

OUR LADY OF BISTRICA PARISH BULLETIN
(Week no. 17) - FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER- May 2, 2021
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MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF May 2, 2021

Mass is in the church at a 1/3 capacity maximum for people who comply with the CDC guidelines of wearing masks and distancing by household. The dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday & Holy Day Masses remains in place. All who are especially vulnerable or simply uncomfortable attending a public liturgy are encouraged to remain at home and view Mass via livestreams, which will continue in local parishes.

Saturday, May 1 : 5:00 pm : dec: Thomas Sarach by Vincent and Janet Dragone. Adam and Emily Schenck by
(Vigil Mass for Sunday) grandson, Gregory Schenck. (+ 2nd Mass Sept. 23, 7:30 AM)

Sunday, May 2 : 10:00 am: dec: Danica Juka(Death Anniversary) by husband, Ante Juka.
(FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER)
11:30 am: dec: Emma Pericak by Dominic and Tina Salemi. Barbara Kolenko Druzvik
(Death anniv) by Al Druzvik and family. (+ 2nd Mass Oct. 5, 7:30 AM)

Monday, May 3 : 7:30 am: : All our parishioners.
(Sts Philip & James, Apostles)

Tuesday, May 4 : 7:30 am: dec: Michael Sarick by wife,Christine and family. Helen Levulis by Kathy and
Simon Manka.
(Easter Weekday)

Wednesday, May 5 : 7:30 am: dec: Joseph and Mary Grgas by Anthony and Margaret Grgas and family.
Ivica Cačić by (Easter Weekday) Steve and Elizabeth Miletic.

Thursday, May 6 : 7:30 am: dec: Vincent Thomas by Sophie Dzioba.
(USA National Day of Prayer)

Friday, May 7 : 7:30 am: dec: Bernadette Szematowicz by John Pauczytowski.
(Easter Weekday)

Saturday, May 8: 7:30 am : dec: A Special intention of the Kujawski family.
(Easter Weekday)
(Vigil Mass for Sunday) 5:00 pm : dec: Living and deceased members of the Schenck & Hanslick families by
Gregory Schenck. Phyllis Urban (Birth remem) by daughter, Janet and
Vincent Dragone and family.
(+ 2nd Mass Oct. 21, 7:30 AM)

Sunday, May 9 : 10:00 am : dec: Tomo Konta i Anđa Krešić by Vlado and Perka Krešić and family.
(SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER)
11:30 am: dec: Lillian Manka (Mother's Day) by daughter, Linda, Karl, Christopher, and Stacy
Kovacs.
Patricia Bartokvich (Mother's Day) by the family. (+ 2nd Mass Oct. 26, 7:30
AM)

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TODAY: SUNDAY: MAY 2: BBQ Chicken Dinner- \$12..

11 AM-2PM or sell out; Drive-thru or pick up in hall.
Limited seating available in hall for those following Covid guidelines.

DONATIONS: \$1000- Lombardo Funeral Homes, \$700- James and Lois Hooper. Thank-you for your generosity.

PARISHIONER INFORMATION: Last week's Sunday collection: \$

SUNDAY: May 23: Fr. Christopher's 50th Ordination Anniversary Mass & Picnic.
Mass at 11:30 AM (no Croatian Mass) Picnic begins at **1 PM. Tickets must be purchased in advance for the picnic. \$25-** includes 1/4 chicken, pork sandwich, green salad, Croatian potato salad, beverages and cake as well as money for a gift for Fr. Chris. There will be a guest book for recording names and memories. Any extra money will go to Father toward purchasing air fare when it is once again safe to visit Croatia.

Today's readings: Acts 9:26-31; Psalm 22; 1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8

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. . .What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done ?" 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: 1-2,4-5). Such is Gods poem of love for the vineyard. The Jewish nation is no longer God's vineyard . . . it betrayed God's expectations and did not produce the fruit which the vine grower expected. Now comes Jesus Christ, the true vine in whom and through whom God's new vineyard began . . . a new people of God: the Church which will serve God anew Jesus, as a new Israel, will produce overabundant fruit. He, as a vine, will be pruned, and watered with His own blood yielding new branches. You and I will be grafted onto Him. We are the 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).

CONFESSIONS: Every **Saturday from 3-4 PM** and before all weekend Masses.

The film, **PRAY**, is the story of the life of **Fr. Patrick Peyton** will inspire you as it did millions of people during his ministry. As Fr. Peyton said:"The family that prays together stays together". See the movie At the **Historic Hamburg Palace Theater**. 31 Buffalo Street, Hamburg Village, **Saturday, May 8th at 3 PM**. View the PRAY trailer at: PrayTheFilm.com https://youtu.be/zt_r5GWpQqs. Due to COVID Restrictions you must **register to attend**. Phone Dolly Verdi at 716- 868-2049; email faithfilmsfowny@gmail.com

VOCATIONS: "Remain in me... I am the vine, you are the branches." Could there be any doubt that Jesus is talking about communion in His True Body & Blood in the Eucharist? We need priests to continue consecrating this amazing gift at the altar. If you feel the call, talk with Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visitbuffalovocations.org.

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. . . 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 5:1-2, 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 govori o vinogradarima ubojicama. U današnjem tekstu nije više židovski narod Božji vinograd. On je iznevjerio Božje očekivanje, izrodio se, izopačio i nije donio rod koga je od njega očekivao vinogradar. Sad dolazi Isus Krist, pravi Vinogradar u kome i po kome 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 nakalemiljene 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).

Catholic Charities Chemical Dependency Treatment Program in Buffalo has immediate openings. The outpatient program is New York State OASAS licensed and aims to treat addiction with a combination of therapy and medicine. Information on the program can be found at www.ccnw.org/addiction. To begin the referral process, call Central Intake at 716-895-1033.

Your **Catholic Charity Cards** have been mailed. Return your donations as soon as possible.(collection plate, rectory, or directly downtown). We are more than halfway to our goal.

Do not come to church if you are feeling unwell -- Although the holy water fonts will be empty, please make the sign of the cross as you enter the church.-- Each member of the faithful over 2 yrs old will be required to wear a mask and social distance by households when attending Mass-- Only one communion line with distance spacing-- Communion will only be distributed on the hand. Masks will be worn. --

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
in re The Diocese of Buffalo N.Y.**

Case No. 20-10322

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT, On February 28, 2020, The Diocese of Buffalo N.Y., ("Diocese") filed for protection under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code"). **The Bankruptcy Court has established August 14, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. (prevailing Eastern time) as the deadline to file proofs of claim against the Diocese (the "Bar Date").** If you have a claim against the Diocese, including, without limitation, a claim related to sexual abuse committed by any person connected with the Diocese, you must file a claim on or before the Bar Date. Please visit <https://case.stretto.com/diocesefofbuffalo> or call 855-292-7696 for more information on how to file your proof of claim. **IF YOU DO NOT TIMELY FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM, YOU MAY FORFEIT YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE ON ANY PLAN OF REORGANIZATION AND TO SHARE IN ANY DISTRIBUTIONS TO CREDITORS IN CONNECTION WITH THE DIOCESE'S CHAPTER 11 CASE.**

Songs of the Soul," a live religious concert by musician and songwriter, **Rev. Bill Quinlivan, on Monday, May 17 from 7-8 pm at Our Lady of Pompeii Church, 129 Laverack Ave., Lancaster.** You are invited to experience how the glory of God can sing out through our lives. Due to social distancing restrictions, **reservations are required.** Call 716-683-6522 to make a reservation or for more information.