

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH

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February 9, 2025



Worship Schedule:

Saturday 5:00 pm - Vigil Holy Mass
Sunday 9:00 am - Holy Mass (also livestream on Facebook)

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 'C'
February 9, 2025

Altar Servers: Abby, Everett
Greeter: Stephanie Fitzgerald
Trustees: Zofia, Justine

Lector: Katie Hofer
Cantor: Jeff Staats

Cycle of Prayer: St. Stephen the Martyr Parish, Reading PA

Mass Intentions:

Sat. Feb. 8 - **In Memory of †Richard M. Sawczak** (req. by Matt & Peggy Falato).

Sun. Feb. 16 - **In Memory of †Stella Zembruski on her Birthday** (req. by children & grandchildren).

Sun. Feb. 23 - **In Memory of †Robert Hockenbury** (req. by the Peplowski Family).

Sun. March 16 - **In Memory of †† Fred & Norman Carlson on their Birthday** (req. by Sondra Carlson).



ALLELUIA! SING TO JESUS

HYFRYDOL

1. Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! His the

1. scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia!

1. his the tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone;

1. Hark! the songs of peace - ful Zi - on Thun - der

1. like a might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - 'ry

1. na - tion Has re - deemed us by his blood.

Text: 87 87 D; based on Revelation 5:9–14; William C. Dix, 1837–1898, and Compilers.
 Music: Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887.

C. In the name of the Father + and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

R/. Amen.

C. Lord bless us with the wisdom to praise You in spirit and in truth,
so that by following Your holy will we may gain eternal salvation.

R/. Amen.

THE PENITENTIAL RITE

The celebrant invites the faithful to join in the prayer of confession.

C. Let us confess our own sinfulness and prepare our hearts to serve God. Please,
make an examination of your conscience.

During a moment of silent reflection evoke spirit of contrition.

KNEEL or SIT

Silently confess your sins to God, and then join the celebrant in acknowledging your sins:

All: I confess to almighty God

**in the presence of the Blessed Virgin Mary, all the saints
and you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have sinned through my own fault**

striking the breast three times and continuing

**in my thoughts, in my words, in what I have done or failed to do.
I ask the Blessed Virgin Mary, all the saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord, our God.**

Penance is given.

C. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

R/. Amen.

The celebrant imparts the absolution, saying

C. May our Lord Jesus Christ absolve you and, with His authority vested in me,
I absolve you from all your sins:
in the name of the Father, + the Son and the Holy Spirit.

R/. Amen.

THE KYRIE

C. Lord, have mercy. R/. Lord, have mercy.
C. Christ, have mercy. R/. Christ, have mercy.
C. Lord, have mercy. R/. Lord, have mercy.

THE GLORIA

STAND

All: Glory to God in the Highest, and peace to His people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For You alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of + God the Father. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

C. The Lord be with you.
R/. And also with you.

C. Let us pray.

Almighty Father,
be mindful of those You have called to service in Your Church.
Pour Your Holy Spirit upon them
so that they may be strengthened
to proclaim the faith of our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son.
We ask this through the same Jesus Christ,
Who lives and reigns with You, and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

R/. Amen.

SIT

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading [Is 6:1–2a, 3–8](#)

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

In the year King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a high and lofty throne, with the train of his garment filling the temple. Seraphim were stationed above.

They cried one to the other, "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts! All the earth is filled with his glory!" At the sound of that cry, the frame of the door shook and the house was filled with smoke.

Then I said, "Woe is me, I am doomed! For I am a man of unclean lips, living among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

Then one of the seraphim flew to me, holding an ember that he had taken with tongs from the altar.

He touched my mouth with it, and said, "See, now that this has touched your lips, your wickedness is removed, your sin purged."

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?" "Here I am," I said; "send me!" .

L. The Word of the Lord.

R/. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm [Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8](#)

C. In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

R/. **In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.**

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with all my heart,
for you have heard the words of my mouth;
in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise;
I will worship at your holy temple and give thanks to your name.

R/. **In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.**

Because of your kindness and your truth;
for you have made great above all things your name and your promise.
When I called, you answered me; you built up strength within me.

R/. In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord

All the kings of the earth shall give thanks to you, O LORD,
when they hear the words of your mouth;
and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD: "Great is the glory of the LORD."

R/. In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

Your right hand saves me. The LORD will complete what he has done for me;
your kindness, O LORD, endures forever; forsake not the work of your hands.

R/. In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.



Second Reading [1 Cor 15:3–8, 11](#)

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.

Brothers and sisters,

I handed on to you as of first importance what I also received:
that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures; that he was buried;
that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures;
that he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve.

After that, he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at once,
most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep.

After that he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.

Last of all, as to one abnormally born, he appeared to me.

Therefore, whether it be I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

C. The Word of the Lord.

R/. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:19

STAND

C. Alleluia, alleluia!

R/. **Alleluia, alleluia!**

Come after me and I will make you fishers of men.

R/. **Alleluia, alleluia!**

Gospel Lk 5:1–11

C. The Lord be with you.

R/. **And also with you.**

C. A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke.

R/. **Glory be to You, Lord.**

While the crowd was pressing in on Jesus and listening to the word of God, he was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret. He saw two boats there alongside the lake; the fishermen had disembarked and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, he asked him to put out a short distance from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. After he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch." Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing.

They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come to help them. They came and filled both boats so that the boats were in danger of sinking. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at the knees of Jesus and said, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." For astonishment at the catch of fish they had made seized him and all those with him, and likewise James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners of Simon.

Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him.

C. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

R/. **Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ!**

SIT

◆ HOMILY

C. I believe in One God,
All: the Father, the Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten not made, of one being with the Father.
Through Him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
He was born of the Virgin Mary *(here genuflect or bow)*
AND BECAME MAN.
For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day He rose again in fulfillment of the Scriptures;
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and His kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and Giver of Life
Who proceeds from the Father.
With the Father and the Son
He is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church.
I acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the + life of the world to come.
Amen.

C. Responding to the Lord's call, we confidently place our prayers and needs before Him.

1. For all who preach and teach the Gospel message: May the goodness of their lives bear witness to the words they speak. We pray to the Lord.

R/. Lord, hear our prayer.

2. For world leaders: That God may lead all nations in pathways of peace and justice for all. We pray to the Lord.

R/. Lord, hear our prayer.

3. For the many young people today, who feel discouraged and isolated: That they will encounter genuine witnesses to Christ, Who will uncover for them the power of His mercy and love. We pray to the Lord.

R/. Lord, hear our prayer.

4. For all who are ill and those on our Parish Prayer List: May they be comforted by our care and the presence of God's healing Spirit. We pray to the Lord.

R/. Lord, hear our prayer.

5. For St. Stephen the Martyr Parish in Reading, Pennsylvania, and for ourselves: That we might be “fishers of people”, leading lives that attract others to the Lord Jesus. We pray to the Lord. **R/. Lord, hear our prayer.**

6. For Richard Sawczak for whom this Holy Mass is being offered, for our family members, friends, and neighbors, and for all the departed: May they experience the resurrection of Jesus. We pray to the Lord.

R/. Lord, hear our prayer.

7. For our own intentions [long pause for silent prayer]
We pray to the Lord.

C. Heavenly Father, hear our prayers and grant us the fire of Your Holy Spirit to sustain us in our efforts to carry out Your mission, in our desire to reach out to all those around us as witnesses of Your saving love. Through Christ, our Lord.

R/. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The celebrant elevates the paten with host, saying:

- C. Blessed are You, Lord God of all creation. Through Your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. May it become for us the Bread of Life.

*The celebrant pours wine and water into the chalice.
Then takes the chalice and elevates it above the altar, saying:*

- C. Blessed are You, Lord God of all creation.
Through Your goodness, we have this wine to offer,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
May it become our Spiritual Drink.

The celebrant places the chalice on the corporal. Slightly bowing before the altar he says:

- C. Lord God, we ask You to receive us and be pleased with the sacrifice we offer You with humble and contrite hearts.

The celebrant blesses the bread and wine with his right hand, saying:

- C. Come, Holy Spirit, and bless + this sacrifice
which we have prepared for the glory of Your Holy Name.

The celebrant washes his hands, then he returns to the center of the altar and continues:

- C. Receive this offering, most Holy Trinity,
which we make in memory of the passion, resurrection
and ascension of our Lord, Jesus Christ,
and in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints.
May they, whose memory we honor on earth, intercede for us in heaven.

Addressing the congregation with hands extended, the celebrant says:

- C. Pray, my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.
- R/. May the Lord accept this sacrifice from your hands,
for the praise and glory of His name,
for our good and for the benefit of His holy Church.**

STAND

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

STAND

C. Gracious Father,
may we who place these gifts before You
count no sacrifice too great to make in Your service.

We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son,
Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

R/. Amen.

PREFACE OF SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME III

C. The Lord be with you.

R/. And also with you.

C. Lift up your hearts.

R/. We lift them up to the Lord.

C. Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

R/. It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

C. Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,
we do well always and everywhere to give You thanks
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through His teaching and ministry Jesus showed us how we are to live,
giving our lives in service to You and all people.

Still hearing His Word in our world today, we strive to follow His example
and set our hearts on the world to come.

Therefore, with the angels and archangels,
with all the saints and the entire church,
we lift our hymn of praise to Your glory, repeating unceasingly :

R/. Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed + is He Who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER II

The celebrant with hands extended, says:

- C. We give thanks to You, God our Father,
through Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,
Whom You have sent us as Savior, Redeemer and Messenger of Your will.
He is Your Word, inseparable from You.
Through Him You have made all things and in Him You were well pleased.
You sent Him from heaven to a virgin's womb.
There He dwelt and was made flesh.
He was revealed as Your Son, born through the Holy Spirit and of the Virgin.

When He suffered, He fulfilled Your will and gained for You a holy people.
He stretched out His hands to free from suffering those who believed in You.
When He was betrayed to His freely chosen suffering
thereby to destroy death, to break the chains of darkness,
to crush hell beneath His feet, to give light to the just,
to make a covenant and to manifest His resurrection,
He took bread; He gave You thanks and said:

The celebrant takes the bread and says:

**TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT IT:
FOR THIS IS MY BODY
WHICH IS GIVEN FOR YOU.**

The celebrant elevates the Sacred Host, then places it on the paten, and genuflects in adoration.

He takes the Chalice and says:

- C. In like manner He took the cup and said:

**THIS IS MY BLOOD
WHICH IS Poured OUT FOR YOU.
WHenever YOU DO THIS,
DO IT IN MEMORY OF ME.**

The celebrant elevates the Chalice, then places it on the corporal and genuflects in adoration.

With hands joined he says the following with the Congregation:

**All: Calling then His death and resurrection to mind,
we offer You the Bread and the Cup.
We thank You for allowing us to come before You and to serve You.**

The celebrant extends his hands over the Sacred Body and Blood, saying:

C. We ask You to send Your Holy Spirit
upon the offering of Your holy Church to gather all in unity.
Grant to all who partake of these Holy Mysteries
the fullness of the Holy Spirit for the strengthening of their faith in the truth.
So may we praise and glorify You
through Your Son, Jesus Christ.

Holding the Sacred Host above the chalice and elevating them the celebrant says:

C. Through Him may glory and honor be Yours,
with the Holy Spirit, in Your holy Church, now and for ever and ever.
R/. Amen.

COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer

STAND

The celebrant says the following introduction to the Lord's Prayer:

C. Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Savior gave us:

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy Name,
Thy Kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

With hands extended, the celebrant says:

- C. Deliver us, Lord, from every evil and grant us peace in our day.
In Your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety,
as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

The people conclude the prayer by saying the acclamation:

R/. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours, now and for ever.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

- C. The Cup of Blessing which we bless,
is it not a participation in the Blood of Christ?

The celebrant fractures the Sacred Host saying:

- C. The Bread which we break, is it not a participation in the Body of Christ?

**R/. Because there is one Bread, we who are many are one body,
for we all partake of the one Bread.**

Dropping the particle of the Host into the Chalice, the celebrant says:

- C. May the union of divinity and humanity in Jesus Christ
bring us sanctification and eternal life.

R/. Amen.

With hands extended the celebrant says:

- C. Lord Jesus Christ, You said to Your apostles:
I leave you peace, My peace I give you.
Do not look at our sins, but on the faith of Your Church,
and grant us the peace and unity of Your kingdom
where You live for ever and ever.

R/. Amen.

- C. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R/. And also with you.

- C. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

An appropriate sign of peace is made by all (in church by bowing)

AGNUS DEI

The celebrant and people say together:

All: Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

COMMUNION PRAYER

KNEEL

C. Let us pray together:

All: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God,
by the will of the Father and the work of the Holy Spirit
Your death brought life to the world.
By Your holy Body and Blood free me from all my sins and from every evil.
Keep me faithful to Your teaching and never let me be parted from You.

The celebrant takes the Sacred Host, saying:

C. I will take the Bread of Heaven and call upon the name of the Lord.

The celebrant and congregation together say once:

All: Lord, I am not worthy to receive You,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.

The celebrant says:

C. May the Body of Christ bring me to everlasting life:

The celebrant reverently consumes the Sacred Host. Taking the Chalice, he says:

C. May the Blood of Christ bring me to everlasting life:

The celebrant reverently consumes the Blood of Christ.

THE COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL

Holding a Host above the ciborium, the celebrant says:

C. This is the Lamb of God Who takes away the sins of the world.
Happy are those who are called to the table of the Lord.

KNEEL or SIT

Now, taking the ciborium, the celebrant distributes Holy Communion.

C. Let us pray.

Heavenly Father,
in this Sacrament we have shared the Body and Blood of Christ.
Strengthen us, that we may willingly follow Christ
and openly proclaim His truth.

We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son,
Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

R/. Amen.

FINAL BLESSING

C. The Lord be with you.

R/. And also with you.

C. May Almighty God bless you,
the Father + the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

R/. Amen.

C. Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

R/. Thanks be to God.



RECESSIONAL HYMN

NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

NUN DANKET



1. Now thank we all our God With heart, and hands, and
2. O may this gra-cious God Through all our life be
3. All praise and thanks to God The Fa - ther now be



1. voic - es, Who won-drous things hath done, In whom his world re -
2. near us, With ev - er joy - ful hearts And bless - ed peace to
3. giv - en, The Son, and Spir - it blest, Who reigns in high-est



1. joic - es; Who, from our moth-er's arms Hath blessed us on our
2. cheer us; Pre-serve us in his grace, And guide us in dis -
3. heav - en, E - ter - nal, Tri - une God, Whom earth and heav'n a -



1. way With count-less gifts of love, And still is ours to - day.
2. tress, And free us from all sin, Till heav-en we pos-sess.
3. dore; For thus it was, is now, And shall be, ev - er - more.

Text: 67 67 66 66; Sirach 50:22-24; Martin Rinkart, 1586-1649; tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.
Music: Johann Crüger, 1598-1662; adapt. by William H. Monk, 1823-1889, fr. Felix Mendelssohn, 1809-1847.

Announcements

*Requests for all announcements must be received by noon Wednesday each week.
Please contact Justine Fazziola (bvmc.bulletin@gmail.com)*

- **Lectors meeting which supposed to be this Sunday, will be rescheduled.**
- **To address recent inquiries:** Please note that the stipend offered for requested Mass intentions is directed to the priest who celebrates the specific Mass, rather than to the parish.
- **St. Michael's Church, 20 Page Ave. in Cohoes NY will be hosting their Annual Penny Social on Sunday, March 2nd.** Doors open at 10:30am, tickets can be purchased starting 11:00am and the games will start at 1:00pm. Admission is free. There will be food, desserts and beverages for purchase. For further info please call Maria @ (518) 782-1203., Michelle (518) 235-3292 Or Theresa (518) 237-7906.
- **Families struggle to put food on their tables.** Please pick up a non-perishable food item to drop in the food pantry baskets located in the church vestibule and share with others from the bounty with which we have been blessed.
- **Thank you' for your continuing support of our parish.** You can donate by mail: BVMC Parish, 250 Old Maxwell Rd., Latham NY 12110, or through online giving, <https://www.bvmc.org/giving> which is secure and easy. If you need assistance, please contact our financial officers, George Urciuoli or Mark Peplowski via email: bvmc.church@gmail.com.

*Thank You for your
Kindness & Support*



Happening at BVMC

Thursday, February 13

6:30 pm Parish Committee meeting

Saturday, February 15

5:00 pm Vigil Mass of Sunday

Sunday, February 16

9:00 am Holy Mass (also livestream)

Lectors: Donald

Cantor: Don Dross

Greeter: Nancy

Trustees: Jim, Bob



DATES TO REMEMBER

February 28 - Choir-Sponsored Dinner

March 5 - Ash Wednesday (Lent begins)

April 13 - Palm Sunday

April 20 - Easter Sunday



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