999, for my final two years of priestly formation and study. I was ordained by Bishop Gerald M. Barbarito on May 12, 2001.

After completing seminary and following ordination, I remained active in the fire service and also began service in law-enforcement chaplaincy as I journeyed through my various parish assignments. I have served in several departments (Glen Park, Saranac Lake, Duane, Croghan, Lake Pleasant & Old Forge) as a Chaplain and firefighter as well as a rescue diver. I continue to serve as a Chaplain for the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, Watertown Police Dept., FBI Albany, Jefferson County OEM, and the St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Office, having also previously served as Chaplain for the Franklin and Fulton County Sheriff's Offices and the Malone Police Dept. It is a privilege to serve those who protect and serve. I am grateful for the opportunities, blessings, and challenges that ministry has brought to my life.

I have had the privilege and blessing to the make three trips to Rome, being present for the papal inauguration of Pope Benedict XVI, and several canonizations including Saints Andre Bessette, Kateri Tekakwitha, Marianne Cope and others. Memories that still give me chills.

So many blessings of ministry in different places, among the people and communities of the north country and beyond. I look forward to the ministry opportunities and blessings that now lay before us as parish communities. I keep you in my prayer and ask that you do the same for me and all our priests, in particular all those who are preparing to take on new parish assignments and ministries, including Fr. Giroux. Be assured, I will do my best to bring you the good news of the Gospel... the call to faithful discipleship by means of the Sacraments which the Lord has left us, that we might grow in true holiness as those whom He has called by name, His friends, for whom he has laid down His life, that we may have life and have it to the full.

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