

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 15th, 2022

The First Reading tells of the conclusion of St. Paul's first missionary journey. He and Barnabas retrace their steps, encouraging the little communities they have founded, and preparing them for the persecutions which would inevitably come. In the Gospel the scene is the Last Supper. Judas has departed and Jesus is alone with His own. Jesus is going forward to the cross. By so doing, He is giving glory to God, who in turn will give glory to Him. The Apostles cannot follow Him yet. In the meantime, they are to live by a new commandment – the commandment of love! It is new only in the sense that it sets a new standard – “as I have loved you”. The world will know that they are His disciples by their fidelity to this commandment. The Second Reading, which comes from the final part of Revelation, is one we frequently hear at funerals. The final part of Revelation opens with a vision of a new heaven, a new earth, and a new Jerusalem. This glorious future to which God is leading us will be fully realised only in the hereafter. Happy Easter!

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 15 st <i>5th Sunday of Easter</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	
Monday, May 16 th <i>Easter</i>	-	-	-
Tuesday, May 17 th <i>Easter</i>	12 pm	+ <i>Karen Dietrich</i>	By Tom & family
Wednesday, May 18 th <i>St. John I</i>	12 pm 4 pm	+ <i>Patty Pilon & family</i> + <i>Alvin Runstedler (Linwood)</i>	By Bob & Linda Myers By Ann Runstedler & family
Thursday, May 19 th <i>Easter</i>	8 am	+ <i>Fern Lemire</i>	By Jeanne Gravelle
Friday, May 20 th <i>St. Bernardine of Siena</i>	8 am 4 pm	+ <i>Betty Gravelle</i> <i>For Richard & Frances Kraemer – 60th wedding Anniversary</i>	By Peter & Ornella Miller & family By the Family
Saturday, May 21 st <i>St. Christopher Magallanes</i>	5 pm	+ <i>Rita Miller</i>	By Tom Miller
Sunday, May 22 nd <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. Bernardine of Siena (1380-1444) – most of the saints suffer great personal opposition, even persecution. Bernardine, by contrast, seems more like a human dynamo who simply took on the needs of the world. He was the greatest preacher of his time, journeying across Italy, calming strife-torn cities, attacking the paganism he found rampant, attracting crowds of 30,000, following Saint Francis of Assisi's admonition to preach about “vice and virtue, punishment and glory.” Compared with Saint Paul by the pope, Bernardine had a keen intuition of the needs of the time, along with solid holiness and boundless energy and joy. He accomplished all this despite having a very weak and hoarse voice, miraculously improved later because of his devotion to Mary. When he was 20, the plague was at its height in his hometown of Siena. Sometimes as many as 20 people died in one day at the hospital. Bernardine offered to run the hospital and, with the help of other young men, nursed patients there for four months. He escaped the plague, but was so exhausted that a fever confined him for several months.

He spent another year caring for a beloved aunt whose parents had died when he was a child, and at her death began to fast and pray to know God's will for him. At 22, he entered the Franciscan Order and was ordained two years later. For almost a dozen years he lived in solitude and prayer, but his gifts ultimately caused him to be sent to preach. He always traveled on foot, sometimes speaking for hours in one place, then doing the same in another town. Especially known for his devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus, Bernardine devised a symbol—IHS, the first three letters of the name of Jesus in Greek—in Gothic letters on a blazing sun. This was to displace the superstitious symbols of the day, as well as the insignia of factions: for example, Guelphs and Ghibellines. The devotion spread, and the symbol began to appear in churches, homes and public buildings. Opposition arose from those who thought it a dangerous innovation. Three attempts were made to have the pope take action against him, but Bernardine's holiness, orthodoxy, and intelligence were evidence of his faithfulness. General of the Friars of the Strict Observance, a branch of the Franciscan Order, Bernardine strongly emphasized scholarship and further study of theology and canon law. When he started there were 300 friars in the community; when he died there were 4,000. He returned to preaching the last two years of his life, dying while traveling. St. Bernardine pray for us!

REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL – Join the Reel Justice Film Festival May 26, 2022 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM for our last screening of the season, He Named Me Malala. This documentary provides an intimate portrait of Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Malala Yousafzai, who was targeted by the Taliban and severely wounded by gunfire as a 15-year-old. She miraculously survived and is now a leading campaigner for girls' education globally as co-founder of the Malala Fund. The Reel Justice Film Festival is a partnership between Development & Peace and the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives. Visit us online at <https://reeljusticefilmfestival.wordpress.com/> to register!

GRIEF RELIEF - The Diocese of Hamilton will be offering a four-week online grief program on Tuesday evenings from 7 – 8:30 p.m. May 17, 24 & 31, and June 7, 14 & 21. Find out more on the Diocesan website and register to receive the zoom link at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/grief-support>, or call Teresa at 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

OFFICE OF YOUTH MINISTRY – The Office of Youth Ministry is pleased to present *Accompanying Forward – An Afternoon with Roy Petitfils* on May 27 at 1 pm for a virtual conversation about accompanying young people as they try to navigate their new realities and their mental health. Roy is a Catholic author, speaker and psychotherapist with more than 25 years of experience ministering to youth and young adults in parishes, dioceses, and schools. Registration can be found by [clicking here](#) or on our Diocesan website under Youth Ministers Events and Resources.

VOCATION SEEDS – The new commandment of love is required of everyone who follows the risen Lord. How do you fulfill the commandment? If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton (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. Melvin Pinto, O.C.D., Rev. Mark Sullivan, Seminarians, Rev. Peter Tuyen Nguyen, Rev. Stephen Gilbert, & Very Rev. Lukasz Kopaniak, S.A.C.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION – St. Clements: Operating \$1,785.00. Maintenance \$245.00. Thank you for your generosity!