

"Fifth Sunday of Lent"

**Entrance Antiphon:** "Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength." Cf. Ps 43 (42): 1-2

**Communion Antiphon:** "Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, says the Lord." Cf. Jn 11: 26

**Reflection for this Sunday:** The Fifth Sunday of Lent invites us to reflect deeply on life, death, faith, and the hope of resurrection that God promises to His people. In the Gospel, we hear the powerful story of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead, revealing His authority over death and pointing forward to His own Resurrection. When Jesus declares to Martha, "I am the resurrection and the life," He reminds us that those who believe in Him will never lose the gift of eternal life. Even in the midst of grief and sorrow, Jesus shows His deep compassion by weeping with Mary and Martha, assuring us that He walks with us in our suffering and understands our human pain. The faith of Martha and Mary also teaches us that people come to Jesus in different ways—Martha with confident faith and understanding, and Mary with heartfelt sorrow and trust. Yet Jesus receives both with love and responds to each with mercy and hope. The first reading echoes this promise when God speaks through the prophet Ezekiel, promising to open the graves of His people and fill them with His Spirit, bringing life where there once seemed to be only death. Likewise, Saint Paul reminds us that the Spirit of Christ dwells within us and gives life to our mortal bodies, strengthening our hope in the resurrection. Together these readings remind us that no situation is beyond God's power to restore and renew. Just as Lazarus was called out of the tomb and set free, we too are called to leave behind whatever binds us—fear, despair, sin, or doubt—and to live in the new life Christ offers. As we draw closer to Holy Week, the Church invites us to renew our faith in Jesus, the Lord of life, and to live each day with courage, hope, and trust in His promise that death will never have the final word.

**\*\*Cleaning & Decorating of St Edmund's Church for Easter will be on April 4th @9am.**

**\*\*\*CDA Court #1548 will have their annual Easter Memorial Tree. \$1.00/Egg.**

**Highway to Heaven – May 16, 2026 | Sacred Heart Church, Massena:** A special day of faith and fellowship will be held on May 16 at Sacred Heart Church in Massena. The event will feature the **Shroud of Turin exhibit**, inspiring talks by Fr. Jonathan Meyer on the Holy Eucharist, and music for Eucharistic Adoration led by Catholic musician Sarah Kroger. The day will also include Holy Mass, Confessions, Eucharistic Adoration, a Eucharistic Procession with Bishop Terry R. LaValley, the Eucharistic Miracles exhibit, films, vendors, and more. **Space is limited and registration is required.** For the schedule and to register, visit: <https://www.rcdony.org/h2h>. For more information, contact Mary Beth Bracy at [marybeth-bracy@gmail.com](mailto:marybeth-bracy@gmail.com).

**2025 Bishop's Fund Appeal:** Thank you to the **119 families** who have contributed **\$11,126** to this year's Appeal! Our parish goal is **120 families** and **\$12,410.00**. Please consider making a pledge or one-time gift to support the ministries and programs that serve people across our Diocese. Gifts beyond the goal will help the Bishop's **Good Samaritan Fund**, assisting families in need. Give online at [www.rcdony.org/giving/donatenow-bishop-s-fund](http://www.rcdony.org/giving/donatenow-bishop-s-fund)

**Mass, Soup & Symbolon – Final Lenten Gathering:** Join us on **Thursday, March 26** for the final evening of our Lenten program—**5:00 PM Mass at St. Edmund's**, followed by soup, salad, and a video from the *Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained* series. All are welcome at the Parish Social Hall, 5526 State Route 11, Ellenburg Center—come share this last Lenten evening of faith and fellowship.

**Palm Sunday Breakfast: Holy Angels & St Ann's Parish Families invite you ! (Altona)** March 29, 8 a.m. to Noon, Holy Angels Hall, Altona. Scrambled eggs, Egg Cups, Bacon, Sausage, French Toast, Pancakes, Biscuits with Sauage & Gravy, Golden-fried potatoes, Homemade sweet muffins, coffee, tea, juice, milk. \$15 Adults, \$8 children 6-12, Free 5 & under. Gift Basket Raffle, Bake Sale & Lottery Tree. **Contact for More Information:** Parish Offices **Phone Number:** 518-236-5632

**Lyon Mt. Fire Dept.** is hosting an all you can eat **PALM SUNDAY** breakfast 8am-noon, home fries, pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, sausage & biscuits. Adults \$10, 6-12 \$5, under 5 free.

**Mass & Envelope Schedule**

Saturday 3/28	Sunday 3/29
<b>4:00pm (SB)</b> (L) Peter Siskavich (L) Karen Oehler (EM) Karen Oehler	<b>8:00am (SE)</b> (L) Neil Burgoyne (L) Deryl Gregory (EM) Sharlene Stanley (EM) Matt Sylvester
<b>6:00pm (SE)</b> (L) Erin LaClair (L) Nancy Miller (EM) Matt LaClair (EM) Judy Bombard	<b>10:30am (SB)</b> (L) Mike Chase (L) Joe Varin (EM) Mike Chase (EM) Joe Varin
<b>Counters (Week 3)</b>	Ann & Ed Landry
<b>March 22</b>	<b>March 29</b>
Regular Collection Build. & Maint.	Regular Collection

**CHRISM MASS:** All the faithful of the Diocese of Ogdensburg are invited to join Bishop LaValley in the annual Renewal of Priestly Commitment, the Blessing of the Holy Oils, and the consecration of the Sacred Chrism for use in all the churches of our Diocese. This ritual symbolizes that we are one family in Christ. The Chrism Mass will be held on Thursday, March 26, 2026 at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg, New York. The Chrism Mass may be viewed at <https://www.rcdony.org/livemass>. The Chrism Mass program will be available at the same link shortly before the Liturgy. **Contact for More Information:** Renee Grizzuto **Email:** [rgrizzuto@rcdony.org](mailto:rgrizzuto@rcdony.org)

**Parish Pastoral & Finance Council Meeting:** All members of the Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils are invited to attend our next meeting on Thursday, March 31, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. The meeting will take place in the Church Hall at Ellenburg. Your participation is crucial as we discuss important matters regarding the spiritual and financial stewardship of our parish community. We look forward to seeing you there!

**\*Bereavement Committee will have a Bake Sale March 28 & 29**

<b>Offertory Collections for Weekend of 3/15/26</b>
Regular Collection: \$3,708.00
Catholic Relief: \$ 657.00 <i>Thank You</i>

**Schedule of Holy Mass & Devotions**

"Fifth Sunday of Lent"

**Saturday, March 21st, 2026**

4:00pm(SB) Robert & Annie Chase by Family  
6:00pm(SE) Roland Dominic by Hoss & Sandy Manor

**Sunday, March 22nd, 2026**

8:00am (SE) Dan Bushey by Family  
10:30am (SB) Lianne's Health by Diane & Jerry Barber

**Monday, March 23rd, 2026:** Novena & Adoration

5:30pm (SE): Mary Beth Hart by Debbie & Delbert Hart

**Tuesday, March 24th, 2026:**

9: 00am (SB) For The People of the Parish

**Wednesday, March 25th, 2026:**

No Mass

**Thursday, March 26th, 2026: "Faith, Fellowship, and Reflection"**

5:00pm (SE) Sandy LaBombard Brothers & Sisters

**Friday, March 27th, 2026:**

No Mass. **11am Memorial Mass for Fr. Ted Crosby at St. Joseph's Church, W. Chazy**

**5: 00pm (SE) Stations of the Cross**

**Next Weekend**

**"Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord"**

**Saturday, March 28th, 2026**

4:00pm(SB) Allen & Shirley Oehler by George & Karen Oehler

6:00pm(SE) Blanche Nichols by Betty & Craig

**Sunday, March 29th, 2026**

8:00am (SE) Gerald Trombley by Family

10:30am (SB) Julia Hap & John Healey by Patti & Jim Golovach

*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 March 22nd)**

St. Bernard's	St. Edmund's
Robert & Annie Chase By Family	Roland Dominic By Larry & Valerie Dominic

**Pray for the Sick:** Shirley Guerin, Bill LePage, Fred Cayea Jr., Veronica Demers, Amy Wilson,, Jimmy Kowalowski, Mary Dentaal Burleigh, Tom Lavery, Janet Collins, Caroline Varin, Bob Siskavich, Mary Denton, Bill Chase



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## Schedule of Holy Mass

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

**St. Edmund's Church**  
Est. 1883  
5526 Route 11  
Ellenburg Center, NY

**Office Hours:**  
Monday, Tuesday,  
Wednesday:  
9:30am to 1:30pm or  
by appointment

The sacrament of penance and reconciliation is available 20 minutes prior to each Saturday Evening masses, or anytime by appointment.

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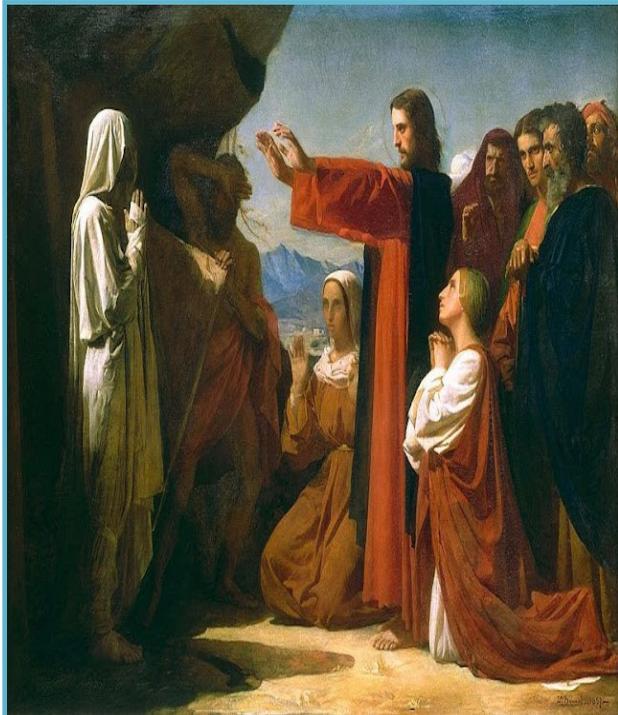
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**Abuse Reporting:** If you have a complaint of suspected misconduct involving diocesan clergy, religious, employees or volunteers, contact Victim Assistance Coordinator, Terriane Yanulavich, Ph.D., LMHC, 5050 Route 374, Merrill, NY 12955; terrianeyanulavich@yahoo.com 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



**Holy Week Schedule: Easter Triduum**  
**Holy Thursday: April 2nd, 2025**  
Mass of the Lord's Supper and Reposition of the Holy Sacrament to the side altar and Adoration. 6pm at St. Edmund's Church .  
**Good Friday: April 3rd, 2025**  
**Stations of the Cross:**  
9am at St. Bernard's Church  
**Liturgy of the Lord's Passion:**  
3pm at St. Edmund's Church .  
**Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass:**  
April 4th, 2025: 8pm at St. Bernard's Church  
**Easter Sunday Mass: April 5th, 2025**  
8am at St. Edmund's Church  
10.30am at St. Bernard's Church  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation** is available up to an hour after every weekday mass from the 5th week of Lent (March 23rd) till Holy Saturday. Except March 26th Thursday.