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Come Holy Spirit!
Fill the hearts of Your faithful
and kindle in them
the fire of Your love!

MASSES

Saturday5:00 PM Vigil Mass of Sunday
Sunday.....8:00 and 10:15 AM, 12:00 Noon
Holydays See bulletin for schedule
Daily Mass.....7:30 AM, Wednesday.....5:00pm only

CONFESSIONS

Saturday4:00-4:45PM or anytime by request

MAY 19, 2024 – PENTECOST SUNDAY

BAPTISMS: Please contact the rectory to schedule. Sponsor certificates for the Sacrament of Baptism (godparents) or the Sacrament of Confirmation can be obtained by seeing the Pastor after one of the weekend Masses.

WEDDINGS: Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance. A Marriage Preparation Program is required.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Please register in the parish by calling the Rectory.

St. Joseph Cemetery, Millbrook and St. Mary's Cemetery, Bangall: Call the Rectory for information.

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Sick calls: Anytime 845-677-3422

The **Knights of Columbus** will be serving coffee and tea after the 8:00am and the 10:15am Masses **THIS Sunday, May 19th**, in the Parish Hall.



Mass Readings

Pentecost Sunday — **Year B**. Today's readings can be found on **page 1006** in the hymnal.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, May 18th - **St. John I**

7:30am Fr. Michael Keane
Intentions of Ronn Wilt
5:00pm Thomas Bargo
Matthew Freiman

Sunday, May 19th - **PENTECOST SUNDAY**

8:00am People of the Parish
Patrick Spice
10:15am Charles and Alice Knipfing
Mary and Fred Paolucci
12:00pm Victor Troiano
Emily Kosakowski

Monday, May 20th - **The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church**

7:30am Michael Volino
Andrew Doro

Tuesday, May 21st - **St. Christopher Magallanes and Companions**

7:30am Special Intention
Vincent Turletes

Wednesday, May 22nd - **St. Rita of Cascia**

5:00pm Mark Loiacomo
Andrew Doro

Thursday, May 23rd -

7:30am Ron Todd
Salvatore Frank Culotta

Friday, May 24th -

7:30am Eleanor Kimmick
Andrew Doro

Saturday, May 25th - **St. Bede, St. Gregory VII, St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi**

7:30am Intentions of Fr. Bancroft
Craig Chamberlain
5:00pm Deceased Members of the Rahilly and Steller Families
Barbara Hines

Sunday, May 26th - **THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

8:00am People of the Parish
Colin Michael Bennett
10:15am Mary Briggs
Ted and Betty Briggs
12:00pm Elizabeth Colucci
David MacDonald

“The Imitation of Christ”



We meet on the first and third Monday of each month.

May's dates are the 6th & 20th

7:00pm in the Parish Hall

We will continue discussing “The Imitation of Christ” Book 1.

For more information call or text Donna Byrnes at 845-548-6298



The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

Feast Day — May 20th

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us!

SUPPORTING OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED

SPREADING KINDNESS... ONE CARE BAG AT A TIME...

Under the guidance of Millbrook Rotary, the Kindness Club at Alden Place Elementary and Jr. Interact at the Middle School recently packed 120 Care Bags. The students filled each bag with essentials and love, decorating them with beautiful drawings and heartfelt messages. The Care Bags have been distributed through local food pantries, including the Vine & Branches Food Closet at Immaculate Conception in Amenia. Many thanks to those who donated products for the Care Bags!

UNCLE AL'S THRIFT SHOP

Everything is looking up at Uncle Al's — that is, everything but prices!

Beginning tomorrow, Monday, May 19...

One-half price on clothing —

Ladies', Men's, Children's

(excluded from sale: blue tag, green tag, white tag)

Uncle Al's is open

Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 10:00am to 4:00pm

Saturday from 10:00am to 1:00pm

(closed Memorial Day, May 27)

From Fr. Bancroft

“You cannot pass. *I am a servant of the Secret Fire*, wielder of the flame of Anor.” Thus says Gandalf in JRR Tolkien’s *The Fellowship of the Ring*. “You cannot pass. The dark fire will not avail you, flame of Udûn. Go back to the Shadow! You cannot pass.”

Tolkien’s *Lord of the Rings* is often included in lists of the best books ever written, and was particularly popular when I was in high school with the release of movies based on it. It was an oft-used source for a number of early internet memes. But less known is the deep Catholic faith of Tolkien. He and his brother were raised by a priest after their mother died, and he was a daily Mass goer while teaching at Oxford. He would serve a pivotal role in the conversion of his friend, CS Lewis, to Christianity.

His stories grew out of his interests and were told to his children as they prepared for bed. Yet the grace of God infused all that he did. So his wizard was not just a powerful guy with a staff (kind of cool), but rather a servant of *the Secret Fire*, a quiet reference to the Holy Spirit (way cooler).

As we celebrate Pentecost today, may we as well be servants of the Holy Spirit, who descended on the apostles like “tongues of fire” (Acts 2:3), who is “another advocate to help [us] and be with [us] forever”. (Jn 14:16) He is the living flame that guides us and prays for us with words beyond expression.

Finally, as we are in the Eucharistic Revival, let me leave you with some of Tolkien’s words on the Eucharist to his son, Michael:

“Out of the darkness of my life, so much frustrated, I put before you the one great thing to love on earth: the Blessed Sacrament... There you will find romance, glory, honour, fidelity, and the true way of all your loves on earth, and more than that: Death: by the divine paradox, that which ends life, and demands the surrender of all, and yet by the taste — or foretaste— of which alone can what you seek in your earthly relationships (love, faithfulness, joy) be maintained, or take on that complexion of reality, of eternal endurance, which every man’s heart desires.” (Letter 43)

“The only cure for sagging or fainting faith is Communion. Though always itself, perfect and complete and inviolate, the Blessed Sacrament does not operate completely and once for all in any of us. Like the act of Faith it must be continuous and grow by exercise. Seven times a week is more nourishing than seven times at intervals.” (Letter 250)

Our Lady of Lourdes High School hosts Warrior Cup Golf Classic

The greens are calling and golfers are answering! Our Lady of Lourdes is thrilled to announce its upcoming golf tournament set to take place on June 27th at McCann Memorial Golf Course. Golf enthusiasts are invited to tee off for a great cause and enjoy a round of 18 holes of golf, breakfast, lunch and a cocktail reception, complete with exciting contests and prizes.

The tournament aims to raise funds to support Our Lady of Lourdes High School’s goal of delivering excellence in Catholic High School education. Whether you’re a seasoned pro or new to the game, all skill levels are welcome to join the fun and contribute to a meaningful cause. Registration details and sponsorship opportunities can be found at www.ollchs.org or call Christa Maserjian at 845-463-0400 ext. 1211. Don’t miss this opportunity to swing into action for a worthy cause while enjoying a day on the greens.

In Memory of

*Alice and Edward
Steller*



In Memory of

*Martin and Virge
Rahilly*

Altar Flowers

If you would like to donate the flower arrangements on the Altar, please stop by the Rectory to reserve the week. Each arrangement is \$30.00.

MARRIAGE



BANNS

II Adrian Poniatowski and Olivia Huffman

Spirit of Service Dinner

The Sixth Annual Catholic Charities Spirit of Service Dinner will be held on Thursday, **June 6** at Villa Borghese in Wappingers Falls honoring the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary, Joe Daily and Sun River Health/ Eastern Rural Health Network. Tickets are \$125.00 each with checks payable to Catholic Charities of Dutchess County. Event Sponsors and Journal Advertisements are welcome and needed.

Questions — SpiritofService@archny.org or 845-451-4299.

Parish Sick List

Please pray for our Parishioners who are ill, homebound or in our area Nursing Homes: Daisy Abruzzo, Tatum Allen, Lenny Anderson, Kathleen Blank, Martha Conners, Jason Fiore, Elise Haldenwang, Betsy Ketcham, Dorothea Matevichuk, Jackie Morrison, Dotty Mullaly, Jane Muller, Mary O'Keefe, Jill Philipbar, Robert Salberg, Lynne Schlude, William Still, Linda Ippolitto Sullivan, Gail Sweeney, Regina Syversen, Delia Castro Vives, Ronn Wilt, Jane Wisner, Betty Zitz.

Please pray for our recently departed:

The Souls in Purgatory

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

PARISH INFORMATION

Immaculate Conception, Amenia
Food Pantry 373-8193

Religious Education (CCD)
Molly Paglia 677-3273

Uncle Al's Thrift Shop 677-5002

St. Joseph's Women's Guild
Ellen Spagnoli 677-5607

Knights of Columbus
Gerard Spagnoli 677-5607

CYO Basketball
Kim Knittel 605-1383

Choir
Gene Canevari 399-0403

Men's Group
Michael Sugg 332-9092

Holy Father's Intentions for May 2024

For the Formation of Religious and Seminarians

We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.



VITA— Love Life

A Novena for Life — May 22-30 **Honoring the Feast of the Visitation**

On May 31st the Church commemorates the Blessed Mother's visit to her cousin Elizabeth and the encounter of Jesus and St. John the Baptist while in the wombs of their mothers.

Go to www.respectlife.org

*Born into the new
life of Christ in the
waters of Baptism*



Oríana Letizia Citterio



National Eucharistic Pilgrimage



May 24th 7am - 6pm

Our Youth Minister will lead a small group on an expedition of the Eucharist next Friday. We will meet in front of the Parish Hall at 7 am, visit 7 stops, and return by 6 pm. For sign ups and questions, please email st.josephsyouthmillbrook@gmail.com

ST. JOSEPH'S **YOUTH GROUP**

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PM

CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOLERS AND 8TH GRADERS! GET READY FOR AN EPIC GATHERING AT THE SCHOOL RIGHT AFTER THE 5PM VIGIL MASS. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT MOUTHWATERING BURGERS, SIZZLING HOT DOGS, THRILLING GAMES, AND SO MUCH MORE! DON'T FORGET TO BRING ALONG YOUR BUDDIES FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE FEAST AND FUN-FILLED EVENING!

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