

**Father Oliver's Weekend Reflection:**

5th Sunday of Easter 1 Peter 2.4-9

This passage provides us both comfort and a reminder of our calling; a powerful image of identity and belonging. Peter introduces Christ as the "living stone," a vivid metaphor that emphasizes how Jesus, though dismissed by many, is cherished and selected by God. For us, that immediately raises a question: what standards are we using to judge what is valuable? We must endeavor to let ourselves "be built into a spiritual house." Each life is a stone, uniquely placed.

The Christian journey extends far beyond a personal connection with God—it calls each believer to become an integral part of a greater community, a vibrant and active Church. Each of our lives is intended to narrate a compelling story, one marked by transformation, hope, and the presence of light breaking through even the deepest darkness. However, this path is not without its challenges. Just as stones cannot position themselves, but must be carefully shaped and sometimes even chiseled, so too are we formed through experiences that may be uncomfortable or require us to release certain attachments. This process of growth in Christ often leads us down roads we might not have chosen for ourselves, yet it is never arbitrary. Instead, every moment of shaping is guided by God's loving and purposeful design, ensuring that our lives are built into something greater for the benefit of all.

Dear friends, take heart in knowing that you are being shaped for something far greater than you may realize. Your life holds a unique purpose—one that calls you to reflect and share the light of Christ within a world that still grapples to recognize it. As you journey forward, remember that every experience is part of a meaningful process, guiding you to radiate hope and faith where it is needed most.

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**Liturgy and Sacraments:**

**Baptism & Instruction in the Catholic Faith:** The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on Sundays as needed. Parent preparation is required.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** Those wishing to join the Catholic Church please call the office (613-543-2544). Classes starting soon!

**Marriage:** 9–12-month notice is needed for the celebration of the Sacrament of Matrimony. Each couple is required to participate in a Marriage Preparation course.

**Reconciliation:** Confessions heard half hour before Mass or by appointment.

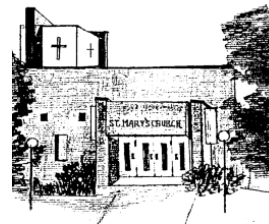
**Anointing of the Sick:** The Sacrament of Anointing is given on request, especially before going to the hospital, or at the hospital or at home.

**Sick List:** Please call the office if anyone needs prayers, a visit or is seriously ill.

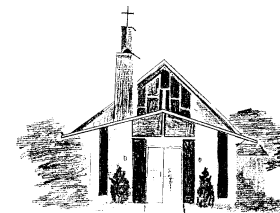
If you are unable to attend Mass for an extended period of time, please contact St. Mary's.

Arrangements can be made for reception of the Holy Eucharist in the home.

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**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter ~ May 3, 2026**

- Sun. 03 May 9:00 am Ellen Coughlan (Woodmass Family)
- Tue. 05 May 9:00 am Peter & Regina Fridgen & Fam (Estate of B Fridgen)
- Tue. 05 May 6:00 pm First Confession and First Communion Practice
- Wed. 06 May **9:30 am** Claire Altimas (Denis Doyle and Louise Altimas)  
School Mass
- Fri. 08 May 6:00 pm First Communion **All Parishioners Welcome**

<b>Marian Mass</b>			
Sat.	09 May	8:30 am	Peter & Regina Fridgen & Fam (Estate of B Fridgen) 8:30 – 9:00 am Rosary ~ Mass at 9:00 am

- Sun. 10 May 9:00 am Beat & Annemarie Schraner (Schraner Family)
- Tue. 12 May 9:00 am Richard de Vette (Leo & Lucille Beriault)
- Wed. 13 May 9:00 am Carnie Helen Doyle (Denis Doyle and Louise Altimas)
- Fri. 15 May 3:00 pm Mass, Adoration and Novena Prayer

**No Masses May 18 to 22 ~ Priests Retreat**

## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

**Etransfers Available:** We have set up the ability to send etransfers to the Church, please use [StMary.Morrisburg@archkingston.ca](mailto:StMary.Morrisburg@archkingston.ca) in the remarks area please give your name and what you wish the money to be used for eg. Roof, Regular Collection etc.

**Collection:** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter: \$1,516.75.00 (2025: \$1,393.00)  
Repairs and Maintenance: \$20.00;

**Roof Collected to date: \$17,420.00;** (Total cost \$120,000)

### Meetings:

**KNIGHTS - Mon 11 May,** 7 pm St. Mary's Mtg Room (AGM & Elections)

**CWL - Mon 18 May,** 7 pm St. Mary's Meeting Room

**Bible/Faith Study:** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays at 6 pm St. Mary's Meeting Room

**Rosary Group:** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday after 9 am Mass

**Sacramental Preparation:** Meetings will be held after the 9 am Mass

**First Communion: 1<sup>st</sup> Communion May 8, 6:00 pm**

**Confirmation: Confirmation on Friday June 5, 6:00 pm**

### Parish Activities:

**Choirs: St. Mary's:** Jim Boissonneault (543-3435) new members are welcome!

**AA Meeting:** Wednesday, 8:00 pm,

**Coffee Social: May 10<sup>th</sup>** Marg Zambon (613-652-4741)



**Pray for those who are sick in our families and parish** especially:  
Lola Kennedy, Tony Byvelds, Bridget Van Der Zweep, John Ricci, Alice McNairn, Noella Kirkwood, and Louise Altimas.

**Pray for the repose of the soul of** Bill McSheffrey, Robert Miller, Father Stan Alanen, Julie Watters (nee Durivage), Margaret Lortie; Jim Kelly, Juliet Gremli, Catherine Lortie, Tina Serviss, and Beat Schraner.

**Religious Items for Free:** Please see the back of the Church for some items that have been donated to the Church. Free to take home with you.

## May 3, 2026



### Rosary before Mass Sundays for the month of May:

The rosary will begin 20 minutes before Mass.

Led by the CWL and the Knights of Columbus.

**Novena to the Holy Spirit:** The Easter season culminates on Pentecost Sunday, May 24. Christians have prepared for Pentecost for over 2000 years by joining together for 9 days of prayer. Everyone across the three Parishes of Chesterville, South Mountain and Morrisburg are invited to join in praying the Novena to The Holy Spirit from Fri. May 15<sup>th</sup> to Sat. May 23<sup>rd</sup>. St. Mary's, Morrisburg will have Mass on Friday May 15<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm with Adoration and to start the Novena. The Novena will also be said before Sunday Mass on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Parishioners are encouraged to pray the Novena on their own so the 9 days can be completed in its entirety. Copies of the Novena will be available at the back of each Church the weekend before the 15<sup>th</sup>.

### *Catholic Education Week ~ May 3 – 8, 2026:*

*Pilgrims of Hope: on the path of holiness*

**Roses for Life:** The Knights will be offering embroidered roses for a donation at Mass on Sunday May 3 this in support of pro-life organizations and in advance of the March for Life. Please pray for everyone involved, including those we mean to save.



**March for Life** in Ottawa [www.marchforlife.ca](http://www.marchforlife.ca): Mass St. Patrick's Basilica 10 am, Thursday May 14 then noon rally on Parliament Hill. Bus leaves 8 am from Days Inn, 160 Stewart Blvd, Brockville, \$50 by Monday May 4, Susan 613-547-5004; Graham (613-214-1968 car pool).

**Free Will Offering for Missals and Word Among Us** if you are able, please consider helping with the cost of these items, the box is located at the back of the church. Thank you for your continued support of our Parish.