

**OUR LADY OF BISTRICA PARISH BULLETIN**  
**(Week no. 18) - SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER- May 9, 2021**  
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**MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF May 9, 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 8 : 5:00 pm : dec:** Living and deceased members of the Schenck & Hanslick families by Gregory Schenck. (Vigil Mass for Sunday) 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)  
**Mother's Day 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)
- Monday, May 10 : 7:30 am: dec:** In honor of the Bl. Ivan Mertz by Anthony and Margaret Grgas and family.  
(St Damien de Veuster, Priest)
- Tuesday, May 11 : 7:30 am: dec:** Joan Frocschle by Sophie Dzioba.  
(Easter Weekday)
- Wednesday, May 12 : 7:30 am: dec:** Paul Van Dooser by Mrs Marie Leman.  
(Sts. Nereus, Achilleus, Pancras, Martyrs)
- Thursday, May 13 : 9:00 am: dec:** Paul Van Dooser by Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Gawronski.  
(THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD)  
**10:15 am: :** All our parishioners.  
**7:00 pm: dec:** All souls in purgatory.
- Friday, May 14: 7:30 am: dec:** John Connolly by Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Gawronski..  
(St Matthew, Apostle)
- Saturday, May 15 : 7:30 am : dec:** Living and deceased of the Reisch family by Phyllis Petre.  
(Easter Weekday)  
(Vigil Mass for Sunday) **5:00 pm : dec:** Msgr Shawnessy Mulloney FSP by Shawn and Anne Pecaric-Cohan. A Special intention of Judy and David Petrus. (+ 2nd Mass Oct. 29, 7:30 AM)
- Sunday, May 16 : 10:00 am : dec:** All our parishioners.  
(SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER)  
**11:30 am: dec:** A Special intention of Ellen Snyder by Phyllis Petre. Elizabeth Posenjak by Sara Hrizak. (+ 2nd Mass Oct. 26, 7:30 AM)

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**TODAY:** Congratulations to Gianna Marie Mauro, who is making her Sacrament of First Communion at the 11:30 AM Mass.

**MONDAY: CCD 6 PM**

**TUESDAY : MAY 11TH: Parish Council & Anniversary Committee Meeting 7 PM**

**THURSDAY: Feast of the Ascension-** A Holy Day of Obligation. English Masses at **9 AM & 7 PM**. Croatian Mass at **10:15 AM**. **NO VIGIL MASS ON WEDNESDAY.** *The dispensation from the obligation to attend Holy Day Masses remains in place if you are especially vulnerable or simply uncomfortable attending a public liturgy.*

**DONATIONS:** \$100- in memory of Marie Grgas by Anthony and Margaret Grgas and family. \$250- in memory of Marie Grgas by N.N.

Thank you for your generosity.

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

**Next Week:** A second collection for our **utilities**.

**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.. **Please get your tickets or reserve your spot as soon as possible,**

**Today's readings:** Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48 Psalm 98; 1 John 4:7-10; John 15: 9-17

**TODAY: 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER:** It is very beautiful to speak about love, but the question is: "What truly IS love? What does **'to love'** mean? Does it mean not to speak evil against someone? Not to hurt anyone? To be polite to everyone?" **TO LOVE TRULY** means to keep God's commandments. Our Lord, who loved His Heavenly Father above everything and everybody, showed that to us. Jesus said: **"If you keep My commandments you will abide in My Love just as I have kept My Father's commandments, and abide in His Love."** (Jn 15:10). To love means to give your life for the person you love. **There is no greater love than when one gives his life for his friends.** A person truly loves if he is ready to sacrifice his life for the welfare of his loved ones. To love brings fruit that will remain; for example: *helping the poor, and others with needs.* Charity is important in our lives. We help others so that they might help themselves. **We have to rebuild our relations with people and communities, with emphasis on the importance of the commandment of LOVE.**

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

**VOCATIONS:** "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends," Jesus tells us. This does not always mean one heroic act of self-sacrifice. It can also be a life laid down in daily self-denial & service to others. The priesthood is just such a life. There is no greater love! To learn more, call Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit [buffalovocations.org](http://buffalovocations.org).

**DANAS: 6. NEDJELJA PO USKRSU:** Lijepo je govoriti o ljubavi, no postavlja se pitanje: "Što zapravo znači ljubiti? Da li to znači: ne govoriti ništa protiv koga? Ili možda čuvati se svake uvrede koja se može nanijeti drugome? Ili možda biti uljudan i otmjen prema svima? Što zapravo znači istinski i pravo ljubiti? . . . Ljubiti znači ponajprije i iznad svega držati Božje zapovijedi. To nam je najbolje pokazao sam Gospodin, koji je sigurno najviše i iznad svega ljubio svoga nebeskog Oca. Isusove riječi: **"Ostat ćete u mojoj ljubavi ako budete vršili moje zapovijedi, kao što sam i ja vršio zapovijedi Oca svog te ostajem u njegovoj ljubavi!"** (Iv 15: 10). **LJUBITI** znači dati svoj život za one koje ljubiš: "Nema veće ljubavi od ove da netko svoj život daruje za druge." Ljubi istinski onaj, koji je spreman na totalnu žrtvu samoga sebe u korist ljubljenoga. **LJUBITI** znači **donositi plod, koji ostaje.** Dobro je iz motiva ljubavi pomagati siromahe, ljude u najrazličitijim životnim potrebama. Karitativna djela nisu od male važnosti, po njima se mijenja situacija svijeta. Trebalo bi djela mijenjati ljude u nevolji na taj način pomoći da ih se osposobi da sami sebi pomažu i oslobađaju se nevolja koje su ih stisle. Nije dosta slati hranu gladnima nego ih naučiti da malo po malo sami sebi pomažu.

**HOPE Day – May 14.** This year the annual Appeal's one-day "above and beyond" fundraising effort, takes place on Friday, May 14. Last year donors contributed nearly \$359,000 in 24 hours and this year we are striving for that same success. Follow our Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts for details on how you can make a contribution this Friday. **The Marriage Counseling Center, has moved to the Appletree Business Park** in Cheektowaga, NY. Most insurances plans are accepted. Sliding scale fees and payment plans are available. Couples and individuals may be self-referred. Call 716-681-7394 for more information

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. --

**"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.

**Weidner's Drive-thru Chicken Dinner** will be held on Friday, **June 25** from **12-6 pm at Notre Dame Academy, 1125 Abbott Rd., Buffalo** (across from St. Martin of Tours). \$12. Cash, credit or check accepted; no pre-sales.