



St. Vincent's Site

50 EAST AVENUE, ATTICA 14011



St. Joseph's Site

2311 ATTICA ROAD, VARYSBURG 14167

May 15, 2022



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HOLY EUCHARIST:

If you know of someone in the parish who is homebound and would like Holy Communion, please call.

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday, Varysburg....4:00-4:15 pm
 Sunday, Attica.....7:30-7:45 am
 Also by appointment.

BAPTISMS:

Are celebrated during or after the Masses. Call the office.

TO BE A SPONSOR: You must be baptized, confirmed and attending Mass every week.

MARRIAGES:

Call for an appointment as soon as you make your commitment.

ANointing OF THE SICK:

Call the office as soon as possible.

HOSPITAL VISITATIONS:

Please let us know when you or a loved one is in the hospital.

NEW PARISHIONERS:

New members are welcome to join our faith community.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 15, 2022

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, May 16

No Mass

Tuesday, May 17 – Varysburg, 8:30 am

Richard & Marcia Fronczyk

By Richard & Alice Malicki

Wednesday, May 18 – Attica, 8:30 am

Communion Service

Thursday, May 19 – Varysburg, 8:30 am

Communion Service

Friday, May 20 – Attica, 8:30 am

Parishioners

Saturday, May 21 – Varysburg, 4:30 pm

Fr. Jim Fugle

By Chuck & Joan Williams

Sunday, May 22 – Attica, 8:00 am

JoAnne Doll

By Henry

– Varysburg, 9:30 am

Debbie Boxler

By Don & Sue Pawlak & Family

– Attica, 11:00 am

Mae Werner

By Werner Family

Liturgy for Next Week, 6th Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 Ps: 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8

2nd Reading: Rev 21:10-14, 22-23 Gospel: Jn 14:23-29

Congratulations to Betty Beglinger who received the St. Joseph the Worker Award on Sunday, May 8, at our 9:30 Mass. Father George thanked her for her many hours of volunteer time at the rectory and also at our Varysburg site.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Hallvard

May 15 Memorial



According to tradition, Hallvard, born in 1020, was a Norwegian son of royalty. He became a trader in the Baltic islands. One day he was about to cross the Drammen fjord in his boat when a woman ran up to him begging his help. She claimed she was being falsely accused of theft and feared for her life. Hallvard took her aboard, but the pursuers reached them before he could push off. He offered to make restitution to them, but they demanded that he give her up. He refused, saying the woman swore she was innocent. One of the pursuers shot and killed Hallvard and the woman with bow and arrows. The mob attached a stone to Hallvard's body and cast it into the sea. But it came back up to the surface and floated. Then the whole story came out and Hallvard became revered as a martyr. His body had been enshrined at Christ Church because he had died in defense of innocence, in the best spirit of chivalry. The connection of St. Hallvard to the city of Oslo is evidenced by the fact that his image has been recorded in the city's seal since the Middle Ages. The municipality's highest honor, the Saint Hallvard Medal, was named after him in 1950. Hallvard is recognized as the Patron of Oslo.

Social Committee will meet Friday, May 20, at 6:30 pm in the Attica church basement. The winners for our Cash Raffle will be drawn at 7:00. Everyone is invited to attend this drawing.

Please be sure to return all tickets, sold or unsold ahead of time. Thank you to all who participated in this parish fundraiser.



Catholic Charities of WNY served 125,600 persons in 2021, through 57 various programs, in 80 locations within eight counties. Lend a hand to a fellow Western New Yorker. To give to Catholic Charities and the Fund for the Faith visit: ccwny.org/donation.

WEEKLY GIVING — May 8

Regular.....\$4464.00
Buildings & Repairs.....\$616.00
Last Year 5/9.....\$7601.00

*Thank you for your generosity!
Remember your church in your will.*

A FAMILY PRAYER FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

**Most Holy Mother
Mary, Pray for us and
for the members of
our family, that we
may always resolve
our differences and
forgive each other**



**quickly; that we stay close to you and your
divine Son, Jesus; that we may cherish each
other, be patient with each other, and love
one another as you, most Blessed Mother
Mary, and Almighty God love us. Amen.**

**Last Youth & Parent Program:
Monday, 5/16, 6:30-8 pm**

**Closing Liturgy:
Sunday, 6/7, 11 am**

**Confirmation:
Sunday, 6/26, 11 am**

1 PETER 3:15

*"Always be prepared to make a defense to anyone
who calls you to account for the hope that is in you."*

WHAT DOES THE BOOK OF REVELATION MEAN?

During the Easter Season our second reading at Sunday Mass is taken from the Book of Revelation. It is the only prophetic book in the New Testament. Its name is from the Greek word meaning "unveiling" and was probably written around AD 95 during the reign of cruel Emperor Diocletian. Tradition attributes its writing to the apostle John's visions of things that are both terrifying and comforting. Since it speaks in symbols, it is hard to understand and interpret. But the main message, in spite of many tribulations indicated, says God will preserve his people. These symbols should be interpreted for their deeper meaning, not taken literally. Some are numbers, such as: 7 meaning perfection, 6 meaning imperfection, 1000 meaning eternity. The four creatures can refer to the four Evangelists, Babylon refers to Rome, the dragon is Satan, horns and eyes mean power and knowledge. Christ is also symbolized as the Paschal Lamb, the Alpha and Omega, the Root of David and the Lion of Judah. Although many believe the Book of Revelation describes events that will unfold at the end of the world, we should recognize that it probably was written for the persecuted Christians in the Roman Empire. Its message tells them and us that we must persevere and that good will triumph over evil, those who hope in Christ will prevail, and we must hold on to faith in times of persecution. According to the Book of Revelation, God will preserve his people and bring them to the Heavenly Jerusalem.

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honor, alleluia (Rev. 5:12).

Our Diocese is participating in the world-wide Synod called by Pope Francis. This is an exciting chance to have our voices heard concerning our Church and the future. "Listening Sessions," shown at the right, will allow you to be part of the process. Sign up at: www.buffalodiocese.org/synod. Space is limited, but if you are closed out, there will be other chances to participate during this summer and fall.

Listening session to hear the voices of....	Location	Date
Anyone (Downtown)	Catholic Health, 144 Genesee St.	May 14, 10:30 AM
Anyone (Virtual)	Zoom	May 16, 7PM
Women	UB Newman Center	May 16, 7PM
Young Adults	St. Benedicts	May 17, 7PM
Anyone (Southtowns)	Immaculate Conception	May 19, 6:30 PM
Anyone (North)	The St. Leo Church Parish Center of St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Niagara Falls	May 23 rd , 6:30 PM
Young Adults (South)	St John Paul II Parish Community Room 2052 Lakeview Rd, Lake View, NY	May 24 th , 7:30-9 PM
Anyone (Downtown)	Catholic Health, 144 Genesee St.	May 24 th , 5:30 PM
Anyone (Northtowns)	UB Newman Center	May 31, 7 PM

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND OF May 21 & 22

	EUCCHARIST	LECTORS
4:30 pm	H Frank Nappo C Jim Kelly C Kathy Roberts	Jim Kelly
8:00 am	H Jack Kellner C Debbie Landowski C Jerry Landowski	Dave Ciurzynski
9:30 am	H Lisa Simons C Janet Librock C Patty Hughes	Susan Neamon
11:00 am	H Terry Dick C Scott Beck C Paula Beck	Amy Fontaine

OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS

Improbable as it is for snow to fall during August, history tells of a snowfall that seemed more impossible, namely in Rome on August 5, 352. There lived in the Eternal City a nobleman, John and his childless wife, who had been blessed with much. They chose the Mother of God as the heir to their fortune and, at the suggestion of Pope Liberius, prayed that she might make known to them how to do this. In answer during the night of August 5, the Virgin Mother appeared to the couple and the pope, directing them to build a church in her honor on the Esquiline Hill. John asked for a sign—that snow would cover the top of the hill. In the morning they found snow had fallen in a pattern showing the outline of the future church. When it became known that the snow was a sign from Mary, the people added “Our Lady of the Snows” to her list of titles. The church built there to replace the original is now known as Saint Mary Major, the focal point of devotion for many of Mary’s millions of children, one of the most popular churches in the world.



Coming Soon! Cleaning & planting at Our Lady's Candle Cave in Varysburg, the week of May 25. Details coming...

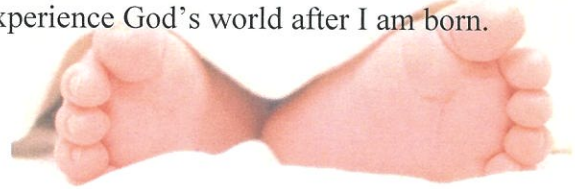
Let us pray for those who have died, for those in the military and their families, and for those in need of God's healing:

Apr~ Don Shaw, Geno Slepinski, Maria C., Peter Milen, Kirk Cochrane, Joe Krugel, Burke Markle, Joanne Wert, Hunter Elliott, Stephinie & Chris, Deacon Ed Birmingham, Jerry Romesser, Ed Romesser
May~ Mike Grisko & Family, Bernice Rauth, Debbie Beach, Jonathan, Mauricio Gomez, Jim McNall, Jim Kaney, Howard Barraclough, Regina Fortini, Joan Emens, Mary Sheehan



SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM

Please keep praying for me! I am two months old now and about two inches long. Look! You can see my eyes, nose and mouth which I will surely use to experience God's world after I am born.



You know you are Catholic when someone asks what your favorite Madonna song is and you say “Hail, Holy Queen.”



WACY WARRIOR RETREAT, May 20-22.

Friday, 6:30 pm till Sunday, 11 am Mass.

Held at Alexander Steam Show grounds.

Parish Activities

- ~Monday, 5/16, Youth FF & Parent Program, 6:30-8 pm in Aud.
- ~Wednesday, 5/18, Young Adults, 6:30 pm, Attica basement
- ~Friday, 5/20, Cash Raffle Drawing, 7:00 pm, Attica basement
- ~Tuesday, 5/24, Men's Group, 7 pm, Attica basement

Outside Activities

- ~Sunday, 5/15, Chicken BBQ. St. John Neumann, at Weber Hall. 11 am till sold out. Drive-thru only. \$14.
- ~Monday, 5/16, Inspirational Concert: Healing, Rejoicing, Praying with Mary Palmer. Our Lady of Pompeii, Lancaster, 7-8 pm. Free will offering
- ~Saturday, 5/21, One-of-a-Kind Auction. St. John Neumann Parish at Weber Hall. Noon start. Religious artifacts, etc. Food available.
- ~Sunday, 5/22, Chicken BBQ, Immaculate Conception, East Bethany. 11:15 till sold out. \$15 dinner or \$8 for chicken only.
- ~Sunday, 5/29, Chicken BBQ. Curriers Grange, Arcade. Noon to 4 pm. Adults \$13, kids under 12 \$6.50, under 5 free. Info at 585-737-1803