

# Ascension of the Lord May 16, 2021



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### Baptism and Marriage

Please call the parish office to arrange a time to meet with the priest and to schedule. Allow 6 months preparation time for marriage.

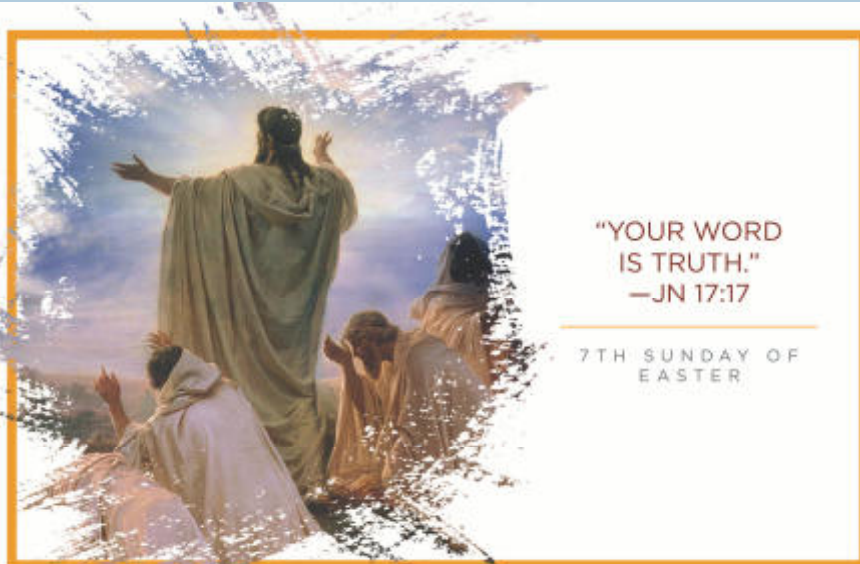
### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Father Letona has resumed the Confession Schedule,  
7.30 am St Paul before Friday morning Mass @ St Pauls  
5.30pm St James Saturday evening

Another option is to call the Parish Office to schedule your confession with Father Letona

### Home visits & Sacrament of the Sick

Please call Father Letona at 608-562-3125 for information.



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## FROM THE DESK OF FATHER LETONA

Greetings on the Solemnity of the Ascension of Our Lord!

It's hard to believe that forty days have passed since Easter Sunday! Next week is Pentecost, the Coming of the Holy Spirit. What is the significance of this "in-between" event?

St Augustine of Hippo explains:

"No one has ever ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven."

"Today our Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven; let our hearts ascend with him. Listen to the words of the Apostle: If you have risen with Christ, set your hearts on the things that are above where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God; seek the things that are above, not the things that are on earth. For just as he remained with us even after his ascension, so we too are already in heaven with him, even though what is promised us has not yet been fulfilled in our bodies.

Christ is now exalted above the heavens, but he still suffers on earth all the pain that we, the members of his body, have to bear. He showed this when he cried out from above: Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me? and when he said: I was hungry and you gave me food. Why do we on earth not strive to find rest with him in heaven even now, through the faith, hope and love that unites us to him?

While in heaven he is also with us; and we while on earth are with him. He is here with us by his divinity, his power and his love. We cannot be in heaven, as he is on earth, by divinity, but in him, we can be there by love.

He did not leave heaven when he came down to us; nor did he withdraw from us when he went up again into heaven. The fact that he was in heaven even while he was on earth is borne out by his own statement: No one has ever ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man, who is in heaven. These words are explained by our oneness with Christ, for he is our head and we are his body. No one ascended into heaven except Christ because we also are Christ: he is the Son of Man by his union with us, and we by our union with him are sons of God.

So the Apostle says: Just as the human body, which has many members, is a unity, because all the different members make one body, so is it also with Christ. He too has many members, but one body. Out of compassion for us he descended from heaven, and although he ascended alone, we also ascend, because we are in him by grace. Thus, no one but Christ descended and no one but Christ ascended; not because there is no distinction between the head and the body, but because the body as a unity cannot be separated from the head." From a sermon by Saint Augustine, bishop (Sermo de Ascensione Domini)

God bless you all!  
Father Robert Letona

## Character Builds Families

This week let's take a few moments and reflect on our closet friends.

Who are they? Do they support you in your life? Do you take sometime and support them?

Did you know it's important to keep friendships alive and well by spending some time with your friends. Even when it seems awkward or difficult, the effort to get to know people and spend time with them is always worth it.

Friendship is necessary for human flourishing.

This week challenge yourself to find a way to build up a friendship. Call an old friend who's moved away, invite a local friend to have dinner or a drink with you in the backyard as weather warms up, or pray for a friend going through a hard time (and let's them know you are thinking of them.)

The ultimate "friendship of virtue" is a spiritual friendship between holy people, such as these 5 saints who were friends with other saints. (visit aleteia.org for the full story)



### Please remember our Military and their Families

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Dave Lewis	Pat Wyss	Helen Wiora
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Bruce Quist	Christy Lewis	

#### For our Deceased

Clayton Hansen	Frank Machnik	Ellen Henthorne
Marcella Hirt		

**Please call the office if you would like to add or remove a name.**

### Secretary's Corner

May 30th we celebrate St Joan of Arc enjoy the movie *Joan of Arc*. With children watch *Brother Francis: He is Risen: The Power of the Resurrection*. Register for Formed.org select I am a member of Parish and enter 53950 (mjpcatholic) register your name and email address. Check your email for the link and enjoy.

### 3 signs of a spiritual attack on your soul

Use this quick guide to discern these signs of a spiritual attack. One of the most necessary skills in the spiritual life is the ability to discern signs of a spiritual attack. Without this skill we run the risk of following a voice that leads us away from God to a place of eternal loneliness and despair. St. Ignatius Loyola was a champion of this type of discernment, and laid out specific rules in his Discernment of Spirits for how to identify the voice that is speaking in your soul.

#### 1. Tempted to violate God's Commandments

As with Adam and Eve in the Garden, Satan always lures us away from God's Commandments. Satan will try to convince us that we don't need to go to Mass or that gossip doesn't actually hurt anyone. That is why we need to form our conscience well in the 10 Commandments and not just stop at "Thou shalt not murder." There is much more to that commandment than killing another person. If we feel drawn away from the 10 Commandments, we are most certainly under spiritual attack.

#### 2. Unexplainable increase in anxiety

Satan seeks to divide and conquer, and often uses anxiety to accomplish his designs. Dom Lorenzo Scupoli said: "The devil does his utmost to banish peace from one's heart, because he knows that God abides in peace and it is in peace that He accomplishes great things." The key here is to always test the voice/decision and to see if it creates peace or anxiety in our hearts. God is a God of peace.

#### 3. Growing feeling that you are worthless

A key feature of God's voice is that he always seeks to affirm us and tell us about our beauty as children of God. In particular, the devil hates the Sacrament of Confession with all his might and will do all he can to tell us how miserable we are and that we could never receive God's Mercy. On the other hand, **God will always tell us how beautiful we are in His eyes** and how we must never be afraid to come to Him.

The spiritual battle for our soul is not easy, but by recognizing these three signs we will know that we need double our efforts and **use every ounce of energy to fight back with God's grace.** (aleteia.org)

#### Family Builder Idea:

Emotionally healthy children have parents who teach them these 7 social and life skills

1. How to communicate their feelings, this will help your child be prepared for a wave following negative feelings and they will be able to handle them.

2. How to handle rejection or failure, these are quite possible the most often and unfortunate things that happen in our lives. Be the model and let your children see how you fail and handle it.

Counter their rejection by showing empathy when they come to you with feelings of doubt, sadness and confusion.

(more next week) (wordfromthebird.blog)

from whom do we

Attend in person 6pm Sat. St James, Camp Douglas  
8am St Michael's Indian Creek  
10am St Paul's New Lisbon

Weekday Mass @ St. Paul's  
Tue—Friday 8.30 am

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stpaulsecetarynl@gmail.com if you are having problems

#### On the Web

- YOUTUBE Father Letona, Masses from the last few months
- Like our parish page on Facebook
- **Saint James, Saint Paul & Saint Michael Parishes**
- **www.mjpcatholic.com**
- **In person for private prayer**
- **Sunday 11am—7pm**
- **Monday—Saturday 9am—7pm**

Ascension of the Lord with **Father Letona** 10:00 am

Readings

Acts 1: 15-17, 20a, 20c-26 Ps 47: 2-3, 6-9

1 John 4:11-16

Jn 17: 11b-19

#### St James Schedule May 22

Lector

Joe Madejczk

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Money Counter

Kris Madejczk

#### St. Michael's Schedule May 23

Lector

Penni Zabinski

Offertory

Arnie & Penni Zabinski

Ushers

Rick Phillips/ Bob Conant

Money Counters

Wenzel Felber/Peggy Tiber

#### St. Paul's Schedule May 23

Lector

Mary Schumer

Money Counter

Mary Peterson/Karla Quist

(If you can't fill your roll please notify the office two weeks before hand)

Ushers

Tom Heindl/ ?

## FORMATION IN FAITH:

### What are the 4 different parts of the Mass?

#### Introductory Rite

The first part of the Mass is focused on "preparation," preparing our hearts to receive Jesus in the Word and the Eucharist. It is a transition period, when we renounce our sins and turn towards the Lord with a renewed zeal. This part consists of a few subsections.

- Entrance Procession
- Greeting
- Penitential Act
- Glory to God
- Collect (Opening Prayer)

#### Liturgy of the Word

This first primary part of the Mass is derived from the Jewish synagogue service and consists of 2-3 readings from scripture, often selected from the Old and New Testaments. The priest or deacon will then reflect on the readings in his homily, explaining them and their context in salvation history. It is a section where we listen to the Word of God and what God wants to speak to our hearts. The Liturgy of the Word ends with the "**Universal Prayer**," which is more commonly known as the "**intercessions**."

#### Liturgy of the Eucharist

The third part of the Mass is a re-presentation of the Last Supper, where Jesus instituted the Eucharist and gave to his apostles his body and blood, under the appearances of bread and wine. It isn't simply a re-enactment of a past event, but is a mystical reality where we are transported to the Last Supper and Mount Calvary at the foot of the cross. This is also the part of the Mass **when we receive Jesus himself, his body, blood, soul and divinity, in holy communion.**

**Concluding Rites** This is the final part of Mass where we are **sent into the world**. We are supposed to take the graces we received at Mass and spread them joyfully to those around us. Especially evident in the dismissal words said by the priest **Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord** or **Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life** (aleteia.org)

# Announcements for Tri-Parish

## Learn of the many Saints this week

On FORMED.ORG watch these movies to learn about the different saints of our time and how they overcame adversity. Their Feast days are listed below.

May 19th *Saint Celestine: The Pope Who Quits* or

May 22nd *Saint Rita of Cascia: The True Story* or

May 23 *The Miracle of Father Kapaun: The Story of an American Spiritual & Military Hero*

May 29 *Paul VI: The Pope in the Tempest*

*Paul VI: The Misunderstood Pope*

May 30th *Joan of Arc*

## St Paul's

### **St. Paul's Cemetery**

A burial plot **for sale**

The plot is located front left corner as you enter the cemetery second row 9th plot.

For more information please call Bob Koca @ 715-498-4547

### **Mass Intention Envelopes**

We have Mass intention envelopes for those wishing to have a Mass said for a loved one. They are in the entrance of church. Once you have filled it out you can then drop it in the deposit box at the entrance of Church.

## St James

### **Rummage Sale Update**

You can drop off items after **Mass on May 1st**, and **all Saturdays after Mass**, Sue Librettie will be at the church the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month from 2:30 until about 4 pm to collect items as well.

Items that can be donated are: Small appliances, tools, furniture, toys, craft items, jewelry, pots and pans, dishes, home décor, vinyl albums. Please be generous in your donations as this will be our only fundraising event this year. Thank you.

We cannot accept: TV, electronics, microwaves, clothing, cassette tapes, 8 track tapes, work out equipment.

### **Cemetery Clean-up Day**

**May 22 at 9 am** we will have a cemetery clean up day. Many hands make light work come and help us to clean up St. James cemetery. If you have items on your loved ones gravesite that you do not want thrown away, please have them removed before this date.

# May

## ST. PAUL

### Intentions for our Tri-Parish

**Saturday, May 15**

**6 pm @ St James**

Deceased members of the Seiss family by Norbert & Ruth Seiss

**Sunday May 16 Ascension of the Lord (transferred)**

**8 am @ St Michael's**

For the People

**10.00 am @ St Paul's (Infant of Prague Novena)**

+ Marcia Vinz by Louise Vinz

**Monday May 17 (Infant of Prague Novena)**

**NO MASS**

**Tuesday, May 18 (Infant of Prague Novena)**

Special intention for Dorothy Tambornino (birthday) by Jean & Loren Arends

**Wednesday, May 19 (Infant of Prague Novena)**

Deceased Members of Oscar Hemmingway & Machnik families by Frank Machnik

**Thursday, May 20 (Infant of Prague Novena)**

Living & Deceased Members of Suehs family by Teri Suehs

**Friday, May 21 (Infant of Prague Novena)**

+Ellen Henthorne by Robert Ziegler

**Saturday, May 22 (Infant of Prague Novena)**

**6 pm @ St James**

Names on the Memory Tree by St Anne's PCCW

**Sunday May 23**

**8 am @ St Michael's**

+Ellen Henthorne by Leane & Steve Honish

**10.00 am @ St Paul's (Infant of Prague Novena)**

For the People

### **STEWARDSHIP CORNER –May 9, 2021**

Offertory \$ 25.00

Envelopes \$ 2025.10

Special \$ 252.00

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## St. James

**Saturday, May 15**

Deceased members of the Seiss family by Norbert & Ruth Seiss

**Saturday, May 22**

Names on the Memory Tree by St Anne's PCCW

### **STEWARDSHIP CORNER - May 8, 2021**

Offertory \$ 183.00

Improvements/votives \$ 54.00

Envelopes \$ 450.00

**Total \$ 687.00**

## St. Michael

**Sunday May 16 Ascension of the Lord (transferred)**

For the People

**Sunday May 23**

+Ellen Henthorne by Leane & Steve Honish

### **STEWARDSHIP CORNER - May 9, 2021**

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Improvements \$ 100.00

Special \$ 100.00

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