

May 24, 2020

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.

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 serves nursing homes in New Castle County, and currently serving St. Francis Hospital celebrated his 31th Anniversary of Ordination on May 20th.

Monsignor Russell will celebrate his 59th Ordination Anniversary on May 27th.

On June 8th, Fr. William Keech, O.S.F.S. will celebrate the 63th Anniversary of his Ordination.

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

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 about the daily scripture or the upcoming one for Sunday. Please visit our [YouTube Channel](#) to watch this week’s video, and be sure to SUBSCRIBE to our channel. You can even arrange for YouTube to let you know every time we add a new video!

Reminder! We’ll be broadcasting Mass on FaceBook Live Saturday at 5pm, and save it to YouTube afterward for people to watch.

Please Pray For Our Sick Parishioners

Ruth Bower, Charles Brumbaugh, Patricia Darmanin, Jayne Davenport, Bob Davis, Julia Davis, Gerri Episcopo, Sara Garrison, Sarah Hess, Ella Kirksey, Fr. Roy Pollard, Terri Reed, Dorothy Rich, Helen Rupnicki, Kathleen Schaubert, Irma Shock, Caitlin Soper, Frank Sullivan, Catherine Thomson, James Whisker, Ann Wilson, Cindy Zych, Anita Tyrawski, Mary Gabel, Alline Da Grossa, Toni Di Lezio, Sister Dorothy Prettyman, Janet Szubieolski, Catalina Weddle, Ray Altamuro, Marie Spinden, Jane Parsons, Francis Medeiros, Friends at the Kutz Home Nicolas Childs, Alfred Palmer, Bridget Robinson, Mary Tabler, Fr. Charles Dillingham

This weekend we remember those who have sacrificed themselves for us, for our nation and freedoms.



2020 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL - SEEING CHRIST IN THE FACES OF OTHERS

"No one has ever seen God. Yet, if we love one another, God remains in us, and His love is brought to perfection in us."
1 John 4:14.

The Annual Catholic Appeal, with its theme, "*Seeing Christ in the Faces of Others*" continues throughout our diocese. Funds raised through the Appeal bring hope, comfort, compassion and love into the lives of many people. Appeal supported ministries touch thousands of individuals and families throughout Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore providing essential service that knows no race, no age, no social class, but rather knows only those who come to the Church for help are special in the eyes of Our Lord. Now more than ever, these ministries are needed. Your support demonstrates your compassion and concern for God's people and your willingness to share your blessings with those in need.

During the week of June 1, you may receive a mailing from Bishop Malooly inviting your participation in the Annual Catholic Appeal. For those of you who have given to this year's Appeal, thank you for your generosity. For those who have not, please prayerfully consider supporting this important effort.

In the meantime, you are encouraged to learn more about the Annual Catholic Appeal by visiting www.cdow.org/annualcatholicappeal. Please view the brief video offering inspiring testimony from recipients of featured Appeal supported ministries. A direct link to video can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=80gz5V5VaH8&t=2s>.

Annual Catholic Appeal

We thank the 71 folks who have pledged \$39,140.00 toward our parish goal of \$63,000. That is 62.13% of our target.

VICTIMS ASSISTANCE **DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON**

If you have been sexually exploited or abused by a priest, brother, sister or lay person employed by the Diocese of Wilmington or by a church volunteer in service to a parish or school or other church organization call the **Victims Assistance Coordinator by telephone (302) 656-0651 and report the incident to the **Delaware State Attorney Generals Office** (302)577-8310**

MASSES

Msgr Russell is celebrating a Mass each day privately, as the Bishop said. If there is a Mass intention listed for any of the Masses, he is offering the Mass for that intention. If there are more intentions listed, he will celebrate that Mass at another day when there is no intention. He misses seeing all of you at Mass but is praying for all of you. Pray that God delivers us from this Corona Virus.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 23

Joseph Fedena

Dolores Dusa

Sunday, May 24

People of the Parish

Monday, May 25

Deceased Members of the

Russell and Sullivan Families

Tuesday, May 26

Anna Fedena

Wednesday, May 27

Rachel & Thomas Hammond

Thursday, May 28

Francis Deeney

Friday, May 29

Kevin Horne, Jr

Saturday, May 30

Erv Steele

Edward Rich, Sr.

Sunday, May 31

People of the Parish



Thank you to all who are contributing to the support of our parish by online giving or mailing your contributions or dropping it off at the Rectory.

The Offertory Collections: For the week of 5/10 was \$4,519.00 and the on-line collection was \$3,409.00 for a total of \$7,928.00

THANK YOU!

“We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God”.

In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of God and our Mother, and seek refuge under your protection.

Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes towards us amid this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died, and at times are buried in a way that grieves them deeply. Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be close to them. Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment.

Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the Father of mercies, that this great suffering may end and that hope and peace may dawn anew. Plead with your divine Son, as you did at Cana, so that the families of the sick and the victims be comforted, and their hearts be opened to confidence and trust.

Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are on the frontline of this emergency, and are risking their lives to save others. Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity and continued health.

Be close to those who assist the sick night and day, and to priests who, in their pastoral concern and fidelity to the Gospel, are trying to help and support everyone.

Blessed Virgin, illumine the minds of men and women engaged in scientific research, that they may find effective solutions to overcome this virus.

Support national leaders, that with wisdom, solicitude and generosity they may come to the aid of those lacking the basic necessities of life and may devise social and economic solutions inspired by farsightedness and solidarity.

Mary Most Holy, stir our consciences, so that the enormous funds invested in developing and stockpiling arms will instead be spent on promoting effective research on how to prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the future.

Beloved Mother, help us realize that we are all members of one great family and to recognize the bond that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty and need. Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer.

Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course.

To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen

--Pope Francis



Changes in Light of the Novel Coronavirus

from Bishop Malooly...

To comply with the orders and guidance of the governors of the States of Delaware and Maryland, Bishop Malooly instructs that **all parish churches be closed until further notice. No gatherings or services should be organized that bring people out of their homes.**

The closure means that churches may not be open for private prayer. No drive-in, drive-through, drive-up, or other type services are permitted.

In addition, Bishop Malooly has instructed priests not to offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation in parishes and to only perform the Sacraments in cases where the individual is in danger of dying.

We need to take every precaution and every step necessary to ensure the health of the people we serve. Government officials and experts have said that these upcoming weeks will be critical to slowing the spread of the disease in this area.

Parish offices should be closed to the public. Only minimal staff may be brought in to perform essential functions. Programs that serve those in need may continue, respecting social distancing guidelines.

Funeral Masses remain suspended, with only graveside services taking place with no more than 10 people present, including the priest performing the Rite of Committal.

All parishes are encouraged to find ways to remain in contact with their parishioners via telephone and digital means. Additional information can be found at cdow.org/coronavirus.

We will continue to monitor the situation and adjust policy as necessary.

Let us continue to pray for our diocese, our health care workers, and for all affected by the coronavirus.