

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 7th, 2023

Everybody needs a home! And Jesus assures us that ultimately all of us, His faithful flock, have a home to go to, namely, the heavenly Father's house. He even promises to prepare a place for us in that house. This should be a cause of tremendous hope for us. Everyone is invited to "come to the Father" – but we can only do that through Jesus Christ – the One sent by God the Father – who He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life!

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 7 th <i>5th Sunday of Easter</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	
Monday, May 8 th <i>Blessed Catherine of St. Augustine</i>	-	-	-
Tuesday, May 9 th <i>Easter</i>	10:30 am	+ <i>Patricia Gohl</i>	By Bryan & Patty White
Wednesday, May 10 th <i>St. John of Avila</i>	12 pm 4 pm	+ <i>Gerri-Rose Straus-Moser</i> <i>Intentions of the Kenny family (Linwood)</i>	By Leo & Caroline Hicknell & family By the Barrett family
Thursday, May 11 th <i>Easter</i>	8 am	+ <i>Fr. Tony Van Hee</i>	By Bob & Linda Myers
Friday, May 12 th <i>St. Nereus & St. Achilleus</i>	8 am	+ <i>Dorothy & Dennis Davis</i>	By Joe & Teresa Alvarez
Saturday, May 13 th <i>Our Lady of Fatima</i>	5 pm	+ <i>Joan Jewell</i> + <i>Gerri-Rose Straus-Moser</i>	By Cathy Fleischhauer By Christian Mothers
Sunday, May 14 th <i>6th Sunday of Easter</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	

Our Saint of the Week: St. John of Avila (1500-1569) - born in the Castile region of Spain, John was sent at the age of 14 to the University of Salamanca to study law. He later moved to Alcala, where he studied philosophy and theology before his ordination as a diocesan priest. After John's parents died and left him as their sole heir to a considerable fortune, he distributed his money to the poor. In 1527, he traveled to Seville, hoping to become a missionary in Mexico. The archbishop of that city persuaded him to stay and spread the faith in Andalusia. During nine years of work there, he developed a reputation as an engaging preacher, a perceptive spiritual director, and a wise confessor. Because John was not afraid to denounce vice in high places, he was investigated by the Inquisition but was cleared in 1533. He later worked in Cordoba and then in Granada, where he organized the University of Baeza, the first of several colleges run by diocesan priests who dedicated themselves to teaching and giving spiritual direction to young people. He was friends with Saints Francis Borgia, Ignatius of Loyola, John of God, John of the Cross, Peter of Alcantara, and Teresa of Avila. John of Avila worked closely with members of the Society of Jesus and helped their growth within Spain and its colonies. John's mystical writings have been

translated into several languages. He was beatified in 1894, canonized in 1970, and declared a doctor of the Church on October 7, 2012. St. John of Avila's liturgical feast is celebrated on May 10. Saint John of Avila knew that the lives of Christians can contradict the Good News of Jesus Christ implicitly encouraging Christians to live their faith-half-heartedly, and causing obstacles to non-Christians who might accept Baptism. In 16th-century Spain, those who advocated reforming the Church were often suspected of heresy. Saint John of Avila held his ground and was eventually recognized as a very reliable teacher of the Christian faith. St. John of Avila pray for us!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – Save the Date! Our church will be hosting a 1-week Vacation Bible School for elementary students (Gr k-5) July 24-28th. Registration details will follow in a few weeks. We require adult and youth (middle/ high school) volunteers to make this program a success. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Emily Runstedler via email emilyrunstedler@gmail.com or text/call 519-897-3645. Thank you for helping make this VBS program possible!

ROSES FOR LIFE – The Knights of Columbus "ROSES FOR LIFE" CAMPAIGN is the weekend of May 14th at the St. Clement's 5pm, 9 am, and St. Mary's 11am Masses. The new redesigned Rose Lapel has a red and white rose. The red rose signifies our opposition to abortion while the white rose is a symbol opposing euthanasia. Please pick up a "Rose Lapel;" all donations will support KW Right-to-Life.

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN – Mother's Day is almost here and St. Clement's church is proud to participate in the Baby Bottle Campaign, in support of Marillac Place. Marillac Place relies heavily on the donations from our community to help mothers and mothers-to-be who are facing homelessness. The Baby Bottle Campaign will be primarily virtual once again this year. Please provide your support for the campaign by donating online or sending a cheque directly to Marillac Place. The Baby Bottle Campaign is Marillac Place's most important fundraiser.

BULLETIN ADVERTISING – If you wish to advertise in the bulletin, please reach out to the office. Weekly advertising is available for \$200, or biweekly for \$100.

VOCATION SEEDS – "The one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these..." Are you willing to do the work of the Lord as a priest, deacon, sister or brother or consecrated virgin? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

Email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com Website: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR – Please remember the following in your prayers: Rev. David Lewis, Rev. Ron Cote, Congregation of the Resurrection (C.R.), Rev. Michael Bennett, Rev. Ralph Diodati, & Rev. Robert Dunn.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION – St. Clements: Operating \$2,620.00. Thank you for your generosity!