

OUR LADY OF BISTRICA PARISH BULLETIN
(Week no. 17) - - FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - - APRIL 29, 2018
Rectory Office: 822-0818

MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF APRIL 29, 2018

- Saturday, April 28: 5:00 P.M. = dec:** Mary and Joseph Grgas (Birthday and wedding anniversary)
(Vigil Mass for Sunday) by daughter and son: Marie and Joseph Grgas.
Michael Roberts and Anna Klemenich (Birth remembrance) by Marie Grgas.
(+ 2nd Mass November 16 at 7:30 a.m.)
- Sunday, April 29: 9:00 a.m. = dec:** Frank Yakovac by Joanne Barbic.
(5th Sunday of Easter) Stephie Pecaric (Death anniversary) by daughter Anne and Shawn Pecaric-Cohan.
(+ 2nd Mass July 20 at 7:30 a.m.)
- 10:15 a.m. = dec:** Tomo Konta by Vlado and Perka Krešić and family.
Ante Višić (2nd death anniversary) by wife Jelka and children.
Anđa Krešić by Cuturic family.
(+ 2nd & 3rd Mass December 7 and December 13 at 7:30 a.m.)
- Monday, April 30: 7:30 a.m. = :** For all our parishioners.
(St. Pius V, Pope)
- Tuesday, May 1: 7:30 a.m. = :** For all our parishioners.
(St. Joseph the Worker)
- Wednes. May 2: 7:30 a.m. = dec:** Clark Petre by family and friends.
(St. Athanasius, Bp. & Dr. of the Church)
- Thursday, May 3: 7:30 a.m. = dec:** Robert Levulis by David Zak and family.
(Sts. Philip & James, Apostles) Ray Matwijko by wife Peggy and children.
- Friday, May 4: 7:30 a.m. = dec:** Clark Petre by family and friends.
(FIRST FRIDAY)
- Saturday, May 5: 7:30 a.m. = :** Special intention by Kujawski family.
(FIRST SATURDAY)
- 5:00 P.M. = dec:** Gary Schmidt by his sister Carol Boljkovac and family.
Ray Matwijko (Wedding anniversary remembrance) by wife Peggy and children.
ALSO: A special intention for Mr. & Mrs. Bruce and Rose Styn,
celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary,
by sister Katherine and David Bartolucci.
(+ 2nd & 3rd Mass January 16 and January 23 at 7:30 a.m.)
- Sunday, May 6: 9:00 a.m. = dec:** Domenica and Donato Suffoletta by Guy and Delia Ianarelli.
(6th Sunday of Easter) Sister Clarissa Zbodulja by Mrs. Donna Marie Chmiel
and Divine Mercy of Mother Mary.
(+2nd Mass Jan. 9 at 7:30 a.m.)
- 10:15 a.m. = dec:** For all souls in Purgatory.
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MONTH OF MAY IS DEDICATED TO BL. VIRGIN MARY

TODAY: Second collection is for the annual Catholic Home Mission Appeal. This funds essential ministries including seminary education and lay ministry training. Please be generous in strengthening the Church.

MONDAY: CCD class from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. First Communion class starts at 5:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2: No Bible Study tonight. Group will meet next Wednesday, and every other Wednesday thereafter.

THURSDAY: Medjugorje Prayer Group will meet at 7:30 p.m.

FIRST FRIDAY: Rosary, Litany and Benediction at 7:30 a.m. Mass.

FIRST SATURDAY: Special prayer at 7:30 a.m. Mass: "Act of Reparation for Blasphemies Against Blessed Virgin Mary."

YOUTH GROUP MEAT RAFFLE
WHERE: CARDINAL STEPINAC HALL
WHEN: FRIDAY, MAY 18, 2018

Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Raffle starts at 7:00 p.m.
Tickets \$5.00 per person. Or: reserve a table of 8 for \$35.00.

Ticket includes Beer, Pop and Roast Beef Sandwich.
Tickets are sold at the door, or to reserve, call the parish office at 822-0818 or contact Shawn/Annie Cohan at 860-1461 or

Lou/Anne Vertino at 796-7311.

Don't forget:

\$1 bills for raffles* snacks* and a cooler for your winnings
**SPREAD THE WORD, AND COME HAVE FUN,
AND SUPPORT THE PARISH!**

TODAY: 5th SUNDAY OF EASTER: The Lord very often compares His people with a "vineyard" in the Old Testament. "Let me sing for my beloved a love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines. He built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it. He looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes." (Isaiah 5,12). "What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it?" "And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove the hedge, and it shall be devoured. I will break down its walls, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste. It shall not be pruned or hoed, and briars and thorns shall grow up." (Isaiah 5, 4-5). Such is God's poem of love for the vineyard. The Jewish nation is no longer God's vineyard . . . it betrayed God's expectations and did not bring up some fruit which the vine grower expected. Now comes Jesus Christ, the true vine grower in whom and through whom a new God's vineyard began . . . a new God's people: the Church which will serve God anew. Jesus, as a new Israel, will bring overabundant fruits. He, as a vine, will be pruned, cleaned up, watered with His own blood to serve as a basis for new branches: you and me which will be grafted on Him. We are all these branches on that vine which is Christ. Jesus' words are: "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing." (John 15-5).

MESSAGE FROM MEDJUGORJE APRIL 25: "Dear children! Today I am calling you to live your new life with Jesus. May the Risen One give you strength to always be strong in the trials of life and to be faithful and persevering in prayer; because Jesus saved you by His wounds and by His Resurrection gave you new life. Pray, little children, and do not lose hope. May joy and peace be in your hearts and witness the joy that you are mine. I am with you and love you all with my motherly love. Thank you for having responded to my call." BVM.

PORUKA, 25. TRAVANJ: "Draga djeco! Danas vas pozivam da s Isusom živite vaš novi život. Nek vam Uskrsli dadne snagu da u kušnjama života budete uvijek jaki i u molitvi odani i ustrajni jer vas je Isus svojim ranama spasio i uskrsnućem dao novi život. Molite, dječice, i ne gubite nadu. U vašim srcima nek bude radost i mir i svjedočite radost da ste moji. Ja sam s vama i sve vas ljubim mojom majčinskom ljubavlju. Hvala vam što ste se odazvali mome pozivu." BVM.

DANAS: 5. NEDJELJA PO USKRSU: Već u starom Savezu Gospodin rado uspoređuje svoj narod s "vinogradom". "Moj je dragi imao vinograd, na brežuljku rodnome. Okopa ga, iskrči kamenje, posadi ga lozom plemenitom. Posred njega kulu podiže i u nj tjesak on metnu. Nadaše se da će uroditi groždem, a on izrodi vinjagu.Č (Iz 5, 1-2). Što još mogoh učiniti za svoj vinograd pa da nisam učinio? . . . Sad ću vam reći što ću učiniti od svog vinograda: plod ću mu soriti da ga opustoše, zidinu razvaliti da ga izgaze. U pustoš ću ga obratiti, ni obrezana ni okopana, nek u drač u trnje sav zaraste." (Is 5, 4-5). Tako glasi Božja pjesma ljubavi o vinogradu. Istom se poredbom kasnije služe proroci Hosea, Ezekijel i Jeremija. Sam Isus Krist također preuzma istu poredbu te, kako to svjedoči Matej (21, 33) govori o vinogradanima ubojicama. U današnjem tekstu nije više židovski narod Božji vinograd. On je iznevjerio Božje očekivanje, izrodio se, izopacio i nije donio rod koga je od njega očekivao vinogradar. Sad dolazi Isus Krist, pravi Vinogradar u kome i po kome Isus će kao novi Izrael donijeti preobilan plod. On nastaje novi Božji vinograd, novi Božji narod: Crkva, koja će služiti Bogu i ljudima. Isus će kao novi Izrael donijeti plod. On će kao trs biti "obrezan i očišćen, zaliven vlastitom krvlju, da može poslužiti kao "podloga", na koju će biti nakalemijene nove mladice . . . svi smo mi mladice na tom Trsu, koje je Krist. Njegove su riječi: "Ja sam trs, vi ste mladice. Tko ostaje u meni i ja u njemu, rodi mnogo roda. Jer bez mene ne možete ništa učiniti!" (Iv 15, 5).

SAVE THE DATE: WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 2018

TOLTON, FROM SLAVE TO PRIEST, a touring St. Luke Production of the life of America's first black Catholic priest will be presented in our Cardinal Stepinac Auditorium at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 23rd. Performed live by Jim Coleman. Admission: Free-Will Offering. Tickets and information: call our rectory at 822-0818. Sponsored by Paul & Susan Santandreu and the Diocese of Buffalo. Recommended for age 10 and up. Seating is limited to 375. Doors will open at 5:30 PM. Groups of 10 or larger please call Shawn 716-860-1461 to reserve seats.

LECTORS THIS WEEKEND:

5:00 p.m.: Richard Moretti
9:00 a.m. Jim Carr
10:15 a.m. Zdenka Juric

LECTORS MAY 5 & 6:

5:00 p.m.: David Petrus
9:00 a.m.: Jim Carr
10:15 a.m.: Zdenka Juric