

# First Eucharist

I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE. WHOEVER COMES TO ME WILL NEVER GO HUNGRY, AND WHOEVER BELIEVES IN ME WILL NEVER BE THIRSTY.

—JOHN 6:35

*First Holy Communion  
was celebrated  
May 7, 2023*

*We welcomed the following children  
to the table of the Lord:*

*Caleb Briggs*

*Johnny Morrissey*

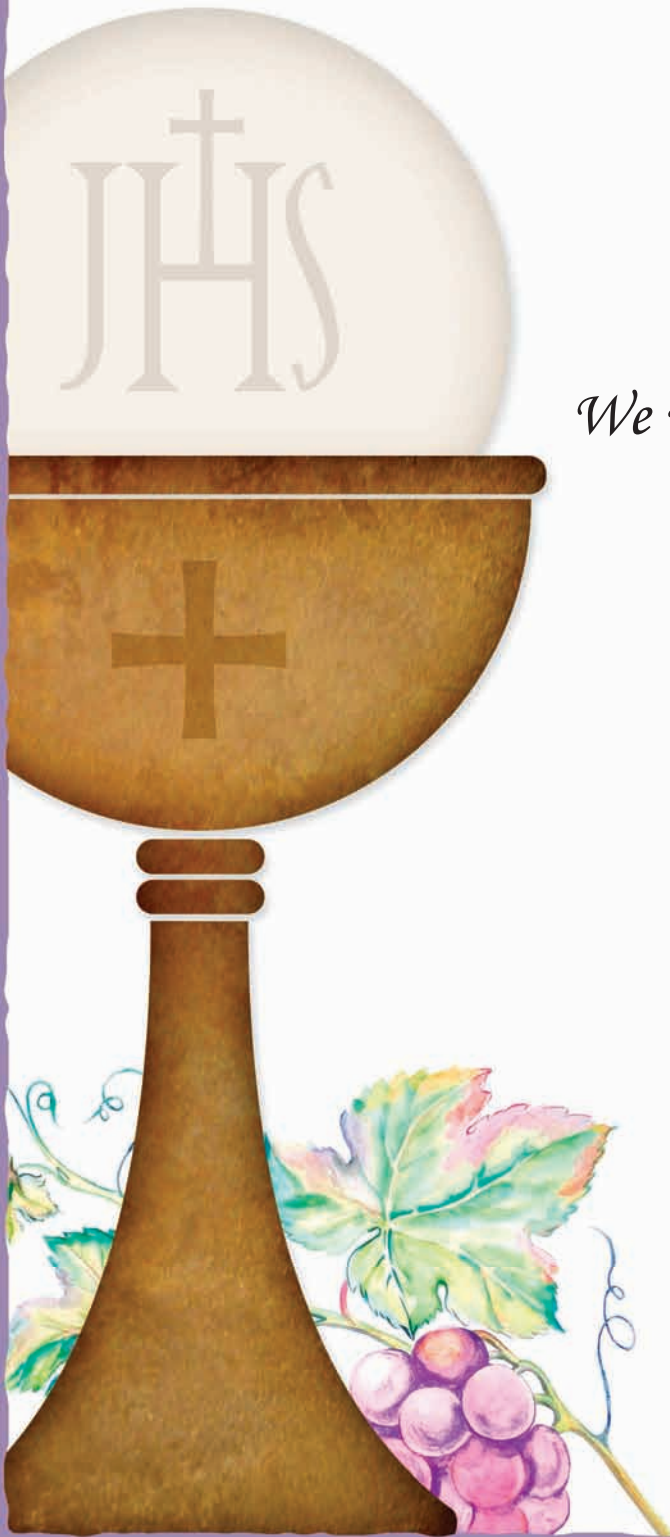
*Caleb Owens*

*Stephen Pepin*

*Grace Whitney*

*Silas Wray*

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# THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## St. Francis Mass Intentions

### Saturday, May 13

4:30pm †Corinne Bertrand  
*Requested by daughter, Barbara*

### Sunday, May 14

9:00am †Deceased Members of the Rose Family

*Requested by Family*

11:00am †Joyce Shiels

*Requested by Family*

### Monday, May 15

7:00am

### Tuesday, May 16

7:00am †Francis Marciniak

*Requested by Family*



### ASCENSION OF THE LORD Thursday, May 18

7:00am †Mary Beal

*Requested by her Sister*

7:00pm For the People

### Friday, May 19

7:00am Special Intention for Robert Bremner

### Saturday, May 20

4:30pm †Norman, Dolores & Stephen Iacuele

*Requested by Family*

### Sunday, May 21

9:00am †Thomas Pullano

*Requested by Family*

11:00am †Deceased Members of the Perpetual Mass Association

## St. Romuald Mass Intentions

### Sunday, May 14

10:00am †Martha & Blanche McElkenny  
*Requested by Family*

### Sunday, May 21

10:00am †James Corcoran, III

*Requested by Fran Fitzpatrick*

*Through it all, Jesus promises that we will not be left alone.*



In the first reading, the Apostle Philip has come to Samaria to preach the Gospel among the Gentiles, who are amazingly receptive to what he tells them. The word is powerful there as demons are cast out, many of the sick are healed, and great joy fills the city. In Jesus' name by the power of the Holy Spirit, the Apostles enjoy great success on this first missionary journey beyond the borders of Judah.

In the second reading, Saint Peter tells us to *always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope*. He tells us to defend the faith with *gentleness and reverence*, both for the word we preach and the audience with whom we share it. Peter rightly assumes that the message will at times be met with hostility, but we must persevere, for *it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be the will of God, than for doing evil*.

In today's Gospel, we are with Jesus and his Apostles in the Upper Room at the Last Supper. With only hours to live, Jesus speaks of the cross, the resurrection, his ascension into heaven and the descent of the Holy Spirit. Nine times in this brief passage of six verses, John the Evangelist uses the word "will" to show all the good that God has in store for us in Christ. Jesus makes many promises that he will fulfill if only we fulfill one promise in return – to show our love for him by keeping his commands.

Jesus refers to his ascension that we will celebrate in the Church on Thursday, May 18: *In a little while the world will no longer see me*. Through it all, Jesus promises that we will not be left alone or abandoned, for the Advocate, the Holy Spirit of God, will come to us to be our consolation and our strength. This is *the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him. But you know him, because he remains with you, and will be in you*.

Jesus was, is and will always be the reason for our hope. The same Holy Spirit that inspired Philip, Peter, and John dwells in us. Along with the Eucharist we are about to receive, the Spirit helps our minds and hearts to ascend to God. This is all part of God's will for us, and he asks us to use our will to choose love for him first, to love him most, and to love him forever, as he loves us.



#### Weekly Support

Budget envelopes used (125)	-	\$4,853.50
Loose Donations	-	\$1,657.00
Online Giving (# of donors-92)	-	\$4,706.00
<b>Total Budget</b>	-	<b>\$11,216.50</b>

#### May 7

#### Second Collection (Monthly Collection)

Budget envelopes used (93)	-	\$1,535.50
Loose Donations	-	\$ 230.00
Online Giving (# of donors-13)	-	\$ 424.00
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>\$2,189.50</b>

This week's second collection is for St. Vincent De Paul. There is no second collection next week.

**CC Appeal Goal \$104,595. As of May 3 amount pledged: \$93,067.00. Thank you for your continued generosity.**

MAY 14, 2023

SANCTUARY LAMP



This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Domenic & Matilda Coppolino.



MAY MONEY MADNESS WINNERS!  
Congratulations

May 1	Ann Healey	\$50
May 2	Maggie Cote	\$50
May 3	James Anderson	\$50
May 4	Mary Struck	\$50
May 5	Kathy Lindvall	\$50
May 6	Chris O'Brien	\$50
May 7	Brendan Behie	\$100
May 8	Bob Moniz	\$50



The work of our St. Francis of Assisi Conference of St. Vincent de Paul is supported by parish donations. Donation boxes are in the Church and Chapel; the parish online giving site has a SVDP option. Grocery store gift cards are welcome. Our Conference assists neighbors in need in our area and supports the Dinner Table Program providing free meals for pick up or delivery. Call 401-588-4192 if you or a neighbor could use cooked meals, available Wednesdays & Fridays, or if you would like to volunteer with the Dinner Table. To request financial aid, leave information on the Conference phone, 401-871-8936. New SVDP members are most welcome! There are several levels of participation and time commitments.



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First Holy Communion was  
celebrated May 7<sup>th</sup>.

*A heartfelt thank you to the many hands who helped to make our First Communion Day so beautiful for our First Communicants and their families.*

Beautiful flowers adorned the altar, the hall was decorated, food was prepared...A special word of thanks to our Hospitality Committee, who provided food and graciously hosted our lovely reception.



Join the VBS Team!

Calling all youth in grade 5 and up and adults... if you are interested in helping with VBS the week of **June 26<sup>th</sup> - June 30<sup>th</sup>** and/or help the week before VBS to paint, decorate and practice skits...contact Barbette at 792-8684 or [Cullen\\_stfrancis@verizon.net](mailto:Cullen_stfrancis@verizon.net) Come and join the **Wilderness Adventure Through the Sacraments!**



Save the Dates for  
VACATION  
BIBLE SCHOOL

When: June 26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>

Time: 9:00-12:00

Who: Children completing Grades K-4

Where: Right here at St Francis Church!!

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For more information check out:  
<https://catchat.ca/wilderness-adventure>



# This Week

## Monday, May 15

7:30-11:00am Adoration (Church)

6:30pm Men of St. Joseph

## Wednesday, May 17

6:15pm Alpha (FGC)

## Thursday, May 18

6:30pm Choir Rehearsal (HBH)

*The parish office is open 9am to 4pm Monday through Thursday and 9am to 12:30 on Friday.*



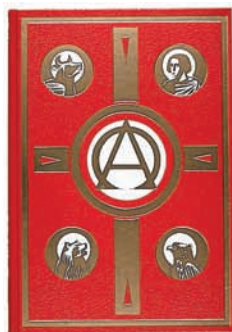
## Steubenville Youth Conference Fundraiser

### Mother's Day Flower Sale

When: **This Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>**  
after the 9am & 11am Masses

**Where:** Outside St. Francis Church weather permitting  
(It will be held in the entrance ways of the church if inclement weather)

**Cost:** Various



## WHAT'S THAT BOOK THAT THE DEACON IS CARRYING INTO MASS?

You may have recently noticed the Deacon carrying a red book in procession and placing it on the altar until the time for the Gospel to be read. At that time the book is raised for all to see and is taken to the ambo to read the Gospel of the day.

This book, *The Book of the Gospels*, was always considered a symbol of Christ, along with the altar and the cross. It was used from early on in the church and reestablished following the reforms of Vatican II.

The Deacon (or reader in absence of a Deacon) carries the book with great reverence. We venerate this book as it contains the four Gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. These words and actions of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, when read by the Deacon (or priest in the absence of a Deacon) can help to transform our lives. When we receive these words with the reverence and respect they deserve we literally receive Christ Himself into our minds and hearts.

# SAVE THE DATE

- Month of May:** May Money Madness Drawings  
**Month of May:** Weekday May Devotions at Chapel (6:30pm)
- May 28:** Steubenville Fundraiser: Breakfast between Masses at Church
- June 10:** Steubenville Taco Dinner Fundraiser (6-8pm)—more information to follow
- June 25:** Diocesan Mass for Essential Workers officiated by Bishop Henning (9am at St. Francis); reception to follow; all are welcome
- July 8:** Steubenville Car Wash Fundraiser (9-Noon) in church parking lot



*In Loving Memory*

*Intention for Sunday, May 21 at 11:00am at the Chapel*

*The Deceased Members of the Perpetual Mass Association*

*John & Marie Champion*

*Yvonne Fanning*

*Paul F. & Susan Greene*

*Marilyn Maley*

*Edna Otto*

*Anthony & Kathleen Rose*

*Christopher Shafer*

*Daniel Shea*

*Laura Webb*



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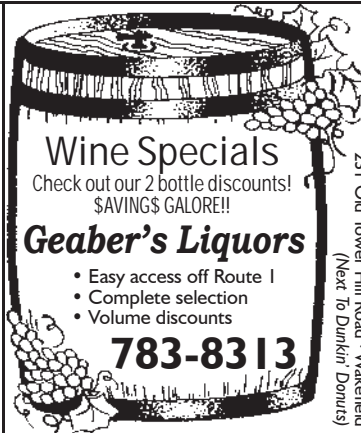
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