

Fourth Sunday of Easter: Good Shepherd Sunday

Entrance Antiphon: "The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia." Cf. Ps 33 (32): 5-6

Communion Antiphon: "The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia."

Reflection for this Sunday: On the 4th Sunday of Easter Year C, also known as Good Shepherd Sunday, we are invited to reflect deeply on Jesus as our caring and guiding Shepherd. This special Sunday highlights the powerful imagery of Jesus calling each of us by name, leading us with love, and inviting all people into His flock. The readings focus on hearing His voice, boldly sharing the Good News, and embracing the inclusive nature of His call. We are inspired by the courage of Paul and Barnabas, who despite facing many challenges, remained faithful in proclaiming the message of Jesus so that others could recognize His voice and follow Him. Just as they were bold and faithful, we too are called to speak and live our faith through acts of love, kindness, and testimony, helping others to encounter the voice of the Good Shepherd in their own lives. The vision in Revelation reminds us that salvation is not limited—it is offered to all, and Jesus desires that everyone, regardless of background, hears His voice and becomes part of the great multitude standing before God. As we navigate the distractions of the world, we are encouraged to seek quiet moments where we can truly listen to Jesus, who speaks not only to prophets and priests, but to each of us with personal love and guidance. On this Good Shepherd Sunday, we also joyfully celebrate Mother’s Day—a beautiful opportunity to give thanks and offer heartfelt prayers for all mothers, grandmothers, and god-mothers who, in their own way, reflect the love, care, and guidance of the Good Shepherd. May God bless them abundantly for their sacrifices, nurturing hearts, and the faith they pass on. Let us honor them today with gratitude and love, and entrust them to the gentle care of Jesus, our Shepherd.

Father Gilbert Menard 70th Anniversary: Father Gilbert (Gibby) Menard, our former pastor, high school teacher, seminary professor and all around beloved priest, will be marking 70 years as a priest. This is a remarkable event for our Church and for Father. Because he has limited public events, we are asking for a gift of cards. You can be certain that these cards of congratulations, prayers, and thanksgiving will be gratefully received by Father. Cards should be sent by May 19th. Please address them: **Rev. Gilbert Menard, 2679 State Route 11, Mooers, New York 12958.** They will be presented to Father around the time of his anniversary, May 21st, 2025.

Increased Offertory Program : Our Increased Offertory Program is now underway. Please respond by using the response envelope enclosed with the letter you received from Father this week. The participation of ALL parishioners is essential for the success of this effort. If you increased your weekly offering but did not use the special envelope, please do so next weekend so we can acknowledge your response properly.

Domestic Mission Opportunity: The North Country Mission of Hope is now accepting inquiries and applications for our third domestic mission trip to the Appalachian region of southeast Kentucky from August 9th - 15th, 2025. This mission opportunity is open to anyone 14 and older. It is a wonderful experience for students to expand their worldview, for parents or grandparents and children to bond over a shared service experience, or a chance for you to answer the call to serve others. If you want more information and projected costs, please email me @ jpcarlin1963@gmail.com, and I will forward you additional information.

St. Ann's 7th Annual Car Show: Festival of Cars, Mooers Forks, Sunday, June 1, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Craft Fair, Theme Baskets Raffle, Food & Entertainment. Kids Power Wheels Show Entry Fee \$10; Hot Wheel Races Kids fee \$5 & Adults fee \$ 10; Top 40 Picks and Special Awards at 3 p.m. Vehicle Pre-Register \$15 or \$20 Day of the Show between 11 a.m. & 1 p.m. Craft Table \$20 Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Cheeseburgers, Sausage, Slaw Dogs, French Fries, Poutine, Drinks St. Ann's Grounds, 24 Town Hall Rd, Mooers Forks Contact for More Information: Don Parras Phone Number: 518-236-7200 or 518-565-6754

CDA#1548 Meeting May 12th @ 6pm. *CDA#1548 are now collecting New Baby items for Birthright in the Month of May. Please leave them in the basket in the Back of the Church.

Ordination to the Order of the Diaconate: Through the laying on of hands and the invocation of the Holy Spirit, the Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley, Bishop of Ogdensburg, will Ordain to the Order of Deacon Mr. Michelet Boncoeur, Mr. Tyler Martin Fitzgerald and Mr. Dennis Mamwaha Ombongi. You are cordially invited to join in the Ordination Liturgy on Saturday, May 24, 2025 at 11:00am at Sacred Heart Church, 212 Main Street, Massena, New York 13662. A Reception will immediately follow the Liturgy at Trinity Catholic School, 188 Main Street, Massena, NY 13662. The Ordination Mass may be viewed at www.rcdony.org/ordination. The Ordination Mass program will be available at the same link shortly before the Liturgy.

Meeting for the 150yr. Celebration at St. Bernard’s will be held on May 12th @ 6pm at the American Legion, Lyon Mountain. All are Welcome!

Mass & Envelope Schedule

Saturday 5/17	Sunday 5/18
8:00pm (SB) (L) Mona Siskavich (EM) Mona Siskavich (EM) Jessica Charland	8:00am (SE) (L) Children (EM) Doug Trombley (EM) Sharlene Stanley
6:00pm (SE) (L) Nancy Miller (EM) Nancy Miller (EM) Andy Miller	10:30am (SB) (L) Diane Barber (EM) Diane Barber (EM) Bonnie Relation
Counters (Week 2)	JoAnn McNeil Peggy McNeil
May 11	May 18
Regular Collection Catholic Charities	Regular Collection Building & Maint.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations, May 11, 2025: World Day of Prayer will be observed on Sunday, May 11, 2025 also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, consecrated virginity, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes to continue service to the People of God in the North Country. For more information, please contact Rev. Christopher Carrara, Director of Vocations or Sister Mary Eamon Lyng, SSJ, Vocation Coordinator, Diocese of Ogdensburg, 315-393-2920.

Catholic Charities Mother’s Day Appeal: Your generous support of past Catholic Charities’ Mother’s Day Appeals has helped us in your name to respond to critical needs and to be a shining light and a beacon of hope for the most vulnerable members of our North-Country communities. May is the month of renewal and under dedicated leadership of Father Scott Seymour, Catholic Charities is renewing its 106-year commitment despite these challenging times. Your financial support during this Mother’s Day Appeal will make a huge difference in our outreach efforts. In this Jubilee Year of Hope, we are reminded that we are all pilgrims on a journey, and we do not journey alone. Catholic Charities is there to share the journey and be a beacon of light and hope along the way to those in need throughout our Diocese. We appreciate your support and generosity to this year’s Mother’s Day Appeal.

Schedule of Holy Mass & Devotions

Fourth Sunday of Easter: Good Shepherd Sunday

Saturday, May 10th, 2025

4:00pm(SB) Robert & Annie Chase by Family
6:00pm(SE) Trevor Blondo by Misty, Sawyer, Finnley & Oaklyn

Sunday, May 11th, 2025

8:00am (SE) Darcy Moore by Betty & Martin Gregory
10:30am(SB) For the People of The Parish

Monday, May 12th, 2025:

5: 30pm (SE) Jody LaBombard by Kathryn Seguin

Tuesday, May 13th, 2025:

9: 00am (SB) George Jones by Jim & Linda Kowalowski

Wednesday, May 14th, 2025:

No Mass

Thursday, May 15th, 2025:

9:00am (SE) Sandy LaBombard by Brothers & Sisters

Friday, May 16th, 2025:

9:00am (SB) Jeannette Dubrey by Kim, Mike, Kris & Michaela Chase

Next Weekend

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Saturday, May 17th, 2025

4:00pm(SB) Robert Pageau by Mary & Family
6:00pm(SE) Ronald Manor by Pat & JoAnn McNeil

Sunday, May 18th, 2025

8:00am (SE) Trent Trombley by Family
10:30am(SB)Dan Peters by Mary Fortin

In addition to mass dedications, sanctuary candles which remain lit on the altar for a full week can be dedicated for your prayer intentions.

SANCTUARY CANDLE
(Week of May 11th, 2025)

St. Bernard’s	St. Edmund’s
Robert & Annie Chase By Family	Hunter LaBombard By Family

Pray for the Sick: Betty Gregory, Shirley Guerin, Baby Walter, Frieda Whitfield, Bill LePage, Rolland Magoon, Fred Cayea Jr., Veronica Demers, Amy Wilson, Irving Guerin

Offertory Collections for Weekend of 5/4/25

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St. Bernard's & St. Edmund's Parish

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Schedule of Holy Mass

Saturday	Sunday
4:00pm (SB) 6:00pm (SE)	8:00am (SE) 10:30am (SB)

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Est. 1883
5526 Route 11
Ellenburg Center, NY

Office Hours:
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Wednesday:
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For the sacraments of baptism and RCIA please contact Deacon Lushia (518) 493-6671 or lushia@westelcom.com. For the sacraments of marriage and anointing of the sick, please contact Father Tojo.

Abuse Reporting: If you have a complaint of suspected misconduct involving diocesan clergy, religious, employees or volunteers, contact Victim Assistance Coordinator, Terrianne Yanulavich, Ph.D., LMHC, 5050 Route 374, Merrill, NY 12955; terrianneyanulavich@yahoo.com Phone: 518-569-0612; or Father Christopher Carrara, the Episcopal Vicar for Clergy; ccarrara@rcdony.org Phone: 315-393-2920 ext. 1340. If you have a complaint of suspected sexual abuse or related misconduct by the bishops, contact the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at 800-276-1562 or www.ReportBishopAbuse.org



Mother's Day Prayer

Heavenly Father, We thank You for the gift of mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, and all women who nurture, guide, and love with hearts full of grace. Their strength, compassion, and sacrifices reflect Your own loving care for us. Today, we ask You to bless them abundantly—granting them peace, joy, and renewed strength in every season of life. We pray especially for mothers who are tired, worried, or facing challenges—may they feel Your comforting presence and encouragement. For those who long to be mothers, those who have lost children, and those who carry silent sorrows, wrap them in Your healing love. And Lord, we remember with love and gratitude all the mothers who have passed away. Welcome them into Your eternal embrace, and let their memory continue to inspire and bless us. May we honor their legacy by living with love, faith, and kindness. Thank You for the gift of a mother's love, and may all mothers feel deeply appreciated, today and always. **Amen.**