MAY 2, 2021

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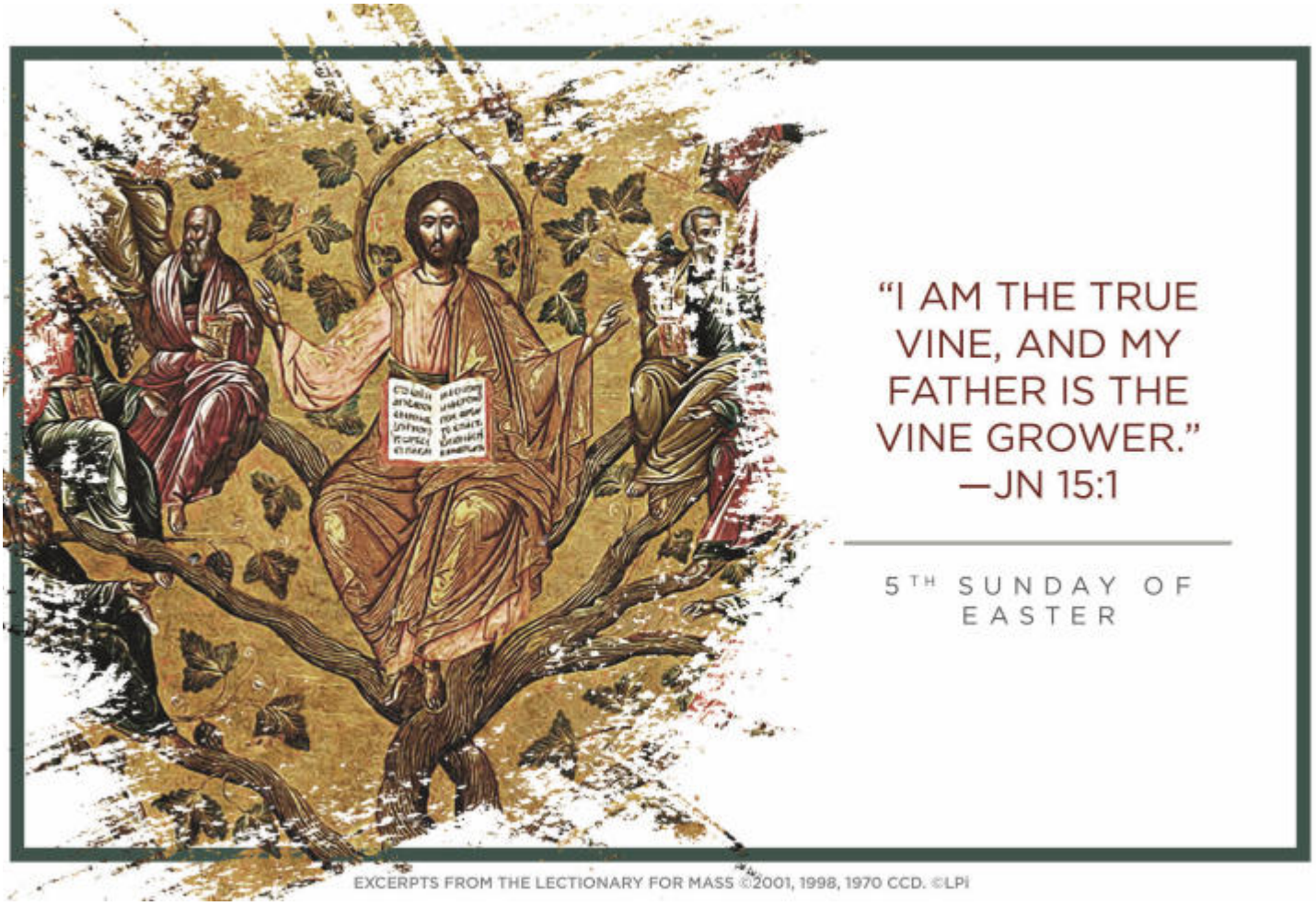
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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Director of Faith Formation & Youth Ministry: Eddie Treviño x237 ***Pre-K - 5th Grade Coordinator:*** Noreen Hayden x233
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Office Hours: Monday - Thursday: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM • Friday: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
In-Person Weekend Masses: Saturday: 4:00 PM • Sunday: 9:00 & 11:00 AM
In-Person Daily Mass: M - T - W - F: 9:00 AM

Live Streamed Mass: Saturday: 4:00 PM ***YouTube Channel:*** youtube.com/c/StEdwardtheConfessorCP

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Please register for our weekend Masses by going to our website at https://www.stedwardsny.org/ or by calling the parish office.

MASS TIMES:
M-T-W-F: 9:00 AM
Saturday: 4:00 PM **(Also Live-streamed)**
Sunday: 9:00 & 11:00 AM

If you do not attend in-person liturgy, and wish to receive the Eucharist you will have the opportunity at the following time:
***Sunday:** 10:30 AM (Inside bell tower entrance) 10:50 AM (If you wish to remain in your car in reserved parking spaces)*

Miraculous Medal Novena: Mondays, After Morning Mass
Holy Hour: Tuesdays, after Morning Mass.
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays at 3:00 PM in Parlor

FAITH DIRECT: If you would like to contribute your offering electronically ,please log on to www.faithdirect.net. Our church id# is ny113.

SNOWBIRDS/CHURCH ENVELOPES If you were temporarily away (or moved) your church envelopes may have been returned here. Please call the church office 518-371-7372 ext. 221 if you are looking for your envelopes.

LEGAL COUNSELING: Joe Berger, attorney, is available at the church to meet with parishioners to discuss their legal concerns. To make an appointment please call Joe Berger at 518-371-7372 ext. 226.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS will be held on **Saturday, May 15th at 11 AM** for registered families wishing to have their child baptized. Please call the parish office at 371-7372 ext. 221 to attend.

We have several openings for the Sanctuary Lights throughout the rest of the year. If you are interested please call the church office for availability 518-371-7372 ext. 221

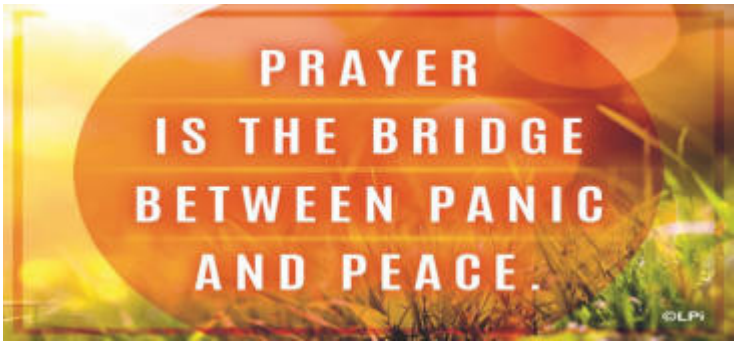
ST. EDWARD'S PRAYER CHAIN: For immediate requests for Prayer call Dee at 518-371-7956, Pat at 518-877-7259 or Elaine at 518-371-9606 to begin the Prayer Chain.

If you would like a Mass Intention, please call the Parish Office (518-371-7372 ext. 221) and leave a message.
MONDAY, 5/3
9:00 AM Thomas DiBiase – Rosalie Pitnell
TUESDAY, 5/4
9:00 AM Nancy Aufenanger – Rosalie Pitnell
WEDNESDAY, 5/5
9:00 AM Thomas "Lach" LaChapelle- Dr.& Mrs Robert Sowalsky
FRIDAY, 5/7
***9:00* AM** Joe Dolan – His wife Peg
***9:00* AM** Dolores Martin **–** Carol Bayer
SATURDAY, 5/8
4:00 PM Thelma Duffy- her family
4:00 PM Nora Cunningham- Vincent & Carolyn Alescio
4:00 PM Shana Marra- Mom & Dad
4:00 PM James Quick – Dr. & Mrs. Robert Sowalsky
4:00 PM John Cain- Laurene O'Brien
4:00 PM Joanne Tsai –Tu, Hofffman, Zhu, Chen, & Tsai Families
SUNDAY, 5/2
11:00 AM Anna Leonard- B. Conway
11:00 AM Anna Conway – B. Conway
11:00 AM Dorothy Jacobsen- From her Family
11:00 AM Audrey Sickles – Joe Squadere
11:00 AM Anthony & Bert Carusone – Isabelle & Carmen Lento

James M. Donohue died April 20, 2021

Edward D. Knapp, husband of Patricia , father of Edward (Heather), and Patrick (Sandra) Knapp, died April 22, 2021

Welcome into the parish community
Xander Holden Kuftiak
Brody Robert Pingelski
who were baptized last weekend.



FAITH FORMATION ENROLLMENT OPENS ON MAY 10th.

Our annual enrollment for faith formation will be online again this year for 2021-2022. We will once again be offering two intensive week-long summer programs in addition to our fall/winter program. All programs will be virtual with a family component (COVID allowing) starting in the fall. For more information on our programs please visit our website www.stedwardsny.org and select the "Faith Formation" tab.

There will be two virtual parent meetings to answer any questions you might have:

Wednesday, May 5th @ 6:30 PM **OR** Tuesday, May 11th @ 6:30 PM. An email will be sent to all of our current faith formation families with the Google Meet Code. If you are not currently enrolled in our program and would like to attend the Google Meet please email:

Eddie Trevino (Grades 6 - 10)
eddie.trevino@stedwardsny.org
Noreen Hayden (Grades 1 - 5)
noreen.hayden@stedwardsny.org

BIRTHRIGHT will be offering fresh carnations for a $1 donation after all masses/services on May 8 & 9 in celebration of Mother's Day. Proceeds from this sale will benefit women who need support through a crisis pregnancy. Birthright also accepts monetary donations throughout the year. Donations may be mailed to PO Box 661, Ballston Spa, NY 12020 or dropped off at the parish office. Your support of this fundraiser is truly appreciated.

BIRTHRIGHT is presently in need of Size 4 diapers and wipes. These items may be dropped off in the Faith Formation entrance in the collection boxes with the items for the Food Pantries or in the atrium as you enter for daily or weekend Masses

May Crowning
Let's show our love for our Blessed Mother on Mothers' Day! On Sunday, May 9, following the 11 AM Mass, we will gather outdoors around her statue for a May Crowning. There will be a brief ceremony including prayers and songs, and then the crowning of Our Lady. We especially look forward to children participating. Any questions, please email Marie at krupmarie13@gmail.com

MARY'S CORNER (Pack-n-play in Gathering Area) **is in need of gently used clothing, sizes 0-6 with an emphasis on size 2T-6.** Please contact Mary Ann Sekellick at maryann.sekellick@stedwardsny.org with any questions.

FOOD PANTRY

Thank you for your continued support of our local food pantries. We are especially in need **of Disposable face masks, coffee, canned chicken or tuna, cookies, cleaning supplies (spray disinfectants and toilet bowl cleaner), toilet paper, cereal, kids snacks, microwave shelf (meals for seniors) canned fruit, peanut butter, toiletry items body wash and over the counter pain relievers, boxed potatoes (regular scalloped, au gratin), crackers**. Cookie Mixes/ Brownie Mix, laundry,detergent, garbage bags (kitchen size and trash bags) jelly, spaghetti sauce, dish soap**,** oatmeal, mac n cheese, canned veggies, soup, canned beans, tissue**,** boxed rice, baked beans, deodorant, pasta, snack bars or granola bars.

If you would like to purchase gift cards to the local markets, we will gladly accept them and shop for the needed items.

Questions?
Contact Mary Ann at:
maryann.sekellick@stedwardsny.org or 518-371-7372 ext. 224. You can drop off items in the **Faith Formation Lobby vestibule** at any time **or in the atrium as you arrive for daily or weekend Masses.** Thank you for your generosity!

Readings for the week of May 2, 2021

Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 [26a]/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

Monday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Jn 14:6-14

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 [cf. 12]/Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10 [3]/Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]/Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

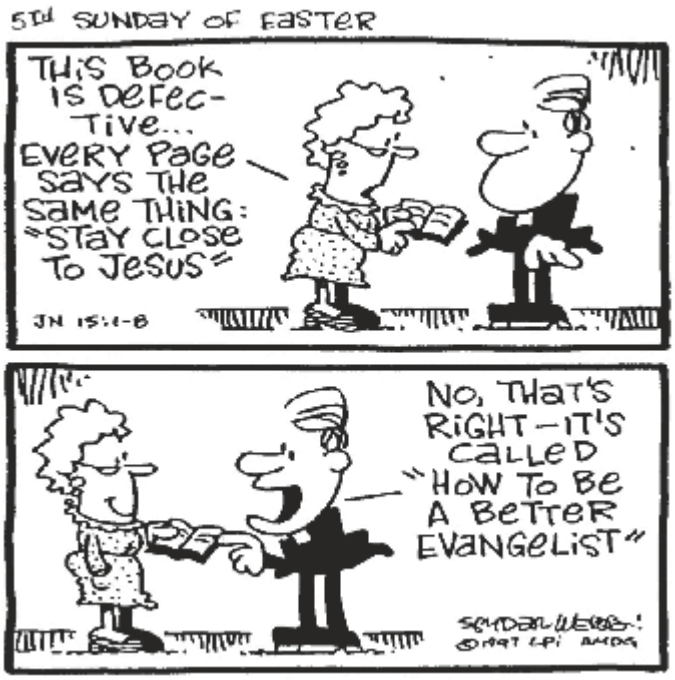
Next Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

Mighty Kicks Capital Region is happy to be a part of the St Edward's Community. Continuing this summer, Mighty Kicks will offer early childhood soccer development sessions on Thursday evenings on site at St Edward the Confessor. We will be utilizing the green space near the community garden.
Mighty Kicks Capital Region is the premier introductory soccer program for children ages 3 - 6.
We have added a few sessions:
Evenings:
Thursdays : Beginner - 4:30pm
Thursdays : Intermediate - 5:10pm
Thursdays : Advanced - 5:50pm

Registration is open and can be completed on our website at https://www.capitalmightykicks.com/locations Use discount code **SUMMER21** to receive 10% off your first child for the summer season.

PROTECT YOUR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION! The Town and its specialized partner, 3N Document Destruction, will be at Clifton Park Center Mall with onsite shredding from 1:00pm to 3:00pm on Sunday, May 2, 2021. This is a free drive-thru service. Please bring a donation of non-perishables for local food pantries. Limited to 4 bags or boxes of papers. Please, no binders, plastic carriers, or folders, or metal spiral books. All recycled. Town of Clifton Park Residents only.

The Yellow Container is Back! Do you order from **SARATOGA SOD?** If so you may return your empty bag to the yellow container in the back of the building. St. Edward's Church will receive $5 per bag returned for our **OUTREACH** programs. (Please note: we can only accept Saratoga Sod bags.) Visit **www.saratogasod.com**



ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

"Spiraling out of control," is a phrase that can easily describe the current display of human existence. In addition to the violence, unrest, uneasiness and turmoil that are common elements of our daily news, other essential pieces are misplaced or missing. Many lack an objective center around which to order and structure their lives or a clear set of definable goals or mores to act as guideposts and life directives. It appears that "feelings" have become a "new god" and traditional structures and ideals set aside. It is almost as if history only shows that we got this whole thing wrong and many are determined to finally set things right. The real truth, however, is that while wrongs and errors are certainly a part of our often-checkered past, it is hardly the case that all was wrong. It is not our task to rewrite the history of our lives, but to learn from mistakes that were made, and preserve the perennial wisdom at the root of our successes. Learning is an essential part of being human.

The question becomes, however, from whom do we learn? Some have such a hard time placing God in that position, but that is precisely where God needs to be. God is the Master Teacher from whom all of humanity learns and gets its cues. It is in and through this relationship with the Gardener of Life that we are fashioned and pruned into the people we are intended to be and can be. It is only in God that we are able to find our best selves. Sadly, many think that religion too, as well as history in general, has also gotten all this wrong. Yet, our resurrection faith tells us differently. We are reminded, today especially, that we are meant to remain in Christ as Christ remains in us. We are also reminded that Jesus, the Incarnate God, is the vine upon which we grow, the branches that flow from the source of God's life.

Giving up our will to God's can be a painful endeavor. It is not easy to set our own desires and wants aside and allow God to step in and direct and guide our growth. But this is the only way to prevent deadly weeds from overtaking us and bringing us to a place of self-destruction. God's commandments are the very guideposts and benchmarks we need, yet many seek to remove them from all public view because they appear to limit self-expression and suppress what is considered by many to be "human freedom." They are really knowing the only way we can find freedom, however. And, until we learn this fundamental lesson, we will continue to spiral out of control, never who we are, what our potential can be or how life really can be lived. We will not know peace.

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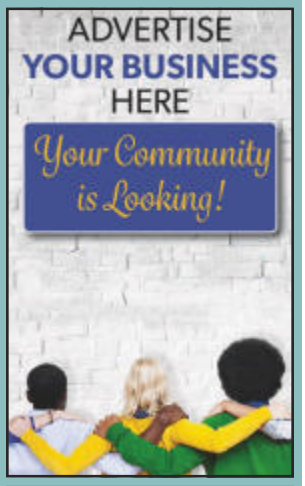

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