

May 16, 2021
7th Sunday of Easter
The Ascension of the Lord



Ascension

We rejoice in the Solemnity of the Ascension of our Lord into the glory of heaven. Our human nature which had fallen in sin is now raised up to heaven exalted at the right hand of the Father. We celebrate the victory of Jesus Christ over all evil. Our glorious King calls us to follow Him and share His glory, His victory.

Before Jesus ascended to the Father in heaven, He told His apostles to wait in Jerusalem for the coming of the Holy Spirit. These days from Ascension to Pentecost became the first “Novena” of the Church. The Church calls us to make these days one of special prayer for the Spirit to come in a new Pentecost.

NEXT WEEKEND we urge you to wear some **RED clothing** to match the color of the **Liturgical Vestments of the clergy**. Pentecost will conclude the Easter Season.

Priest Anniversaries of Ordination

This is the time of year when many priests celebrate the anniversary of their Ordination

Fr. Ed Fahey who resides in our Rectory and currently serving St. Francis Hospital celebrated his 32th Anniversary of Ordination on May 20th.

Monsignor Russell will celebrate his 60th Ordination Anniversary on May 27th.

Please pray that more will accept the Lord’s call to serve His people as a priest.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS ARE TODAY



This year's candidates for Parish Council are: **Samantha (Dunn) Brown, Barbara Chlada, Mena D’Amato, John Hughes, Donna McDonough, Jim Vandergast, and John Zakreski.** Photos and biographies for each will comprise the ballot available this weekend. Please look for a ballot in your pew and cast your vote for three candidates you think will serve our parish well. Thank you!

2021 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL - DISCIPLES OF CHRIST, WITNESSES OF HOPE

\$49,471.00 has been received representing 78.53% of our parish’s goal of our goal of 63,000.00. **THANK YOU!** If you would like more information about the Annual Catholic Appeal, go to www.cdow.org/annualcatholicappeal. **Your generosity is deeply appreciated.**

Is there someone you know: in your family, a neighbor or friend, whom you can encourage to come home? Someone may be waiting for the invitation to come and find peace. The Lord needs **YOU** to extend the invitation.

The Offertory Collection

For the weekend of 5/2 was \$6,385.00 and the on-line collection was \$1,882.00 for a total of \$8,267.00. Thank You.

May has always been a month dedicated to our Blessed Mother. Please Pray her rosary.



Please Pray For Our Sick Parishioners

Ruth Bower, Bob Davis, Julia Davis, Gerri Episcopo, Sara Garrison, Sarah Hess, Ella Kirksey, Fr. Roy Pollard, Terri Reed, Dorothy Rich, Helen Rupnicki, Kathleen Schauber, Irma Shock, Caitlin Soper, Frank Sullivan, Catherine Thomson, Vaughn Whisker, Ann Wilson, Cindy Zych, Anita Tyranski, Mary Gabel, Alline Da Grossa, Toni Di Lezio, Sister Dorothy Prettyman, Janet Szubieolski, Catalina Weddle, Marie Spinden, Jane Parsons, Francis Medeiros, Friends at the Kutz Home Nicolas Childs, Alfred Palmer, Bridget Robinson, Bill Thomas, Geri Crockett, Jim Fedena, Sr, Carly Fedena, Judy Wilbank, Joan Morgan, Aliyah Miller, Theresa Kelleher Cassidy, Nicole Miller, Karen Cheeseman, Sara Murphy, Mary Jane Welsh



WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 15

5:00pm (SR) Jen Burke

Sunday, May 16

7:00am (SR) Mother's Day Novena

9:00am (SR) Joseph Zakielarz

11:00am (SR) People of the Parish

Monday, May 17

9:00am (SR) Mother's Day Novena

Tuesday, May 18

7:00am (EF) Joseph Fedena

9:00am (SR) Rose Picollelli

Wednesday, May 19

9:00am (SR) Brian Hopkins

Thursday, May 20

7:00am (EF) Paul O. Knight

9:00am (SR) Edwin Blevins

Friday, May 21

7:00am (EF) Midge Robinson (Living)

9:00am (SR) Colette Bleistine

Saturday, May 22

9:00 am (SR) Edward Rich, Sr.

5:00pm (SR) Dorothy Ragan

Sunday, May 23

7:00am (SR) People of the Parish

9:00am (EF) Helen Hillis

11:00am (SR) Dorothy Ragan

WEEKLY CALENDAR



Sunday, May 16

The 2nd Collection: Feast of the Ascension
Social Ministry Sunday

Tuesday, May 18

7:00pm Parish Council-Masci Hall/Zoom

Wednesday, May 19

6:30pm Confirmation -Rehearsal-Church

Thursday, May 20

5:30pm Bingo-Masci Hall

Friday, May 21

7:00pm Confirmation Celebration -Church

Sunday, May 23

The 2nd Collection: Diocesan Priests
Retirement

BINGO

Every Thursday Evening
In Masci Hall

Doors open at 5:30pm

Games begin at 7:00pm

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

OPTION FOR THE POOR AND VULNERABLE

A Basic moral test is how our most vulnerable members are faring. In a society marred by deepening divisions between rich and poor, our tradition recalls the story of the Last Judgment (Gospel of Matthew 25:31-46) and instructs us to put the needs of the poor and vulnerable first.

To our generous parishioners: If you have fresh food to donate for the Food Closet, please call first in order that the office will know that the food will be delivered. The food can be refrigerated. Phone: 302-764-7545 or Dorothy Medeiros 302 764-0325-ext.104. Thank you for your kindness.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL is this WED in Church at 6:30p. Candidates and sponsors (or a parent if sponsor is not available) MUST attend.

St. Helena's Parish will be celebrating Confirmation this FRI (MAY 21) at 7pm in Church. Candidates and Sponsors will meet in Masci Hall at 6:40pm. We ask that our parishioners keep these teens in your prayers as they become fully initiated into the Catholic Church.

SUPPORT CHRISTOPHER COUNCIL'S CHARITABLE GOOD WORKS BY PURCHASING HOMEMADE SOUP

Soups are frozen and can be delivered or picked up. Because of COVID restrictions, orders must be placed in advance using <https://2020soup-christopher-council-3182.cheddarup.com>

SOUPER SALE \$20/ 3 quarts (Save \$4.00), \$8/quart, 2 quarts/\$15. You may pay by credit card when you place your order or by check/cash at pickup/delivery.

Available flavors are listed on ordering web site. There are approximately 20 flavors available.

Thank you for all you do to support Christopher Council fundraising; it helps us assist Holy Rosary and our community.



Saint Edmond's Academy- 51st Annual Summer Basketball Camp **Mask wearing and Covid guidelines will be strictly adhered.**

3 weeks to choose from:

June 28th-July 1st

July 5th-July 8th

July 12th-July 15th

Monday - Thursday, 9am - 3pm

To register online, please visit

stedmondsacademy.org

or call Bill D'Amato at 302-475-5370 x229 for more information.



PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE

<https://www.sainthelenas.org>

Coronavirus News Important Update!

Friday Reflections with Msgr. Russell

Friday Reflections is a weekly check-in video with Msgr. Russell. Please visit our [YouTube Channel](#) to watch this week's video, and be sure to SUBSCRIBE to our channel.

Reminder! We'll be broadcasting Mass on YouTube afterward for you to watch.

PLEASE NOTE

Because we need to follow procedures to help maintain a safe situation for all:

- No one can enter the Church if you are sick or have been exposed to someone with the virus within the last 14 days, or if you will not wear a mask.
- Every other pew will be roped off to help social distancing.
- All MUST WEAR A MASK except children under 2 and please use hand sanitizer.



SUMMER STAGE AT URSULINE ACADEMY

Enjoy theater on the beautiful Ursuline campus under the direction of our very own music director, Joe Loudon. Students entering grades 3-9 are welcome!

Camp Dates

Monday- Friday July 12th-July 16th 8:30-3:30pm

Monday-Friday July 19th-July 23rd 8:30-3:30pm

More information at

<https://www.summerstageatua.com/>

National Human Trafficking Hotline:

1-888-373-7888 SMS 233733 (Text "HELP" or "INFO") Hours: 24 hours seven days a week 200 or more languages Website:

humantrafficking.org

If you have any questions: Please call the Parish Social Ministry office-302-764-7545

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AT IHM

Adoration hours are extended Adoration Hours are from- Monday at 7am to Friday at 8pm.

If you would like to have a Holy Hour for the times listed or any other time, please contact **Kathy Dunworth**.

Adorers are needed for the following Open Hours:

Tuesday at 12am

Wednesday at 1am

Wednesday at 10am

Wednesday at 11am

Thursday at 2am

Thursday at 5am

Thursday at 11pm

Friday at 5am

Friday at 1pm

Kathy Dunworth, Coordinator

302-383-6452, kdunworth@verizon.net



Marriage Moments and Parenting Pointers

By Susan Vogt



Marriage Moments: Distance can put stress on a marriage. Having a spouse who travels a lot or who is deployed to military service poses a challenge. Do you have any practices that help the two of you when you are apart?

Parenting Pointers: Teach your child to pray. Sure, you may already say grace before meals and a bedtime prayer, but help them practice humble prayers from their heart. You may learn a lot by listening to their genuine prayer.

Congratulations

Brennan Ferris, from St. Elizabeth, Wilmington was ordained to the transitional diaconate on May 15, 2021 at the Cathedral of St. Peter.

Rev Mr. Michael Preston, from St. Theresa, Port Deposit, will be ordained to the Priesthood on May 22, 2021 at St. Elizabeth, Wilmington.



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