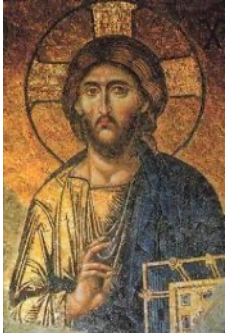


CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

Nr. 19 (3493) May 7th, 2023

5th SUNDAY of the EASTER - A



The readings for the last few Sundays have been about the Resurrection, but today's Gospel takes us back in time to an event in Jesus' life before his Passion. Jesus tells his disciples that he is going to prepare a place for them in his Father's house. He promises that where he is going, his disciples will be able to follow. Thomas, who will later doubt the disciples' reports that they have seen the Risen Lord, contradicts Jesus by saying that the disciples don't know where Jesus is going or how to get there. Jesus explains that he himself is the way, the truth, and the life. In knowing and loving Jesus, the disciples now love God the Father.

Philip then makes a request that challenges Jesus' words. Philip wants Jesus to show the Father to the disciples. Recall that Jesus has just told his disciples, "If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him." As a good teacher, Jesus responds to Philip by repeating and elaborating on what he has just told the disciples: they have seen and known Jesus, so they have seen and known the Father. Then Jesus offers another reassurance about his departure: because of faith in God and in Jesus, the disciples will do the work that Jesus has done and more.

The connection between Jesus and his Father, between Jesus' work and the work of the Father, is made clear in today's Gospel. Jesus is in the Father, and God the Father is in Jesus. As God spoke his name to Moses, "I am," so too Jesus speaks his name to his disciples: "I am the way and the truth and the life."

The revelation of the Trinity is completed in the passage that follows today's reading, and it is the Gospel for next Sunday. Because Jesus goes away, the Father will send in Jesus' name the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will continue the work of the Father and of Jesus. (loyolapress.com)

"Lord Jesus, you fill us with the joy of your saving presence and you give us the hope of everlasting life with the Father in Heaven. Show me the Father that I may know and glorify him more fully." (daiyscripture.net) †R.R.

*Lord, let your love be upon us
as we place all our trust in you.*

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR:

9 a.m.	†Leokadija Nevulis and Alida Groen in't Woud	(family)
11 a.m.	for living and deceased parishioners for peace in Ukraine and the world Novena - for living and deceased Mothers	
	†Ona and Stasys Dackus	(granddaughter)
	†Gediminas and Leonas Skukauskus	(V.Skukauskas)
	†Stasys Prakapas	(family)
	†Monsignor Edmundas Putrimas and Edita Putrimas	(KG)
	†Vyga (5th anniv.) and Arthur Augenas	(family)
	†Jurgis Simaitis	(Stanevicius family)
	†Irena and Henrikas Matusaitis	(R.J.Balaisis)
	†Ona Kuliesius	(R.J.Kuliesius)
	†Regina Antanaitis	(Daiva)
	†Salomeja Oleka	(R.Oleka)
	†Cesius and Joana (1st anniv.) Kuras	(family)
	blessings of the Lord for mothers Almute and Genovaite	(family)



2023

May 28

Cemetery day

June 3

Run for Hope

June 4

Confirmation

June 9 - 11

Camp "Kretinga" -

Work Weekend

Camp Kretinga

July 2-15 (En.)

July 16 - 29 (Lith.)

October 14

MOZAIKA

A Silent Art Auction

October 20-21

Fall Rummage Sale

November 18

70th Anniversary

Parish Dinner

December (date TBD)

Advent Retreat

December 10

Christmas Concert

December 25

Christmas

Cantors of the Masses:

9 AM - Zita Nausedas & Zibute Janeliunas

11 AM - children

organist - Ilona Beres

The week's Holy Masses

May 8 - 14

MONDAY (May 8): 7 p.m. Novena;

TUESDAY (May 9): 7 p.m. for living and deceased parishioners; Novena;

WEDNESDAY (May 10): 7 p.m. Novena; †Marija Gudelis (R.J.Birgiolas);

THURSDAY (May 11): 7 p.m. Novena; †Antanas Laurinaitis (Melnukas family);

FRIDAY (May 12): 7 p.m. Novena; †Sophija Skucas (B.Kuncevicius);

SATURDAY (May 13): 9 a.m. Novena; in thanksgiving (Groen in't Woud family); 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor";

SUNDAY (May 7): 9 a.m. for Slivinskas' deceased family members (N.Slivinskas); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; Novena - for living and deceased Mothers; †Sofija Oleka (O.Oleka); †Marija Mausevicius (25th anniv.) (family); blessings of the Lord for sister Stella (sisters); †Daiva Vorps (D.J.Didzbalis); †Mother and grandmothers (GJ); †Bob White and in thanksgiving (V.White); †Jonas, Gene and Jonas, jr. Miglinas (family); †Genovaitė Budreckis (daughter and family); for Zoruba deceased family members (M.Grambus); †Jone Balciunas (7th anniv.) (G.Naruseviciute).

Capital Fund - \$ 345,260

THANK YOU...

"For it is in giving that we receive".

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Collections in "Vilnius Manor"

and April 30th

47 envelopes - \$ 1,622

No envelopes - \$ 122

Direct deposit - \$ 1,060

Share Life - \$115

THANK you for your generosity

**„Whatsoever you do unto the least of these,
you do it unto me.“**



SINCERE THANKS to the **Parish's Social Committee** for organizing the Parish Lunch This incredible team helped put together a wonderful kickoff to our parish 70th anniversary celebration.

So many things go into making these events a success and each contribution is truly appreciated. A heartfelt thank you goes out to: all who helped with - putting up and setting the tables, decorating, selling tickets, tending bar, cleaning up after the event.

Sincere thanks to the host of the program Dominykas Guzauskas, the parish children's choir, their teacher Daina Babeckas, accompanist Ilona Beres, soloists Aleksia Vadauskas and Gintas Pabedinskas, and master of all things technical Arunas Pabedinskas, for the beautiful performance during the parish's 70th anniversary kick-off luncheon. A special thank you to Jurate Neumann without whose dedication and support the children's performance would not have been possible, in the absence of parish music director Dalia Viskontas.

Thank you to Genute Kobelskis and her team for the delicious food and presentation.

The parish pastor Fr. Jonas Sileika, ofm, priests Fr. Augustinas Simanavicius, ofm and Fr. Raimundas Bukauskas, ofm and deacon Kazimieras Ambrozaitis who provide our spiritual guidance.

And **BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE** for attending and supporting our beloved parish!

We will be waiting for everyone on November 18th at the Parish's 70th Anniversary "Family Holy Mass" and dinner.

THE PARISH IS LOOKING FOR:

- **cleaner**: to clean and maintain the church and parish facilities;
- an **employee** who could take care of the halls and prepare them for events as needed, e.g.: parish events, funerals, on Sundays or during the week.

Please call the parish office - 416-533-0621.



Annual Resurrection Parish Run for Hope – June 3rd

Join the 5K run or 1 K walk

All proceeds to be donated to St. Francis Cancer Support Centre in Klaipeda, Lithuania. Registration: <https://forms.gle/7y7jvXE7K8YbH7Rm7>. e-transfer: viltiesb@gmail.com

In person registration will take place each Sunday after mass, downstairs in front of the parish cafeteria.

If you have any questions, please contact: gintare_kalendra@yahoo.ca



Silent Art Auction - October 14th

ALL are invited to support MOZAIKA II by donating artwork: sculptures, paintings, prints. We will gladly accept donations at the Church office Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

For more information, please contact: raminta.nakrosius@gmail.com

**Lord, I am Your child, I love You, I want to get to know You and will always be a friend with you.
Help me to Love you, deepen my faith Grant me the hope that one day I will see you in heaven."**

During the last eight months, with the guidance of their teacher, 6 girls journeyed towards the great Mystery attending catechetical lessons with great dedication. During each class, they learned to get closer to God and our Saviour Jesus Christ, trusting and waiting for His help, which is received through the sacraments. They learned to love God more earnestly, to share their joys and sorrows with Him.

Today, May 7th, is special because accompanied by parents, grandparents, god-parents, brothers and sisters, they have gathered with great excitement to receive their **First Communion** at our Parish. Let us rejoice, Christ comes into their hearts!



With Holy Communion we are united with Jesus – it nurtures grace and unites us as members of the universal Church. In Holy Communion, Jesus becomes food for our souls. God's grace present in us at the same time leads us to reconciliation and produces good fruit. And now all may unite with Jesus in Holy Communion. Remember, Jesus is waiting for you every day. Your friendship with Jesus will deepen your faith, strengthening you in body and soul. Rejoice in the Lord's love and His abundant gifts and when the need arises, you will discover new channels of grace. Today we would like to recall the alphabet of **LOVE**. We wish you, communicants and parents, to reflect on them and believe that you receive God's abundant graces.

EMILJA RUKAITE, ERIKA MAJCHROWSKI, GABRIELLA OLIVEIRA,

HILJA SEINE SHARPE, LEJA MARIJA BANCEWICZ, SMILTE ALEKSANDRAVICIUTE -

Respect Everyone. Remember that Christ dwells in each of us. Be mindful of him/her, your brother/sister.

Think good thoughts about everyone. Try to find something good even in the worst situation.

Speak good things about others. Do not speak ill of anyone. Correct what wrong your words might cause immediately.

Speak the language of love with everyone. Do not raise your voice. Don't swear, do not create problems for others, be good.

Forgive all. Do not carry grudges. Be the first one to stretch out your hand in reconciliation.

Always show concern for your neighbour. Do unto others as you would have done to yourself. Do not remember the wrongdoings done to you; remember what wrongs you have done to others.

Relieve the pain of your suffering with action. Willingly rush to help out, advise and comfort with sincerity.

Work honestly. The fruits of your work enjoyed by others as you enjoy the fruits of their labour.

Help your neighbour. Help the poor, the sick and the marginalized. Give of yourself. Notice those who need your help in your surroundings.

Sincerely THANK YOU to *Rasa Balaisis* for preparing 6 girls for First Communion.

GOD BLESS YOU...

Pope at Mass in Hungary: Christ calls us by name and sends us forth

Pope Francis began his third and final day in Budapest with the celebration of Holy Mass with tens of thousands of faithful gathered in Kossuth Lajos Square in central Budapest. Celebrating Sunday Mass Pope Francis reflects on the image of the Good Shepherd, who knows His sheep and calls them by name, and then sends us forth to be witnesses of the Gospel.



The Holy Father based his homily on the Gospel reading for the Fourth Sunday of Easter, which focuses on the figure of the Good Shepherd. A good shepherd, he said, "gives his life for his sheep." "Jesus, like a shepherd who goes in search of his flock, came to find us when we were lost," he said. "Like a shepherd, He came to snatch us from death." Christ, the Good Shepherd, does two things in particular for His sheep, the Pope continued: He calls His sheep by name, and He leads them out.

Called by name - Pope Francis reminded the faithful that God calls each of us by our name, desiring "to save us from sin and death, to give us life in abundance and joy without end." "Jesus came as the Good Shepherd of humanity, to call us and bring us home." The Pope went on to explain that, as Christians, we are all "called by name by the Good Shepherd, summoned to receive and spread His love, to make His fold inclusive and never to exclude others." From this, he said, it follows that we are called to build fraternity and avoid divisions, "opening our hearts to mutual love."

The Shepherd 'leads them out' - After the Shepherd calls His sheep, the Pope continued, He goes on "to lead them out," to send them forth into the world to be "witnesses of the love that has given us new birth."

Introducing the image of the door, Pope Francis said that Jesus is the door that brings us "into the fold of the Church" and then "leads us back into the world." The Pope lamented the doors closed to the lonely, the underprivileged, foreigners, migrants; closed doors that are found "even in our ecclesial communities," doors closed "to other people... to the world... to those who are 'irregular'... those who long for God's forgiveness."

Pope Francis implored the faithful, "Please, let us open those doors! Let us try to be, in our words, deeds, and daily activities, like Jesus, an open door, a door that is never shut in anyone's face, a door that enables everyone to enter and experience the beauty of God's love." Be open doors! Addressing bishops and priests, and all those who are "shepherds" within the Church, the Pope called them to be "increasingly open doors, 'facilitators' of God's grace. He likewise called on the lay faithful, including catechists and pastoral workers, political and social leaders: "Be open doors! Be open and inclusive, then, and in this way, help Hungary to grow in fraternity, which is the path of peace."

The Holy Father concluded his homily by inviting the faithful to never be discouraged, and to remember that Jesus the Good Shepherd "calls us by name and cares for us with infinitely tender love."

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Q: What is the name of the parish?

A: Resurrection; (indicating to whom the donation is addressed) or on the parish site www.prisikelimas.ca/give.

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