#### BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH National Catholic Church

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#### **Worship Schedule:**

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

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# The Ascension of the Lord C June 1, 2025

Altar Servers: Everett, Parker Greeter: Rick Radzyminski Trustees: Jim, Bob Lector: Kate Hoefer Cantor: Jeff Staats

#### Mass Intentions:

- Sun. June 1 In Memory of ††Rose & Zigmunt Peplowski, Bernice & Robert Hockenbury, Walter Moran and All departed Members of the Peplowski, Houzer & Kobylar Families (req. by the Peplowski Family).
- Sun. June 8 In Memory of †John Scarchilli (req. by the Family).
- Sun. June 15 In Memory of ††Kay & Albert Mossey, Richard Mossey Jr., and Mary Frances Zembrzuski (req. by Patti & Dick Mossey).
- Sun. June 29 In Memory of ††Peter, Richard M. & Richard S. Sawczak (req. by Edward Sawczak).



STAND **OPENING HYMN** HAIL THE DAY THAT SEES HIM RISE LLANFAIR 1. Hail the day that sees him rise 2. There for him high tri-umph waits: 3. High - est heav'n its Lord re - ceives; le - lu - ia! AI lifts his hands a - bove. 4. See! he 5. Lord, though part - ed from our sight 6. There with you we shall re - main, To his throne be - yond the skies; 1. 2. Lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates; 3. Yet he loves the earth he leaves; AI le - lu - ia! 4. See! he shows the wounds of love. 5. Far be - yond the star - ry height, 6. Share the glo - ry of your reign, 1. Christ, the Lamb for sin - ners giv'n, He has con-quered death and sin; 2. 3. Though re - turn - ing his throne, to AI le - lu - ia! 4. Hark! his gra - cious lips be - stow, 5. Lift our hearts that we may rise 6. There your face un - cloud - ed view, 1. En - ters the high - est heav'n! now 2. Take the King of glo - ry in. Still calls the world his he own. AI le - lu - ia! 4. Bless-ings on his church be - low. 5. One with you be - yond the skies: 6. Find our heav'n of heav'ns in you.

Text: 77 77 with alleluias; Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt. Music: Robert Williams, 1781–1821.

# INTRODUCTORY RITE

- 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 turn to God who forgives our failings and strengthens our faith. Please, make an examination of your conscience.

KNEEL or SIT

During a moment of silent reflection evoke spirit of contrition. 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.C. Christ, have mercy.C. Lord, have mercy.

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

#### THE GLORIA

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 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.

Lord Jesus Christ, You went to the Father to prepare a place for us. Grant that we may both live in union with You here on earth, and hereafter enjoy the fullness of Your presence.

For You live and reign with the Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

R/. Amen.

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## First Reading Acts 1:1-11

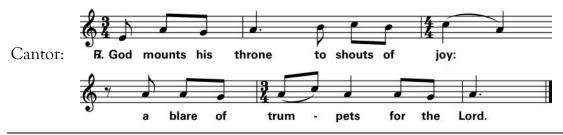
# A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

In the first book, Theophilus, I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day he was taken up, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. He presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While meeting with them, he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for "the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

When they had gathered together they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" He answered them, "It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven."

L. The Word of the Lord. R/. Thanks be to God.

# Responsorial Psalm Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9.



# R/. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

All you peoples, clap your hands, shout to God with cries of gladness, For the LORD, the Most High, the awesome, is the great king over all the earth. **R/. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.** 

God mounts his throne amid shouts of joy; the LORD, amid trumpet blasts. Sing praise to God, sing praise; sing praise to our king, sing praise. **R/. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.** 

For king of all the earth is God; sing hymns of praise. God reigns over the nations, God sits upon his holy throne.

# R/. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

# Second Reading Eph 1:17-23.

# A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians.

Brothers and sisters:

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him.

May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call, what are the riches of glory in his inheritance among the holy ones, and what is the surpassing greatness of his power for us who believe, in accord with the exercise of his great might: which he worked in Christ, raising him from the dead and seating him at his right hand in the heavens, far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion,

and every name that is named not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things beneath his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way.

L. The Word of the Lord.R/. Thanks be to God.



## R/. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Cantor: Go and teach all nations, says the Lord; I am with you always, until the end of the world.

R/. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Gospel <u>Lk 24:46–53</u>

- 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.

Jesus said to his disciples:

"Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and

rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

And behold I am sending the promise of my Father upon you;

but stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, raised his hands, and blessed them.

As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven.

They did him homage and then returned to Jerusalem with great joy,

and they were continually in the temple praising God.

C. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

KNEEL or SIT

#### HYMN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT



HOMILY

## THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

С. 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.

# GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

- C. Obeying the risen Jesus' command to the Apostles, we, too, wait in prayer for the arrival of the promised Holy Spirit upon us.
- For the clergy of our Church, and for all whom Jesus calls to be His witnesses: That the ends of the earth may receive His life-giving words. We pray to the Lord. R/. Lord, hear our prayer.
- 2. For the peace of the world, for wisdom and compassion for all who exercise authority. We pray to the Lord.
- R/. Lord, hear our prayer.
- 3. God our Father, bless all the children of our parish community. We give thank for the joy they bring: May they continue to grow in understanding of Your love for them. We pray to the Lord. **R/. Lord, hear our prayer.**
- 4. We thank God for Kelly Ciavardoni and for all teachers who work to make their schools a safe, happy and caring place in which to learn. We give thanks for their guidance and support. We pray to the Lord.
- R/. Lord, hear our prayer.
- 5. For those whose spirits are low, who are sick or troubled, anxious, or grieving: That they may know the healing presence of Christ. We pray to the Lord.
- R/. Lord, hear our prayer.
- 6. For Rose and Zigmunt Peplowski, Bernice an Robert Hockenbury, Walter Moran and the departed Members of the Peplowski, Houzer and Kobylar Families for whom this Holy Mass is being offered, and for all who have died: May they enjoy the glorious destiny won for them by the death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus. We pray to the Lord.
- R/. Lord, hear our prayer.
- **C.** In all things, Father, You demonstrate Your love and care for us even if we stray. Give to us, and to all for whom we have prayed today, a taste of heaven, where You live and reign with Jesus and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.
- R/. Amen.

# OFFERTORY HYMN

# Let the Redeemed of the Lord Say So!

Music and Words by Michael Barrett

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, the redeemed of the Lord say so! (*Repeat*) Lift up your voice, break through with jubilation! Make joyful noise, proclaim His glory, tell his story Among the nations! Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, the redeemed of the Lord say so! (*Repeat*) Tell of His faithfulness, tell of His mercy.

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, the redeemed of the Lord say so! God is our fortress, a mighty tower, He is the rock on which we stand. God is worthy of our praise. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, the redeemed of the Lord say so! Lift up your voice, break through with jubilation! Make joyful noise, proclaim His glory, tell his story Among the nations! Great celebration!

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, the redeemed of the Lord say so! Sing Hosanna! Sing Hosanna!

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, the redeemed of the Lord say so!



# 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 You 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:

**STAND** 

- **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.

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# PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

C. Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest,

before You ascended into heaven,

You promised to return and take us to be with You for ever. May the gifts we offer to Your Heavenly Father be acceptable to Him and assist us during our earthly pilgrimage.

For You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

R/. Amen.

# PREFACE OF ASCENSION

- 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 Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, Who after His resurrection plainly showed Himself to all His disciples, and in their presence ascended to heaven to give us a share in His divinity.

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.

#### STAND

# EUCHARISTIC 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, elevates it a little above the altar 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, places it on the paten, and then genuflects in adoration.

## GENUFLECT with the celebrant, then RISE

#### STAND

He takes the Chalice, elevates it slightly above the altar 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, places it on the corporal and then genuflects in adoration.

#### GENUFLECT with the celebrant, then RISE

## **STAND** 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 Praver

## 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**

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 SpiritYour 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.

KNEEL



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# POST COMMUNION HYMN



# PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

C. Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, after Your resurrection You openly appeared to Your disciples. In their sight You ascended into heaven to prepare a place for us. Strengthened by this Holy Eucharist, may we continue to serve You faithfully until You come again.

For You live and reign with the Father 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. Go in peace to love and serve a the Lord.
- R/. And also with you.



# RECESSIONAL HYMN Celtic Alleluia: Sending Forth

CELTIC ALLELUIA (SENDING FORTH VERSES)

Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker



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## Announcements

Requests must be received by noon Wednesday. Please contact Justine Fazziola bvmc.bulletin@gmail.com



This Sunday SOCL Students conclude their Catechetical Year 2024–25. We express our gratitude to Sunday School Teacher Kelly Ciavardoni. Our thanks also go to the Parent-Teacher Organization, with its chair Kate Hoefer, for their dedication and continued support!



- June is the Sacred Vocations Month. Please support the Clergy Pension Fund. The forms are available on the announcement board in the hallway. Let us support those whop faithfully ministered to as as pastors. Let us also pray that Jesus' call to follow Him as a priest or a deacon finds receptive hearts within our Church.
- Queen of Hearts Raffle: 22 cards left! Jackpot starts at \$758. Get your tickets today!
- YMSofR Update: First Sunday Breakfast is suspended until Fall 2025.
   Join us for a YMSofR Meeting and Men's Night on Friday, June 13, 2025, at 6:30 PM. All male members, youth and adults, are welcome. Contact Jacob Krusienski for details.
- **'Thank you' for your continuing support of our parish.** You can always donate by mail: BVMC Parish, 250 Old Maxwell Rd., Latham NY 12110, or through online giving, <u>https://www.bvmc.org/giving</u> which is secure and easy. If you need assistance, please contact our financial officers, George Urciuoli or Mark Peplowski <u>bvmc.church@gmail.com</u>. May God bless you abundantly!

Thank You for your Kindness & Support

## Happening at BVMC

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Saturday, June 7 5:00 pm Vigil Mass of Sunday

Sunday, June 8—Pentecost 9:00 am Holy Mass (also livestream) Altar Servers: Abby, Parker Lector: Mary Ellen Greeter: Bob Trustees: Rick, Joanne

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#### DATES TO REMEMBER

June 14 (Sat) - BBQ Ribs "Sampling" following Vigil MassJuly 6 (Sun) - The Erwins in Concert– Live at BVM Parish (2:00 pm)



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