



## MAY 16, 2021 Ascension of the Lord

### Readings for the week May 16

**Sunday: Ascension:** Acts 1:1-11/  
Ps 47:2-3, 6-9/Eph 1:17-23 or  
Eph 4:1-13/ Mk 16:15-20

**Monday:** Acts 19:1-8/  
Ps 68:2-5d, 6-7b/ Jn 16:29-33

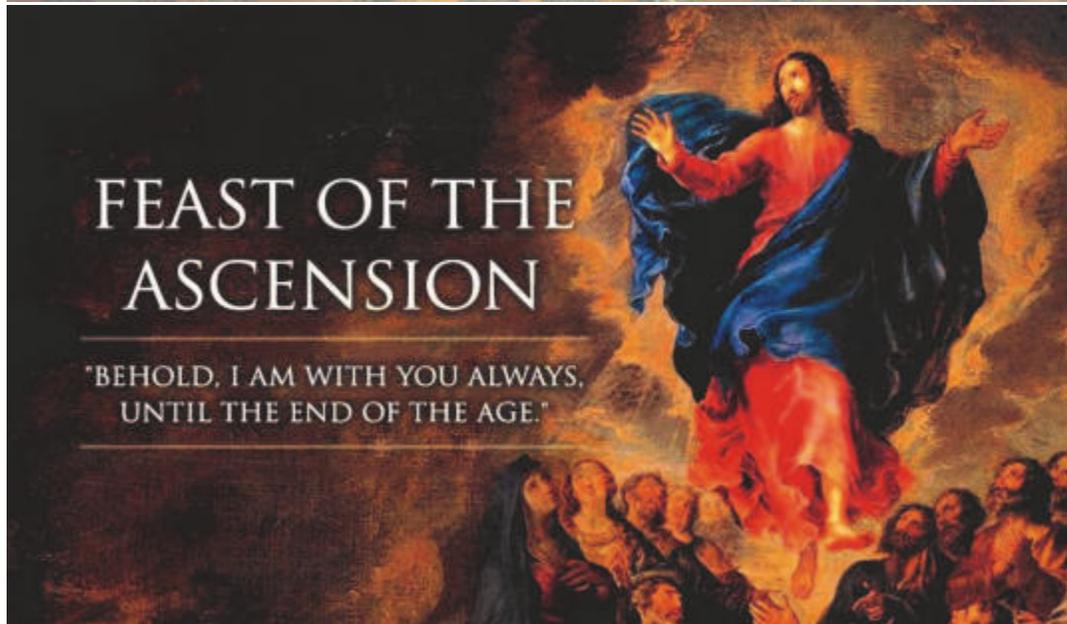
**Tuesday:** Acts 20:17-27/  
Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11a

**Wednesday:** Acts 20:28-38/  
Ps 68: 29-30, 33-36b/Jn 17:11b-19

**Thursday:** Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/  
Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7, 11/  
Jn 17:20-26

**Friday:** Acts 25:13b-21/  
Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20b/  
Jn 21:15-19

**Saturday: Morning:**  
Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4-5,7/  
Jn 21:20-25



# FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

"BEHOLD, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS,  
UNTIL THE END OF THE AGE."



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MOST REVEREND DAVID M. O'CONNELL, C.M.

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Rev. John Michael Patilla

#### DEACONS

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Richard L. Morris  
Raymond R. Pelkowski  
Stephen G. Scott  
Paul A. Remick

#### TEMPORARY MASS SCHEDULE

*Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.*  
*Sunday: 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.*  
*Monday - Friday: 9:00 a.m.*

#### RECONCILIATION

*Monday, Wednesday, Friday*  
*following the 9:00 a.m. Mass*  
*and by appointment*

#### PARISH OFFICE

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#### Year of Saint Joseph



#### OUR LADY OF VICTORY ADORATION CHAPEL



Please consider joining us as  
an Adorer.  
Contact Kathy 732/739-3381 for  
more information.

#### PARISH REGISTRATION

Registration forms are available in the parish office and on our website at  
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## FROM THE PASTOR



*Dear Fellow Parishioners of St. Benedict:*

It is with great joy that we welcome **Deacon Paul Remick** to our parish this weekend. Yes, Paul has been a parishioner here for many years, but on Saturday morning his life changed forever when, through the laying on of hands and the reception of the Gospel Paul was raised to the Order of Deacon by Bishop O'Connell. While only a limited number of guests were permitted to attend the Mass at the Cathedral in Trenton, hopefully many of you were able to view it through the livestream on the Diocese of Trenton website <https://www.youtube.com/trentondiocese>. It is archived there if you would like to witness this blessed event. We celebrate with Paul and his wife, Ellen, and their family and are happy to have Paul sharing his ministry in our parish.

As a deacon Paul is now a member of the clergy of the church, and participates in a special way in the ministry of the bishop. Bishop O'Connell formally appointed Paul to serve here, as deacons, like priests, serve the Bishop and not specific parishes only. Along with Deacons Ray, John, Steve, and Rich, Deacon Paul now takes his rightful place at the altar and in the ambo where he has faculties to preach a homily during Mass.

This past Wednesday we held a ribbon cutting celebration for the re-dedication of the Food Pantry, located at the rear of the residence of the parochial vicar. Through the generosity of Mary Ellen Harris, the food pantry was retooled to enable contactless distribution of food meeting the protocols for the pandemic.

Now that the protocols seem to be loosening a bit, and with many people suffering from food shortages, the demands on the pantry are increasing. Many volunteers have been reluctant to return due to their age or health conditions, so we have only been open one day each week – Wednesday. We would like to offer more time, but have not yet been able to do so.

Because we are now fully compliant with state mandates, and want to insure the safety of all involved, I invite anyone interested in volunteering at the food pantry to make contact with them through the parish office or go to the food pantry directly. The need around us is great. We are also grateful to the generosity of all of you in both monetary and food donations to the food pantry and St. Vincent de Paul Society over the past year. So many people rely on their services for temporary assistance. With inflation now rising and other economic factors becoming apparent, the demands will only increase.

The announcement from the Governor this past week about church attendance numbers has no immediate effect on our church. Because of the six feet separation mandate we are unable to reasonably permit 50% attendance in the church. As more and more people are coming to Mass each weekend, we will soon need to reassess the Mass schedule.

Anticipating no real change in distancing protocols soon, and knowing that many of you will be away for most of the summer, I expect that it will not be until after Labor Day (September 6<sup>th</sup>) that we will be making any changes or additions to the schedule.

In the meantime it feels like May is going by very quickly and that the summer season is quickly upon us. I know that school students – and especially their teachers – are looking forward to the break. Yet, we cannot allow the homestretch to be the time to let down our guard.

Let us continue our prayers for one another and especially for Deacon Paul as he begins the good work God has brought forth in him,

*Father Garry*

### **The Sacrament of Baptism**

Due to current Covid restrictions we have adjusted our regular baptism schedule. Please contact Margaret Roddy at 732/264-4712 ext. 17 or [rodny@stbenedictnj.org](mailto:rodny@stbenedictnj.org) to make arrangements for your child's baptism.

### **The Sacrament of Holy Matrimony**

Catholics have the duty to receive the Sacrament of Matrimony in a church. Please make contact with the parish office at least one year prior to your intended marriage date to begin the preparation process. This includes attendance at a Pre-Cana Conference and several sessions with our Marriage Minister.

If you are presently in a civil marriage and desire to receive the Sacrament and enter into a valid Catholic marriage, please make contact with the parish office. We offer direction and assistance on receiving an annulment for those who are divorced and re-married. Please do not hesitate to call – the process is generally less difficult or cumbersome than imagined. Please call Lori McCahill, Director of Marriage Ministry at 732/264-4712 ext. 27 or [mccahill@stbenedictnj.org](mailto:mccahill@stbenedictnj.org)

### **Ministry to the Sick and Homebound**

Parishioners who are ill or unable to get about are often the most neglected and in need. Please make contact with the parish office for any of the following ministries or services:

**Anointing of the Sick** – the priests will visit the persistently homebound at least twice per year but are available to come to your home anytime that there is a health crisis or a deteriorating condition. Please do not wait until the person is in the final stages of life – except for an emergency – to call for a priest.

**Reception of Holy Communion** – if a homebound parishioner would like to receive Holy Communion, please make contact with the parish office.

**Hospital Nursing Homes** – please call the office if a parishioner or a loved one is at Bayshore Community Hospital or has been moved into a local nursing home so that we can tend to the pastoral needs. For family members hospitalized outside of the area the in-house chaplaincy services can tend to the immediate needs. One of the priests will pay a visit as requested.

### **Community Outreach**

Help for People with Medicare (SHIP) - SHIP is a State Health Insurance Program that provides FREE, objective, confidential help to Medicare beneficiaries who have problems or questions with Medicare, Medigap, Medicare Advantage Plans, Part D and Long-Term Care. Please call Lorrie McGee, Pastoral Minister for Community Outreach at 732/264-4712 ext. 37 or [mcgee@stbenedictnj.org](mailto:mcgee@stbenedictnj.org).



**Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Saint Isidore**

5:00 p.m. **Deceased members of the Remick and White Families**  
req. The Remick Family

**Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>**

**The Ascension of the Lord**

8:00 a.m. **Pro Populo<sup>1</sup>**  
9:30 a.m. **Anton Milohnic** req. Dragica Milohnic  
11:00 a.m. **James Lynch** req. Family

**Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 a.m. **Eugene Cattani** req. Caroline Cattani  
**Adam Quinones** req. Mom and Dad

**Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Saint John I, Pope and Martyr**

9:00 a.m. **John Kozak** req. Rosemary Walsh

**Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 a.m. **Daniel, Charlotte and Dylan Vassallo**  
req. The Vassallo Family  
**Dianne Cavallaro** req. The Vassallo Family  
**Adam Quinones** req. Mom and Dad  
**Gerard Carney** req. The Scarrone Family  
**Deacon Herb Schwarz** req. The Munning Family  
**James Manning** req. Marion Manning  
**Joseph Walsh** req. Deacon Rich and Norys Morris  
**Carol Healey** req. Family  
**John LaGreca** req. The Roddy Family  
**Jack Lietz** req. Caroline Cattani

**Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest**

9:00 a.m. **Nickolas Sanna**  
req. St. Benedict School Faculty and Staff

**Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Saint Christopher Magallanes, Priest,  
Companions, Martyrs**

9:00 a.m. **Donald K. Jordan** req. The Pino Family

**Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious**

5:00 p.m. **Martin Flanagan, Sr.** req. The Flanagan Family

**Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Pentecost Sunday**

8:00 a.m. **Pro Populo**  
9:30 a.m. **Tony D'Amore** req. Maria and Mark Wintjen  
11:00 a.m. **Kevin Herron** req. The Roddy Family

*Please remember in your prayers all those whose names are listed in our  
Prayer Intention Book*

<sup>1</sup> For the People of St. Benedict



Eileen Haff

**Memorial Intentions**  
*Altar Bread and Wine*  
In loving memory of *Martin Flanagan, Sr.*  
req. The Flanagan Family



**May 16, 2021  
The Ascension of the Lord**

There is always something very tender and heartwarming about a kiss. When someone who loves us offers us a kiss, it sends a clear message that we are valued and special. We occupy a unique place in their lives and have a distinct purpose. Kissing celebrates the wonder and beauty of human life. In a very powerful way, we are connected, through intimate touch, with another human being. With the incarnation of Christ, God kissed humanity. God, revealed so perfectly in Jesus Christ, showed us that we have value and are made in God's image and likeness. Mortal human beings radiate with the presence of God and are worthy enough to reveal the intimacy of the Divine Mystery. The human race is not simply something God created from a distance but something special within which God dwells.

It is no wonder then, why the poor hold such an honored place in Jesus' ministry. They speak of God's love and they cry out for the compassion that is due them as children of God. Justice is about setting relationships right because we are all filled with God's love and have dignity. The human story is understood as a partnership, a true and new covenant, celebrating a love relationship between all of creation and their Creator. It is a story that does not end with the Cross or even the Resurrection. The story finds its happy ending in the Ascension. Our human narrative is still evolving and moving ever more closely toward that day when all will be one in Christ.

Jesus now sits at the right hand of the Father as the Christ of God. In the ascended state, we see what we are all meant to become and have before us the transformed life that awaits all of creation. The disciples got a glimpse of what this transfiguration would be on the holy mountain and it is an essential part of the Good News we are called to proclaim! Christ, now ascended to the Father, sets our paths straight and gives us a look at what awaits us. The day-to-day challenges of life often find us struggling with our incompleteness. Today's celebration gives us the strength to persevere, knowing that we'll eventually be well. May our hearts be enlightened so that we can know this hope and the surpassing greatness of Christ's power!

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**St. Benedict Catholic Church  
Memorial Mass Society**

For a suggested donation of \$20 those who are enrolled in the Memorial Mass Society will benefit from Masses to be celebrated on Twelve First Saturday's. A book with the names of all those enrolled will be placed near the altar for the Memorial Mass. The names of first time enrollees will be read at the first Mass in which they are remembered. When requesting enrollment in the Memorial Mass Society a blue padded Mass Card will be provided for presentation to the family of the deceased.



**MEMORIAL OPPORTUNITIES**

If you would like to memorialize the Altar Bread and Wine, Altar Flowers or Sanctuary candle in honor/memory of a loved one for one week, please contact the parish office.

If you would like to memorialize one or all of the candles in our Lady of Victory Adoration Chapel in honor/memory of a loved one for one week, please contact the parish office. All intentions will be listed in the bulletin.



Father Garry is pleased to announce that St. Benedict has received over \$76,040 in pledges for the Annual Catholic Appeal. Our goal is \$95,000. Once the goal has been reached 50% of all subsequent donations will be returned to St. Benedict in a parish rebate. **If you have yet to make your gift, pledge forms are still available at the doors of the Church.**

**The Annual Catholic Appeal-In Action!**

**Catholic Social Services**

Catholic Social Services Diocesan Parish Counseling Services: Parishioners have access to short term counseling (up to 6 sessions) at locations throughout the Diocese. The program was developed by Catholic Charities and the Diocese of Trenton. Licensed counseling professionals are available to help parishioners through difficult issues such as marital problems, raising children, eldercare, bereavement or the stress of job loss that can be successfully addressed by brief counseling support. Pastors and parish priests of the Diocese can refer parishioners to the parish counseling services.

Parish Emergency Assistance Program (PEAP): Emergency financial assistance to individuals through the parish and coordinated by Catholic Charities is available.

Diocesan Social Service Workshops: Information and resources to parishes and Catholic Social Service agencies are available to enhance Diocesan Catholic Social Service.

Your gift gives them a place to turn to in their need.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS-CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

Three meetings are held weekly: Monday 8:00 p.m., Tuesday 6:30 p.m. and Friday 5:45 p.m.

**MERCIFUL SAVIOR PRAYER GROUP-CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

The St. Benedict Merciful Savior Prayer Group meets every Monday (except when a holiday falls on a Monday) at 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel. For further information, please call Sal and Janice Alagona at 732/264-5744 or Geri Ventura at 732/566-6642.

**MUSIC MINISTRY**

The Contemporary Choir sings every Sunday at 11:00 a.m. Mass. The Youth Choir sings at the 9:30 a.m. Mass on the second and fourth Sundays. The Teen Choir sings at the 5:00 p.m. Mass on the third Saturday. For information about the Contemporary Choir, please contact Tom O'Brien, Choir Director at [thomasobrienjr1@gmail.com](mailto:thomasobrienjr1@gmail.com)

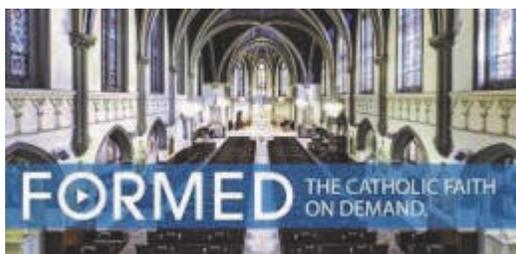
For information about the Youth Choir or Teen Choir, please contact Ellen Remick, Choir Director at [remick@stbenedictnj.org](mailto:remick@stbenedictnj.org)

**PRAYER INTENTION GROUP-CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

The Prayer Intention Group meet after the 9:00 a.m. Mass in the Chapel to pray for one another's special intentions.

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets on alternate Tuesday mornings to knit or crochet shawls for those who are ill or have lost a loved one. If you would like a shawl for someone or would like to join us on Tuesdays, please call Caroline Cattani at 732/241-5150



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Check <https://leaders.formed.org/> for inspirational resources for Faith Formation in May 2021.



**Catholic Brain for Children**  
Catholic Brain St. Benedict code: **STB19535**

**PARISH COUNSELING SERVICES**

Through a joint effort of the Diocese of Trenton and Catholic Charities, licensed professional counselors are available to help parishioners with difficult issues that interfere with day-to-day functioning. This service can be accessed by contacting your pastor or parish priest who will provide additional information and a referral. The fee is \$90.00 per session. If needed, financial assistance for short term counseling (up to 6 sessions) is available through the Diocese of Trenton Parish Counseling Services.



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GRACE is super excited to host their second, "Stuff You May Need" Yard Sale at St. Benedict on Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. We've all spent plenty of time in our homes sifting through items we no longer need or use over these last 6 months. You know the old saying, "One person's trash is another person's treasure." This yard sale was such a success in October, that we thought it would be great idea to host another sale in June! All are welcome to join! Come one come all! There is a donation fee of \$25 to pop up a table that will go to GRACE. Any money made on the sale of your items is yours to keep. We will advertise through local signs and on social media so please help spread the word! We would like to start set up in the parking lot at 8:00 a.m. and open for sales at 9:00 a.m. Yard sale will run from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Please contact:

Lisa Spinello- [Spinello1@stbenedictnj.org](mailto:Spinello1@stbenedictnj.org) if you would be interested in setting up a table or even donating items to be sold!



The SCRIP Program provides an opportunity for school families to earn tuition credit by purchasing gift cards for supermarkets, retailers, restaurants, travel destinations, hotels, service providers and more. The list of cards we carry is on the Counter Sales Form. Any other cards available through SCRIP can be ordered using the SCRIP Order Form. Both forms can be printed from the SBS website under the SCRIP tab or the Forms tab. Payment for these cards are made with a check or cash at time of purchase or order. For additional information please contact Lorrie McGee at [mcgee@stbenedictnj.org](mailto:mcgee@stbenedictnj.org) or by phone 732-264-4712 ext. 37.



Lord Jesus, Son of the Eternal Father and Mary Immaculate, give to our young people the generosity necessary to follow your call, and the courage required to overcome all obstacles to their vocation.

Give to parents that faith, love, and spirit of sacrifice which will inspire them to offer their children to God's service, and to rejoice whenever one of their children is called to the priesthood or religious life. May your example and that of your Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph, encourage both young people and parents to let your grace sustain them.

*Amen.*

### *Living*

Fr. Felix Venza  
Fr. Richard Vila  
Fr. Michael Bona  
Fr. John Wake

**Seminarian-Julian Young**

**Discerning-Juan**

### *Deceased*

Msgr. John B. McCloskey  
Fr. Harry Cenefeldt  
Fr. John J. McGrath  
Msgr. Edward A. Cahill  
Fr. Charles O'Shaughnessey  
Fr. Nell McManamin  
Msgr. Michael H. Callahan  
Msgr. John F. Baldwin



**Priesthood**  
**Why Not You?**  
**Why Not Now?**

**Wondering who to talk to?** Did you know Father Garry and Father JM serve on our Diocesan Vocation team? Call or make an appointment and they would be happy to answer any questions.

**Email:** Father Garry Koch [frgarry@stbenedictnj.org](mailto:frgarry@stbenedictnj.org)  
Father JM Patilla [frjohn@stbenedictnj.org](mailto:frjohn@stbenedictnj.org)



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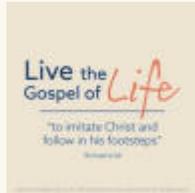
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### **Knights of Columbus Pizza Night**

The next Pizza Night will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at Giuseppe's Restaurant located at 620 Beers Street in Hazlet. Anyone may come as a guest. It's a great opportunity to socialize with the Knights, members of their families and other guests. Just bring your favorite wine or beer and join the party. Please send an email with your name and number of people who will attend to: [lindgerry39@gmail.com](mailto:lindgerry39@gmail.com).

## Respect Life News



Idaho Governor Brad Little signed into law a pro-life bill today to protect unborn babies from abortion once their heartbeats are detectable. The bill would prohibit abortions once an unborn baby's heartbeat is detectable, about six weeks of pregnancy. Exceptions would be allowed for rape, incest or threats to the mother's life. "Idaho is a state that values the most innocent of all lives – the lives of babies. We should never relent in our efforts to protect the lives of the preborn," Little said. The governor added: "Hundreds and hundreds of babies lose their lives every year in Idaho due to abortion, an absolute tragedy. I appreciate Idaho lawmakers for continuing to protect lives by passing this important legislation, and I am proud to sign the bill into law today." Senator Patti Anne Lodge, the bill's sponsor, said, "We have a multitude of services available for women in crisis pregnancies. Choosing life is supported with compassionate help throughout the pregnancy and extends to 18 months after birth. Life goals can still be achieved for both the mother and child. With the availability of compassionate and supportive services and the rights pregnant women have in today's world, a woman can give birth and continue her life goals." A number of states have passed heartbeat laws in recent years, but all have been banned from enforcing them due to legal challenges by abortion activist groups. States with heartbeat laws include Georgia, Iowa, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, North Dakota, Ohio and Tennessee. A 2019 Hill-HarrisX survey found that 55 percent of voters said they do not think laws banning abortions after six weeks – when an unborn baby's heartbeat is detectable – are too restrictive. Gallup polls also consistently have found that a majority of Americans think all or most abortions should be illegal. In 1973, the Supreme Court took away the states' ability to protect unborn babies from abortion under Roe v. Wade, and instead forced states to legalize abortion on demand. Roe made the United States one of only seven countries in the world that allows elective abortions after 20 weeks.

### Healing the Wounds of Abortion

The psychological and spiritual wounds of abortion can be sharp, deep and crippling. You may feel a deep numbness and may not be able to name the pain or recognize any of the symptoms. Rachel's Vineyard's Retreat is a chance to focus on this painful time in your life through a supportive non-judgmental process, in an atmosphere of confidentiality, understanding, and compassion. It is designed to help both women and men experience the mercy and compassion of God. If you have suffered through an abortion and have isolated yourself from healing and forgiveness, you might consider attending one our retreat weekends. For more information, contact Judy Warenkiewicz at 732/536-6871. All inquiries are strictly confidential.



St Vincent de Paul Society  
*good works*

A social ministry, SVdP provides spiritual, food distribution, emergency financial and other services to those in need. For assistance, please call 732/264-4712 ext. 33, and leave a message. Your call will be returned.

**Please do not leave a message for financial assistance on the Emergency line.**

For questions or to volunteer please contact  
Bill Casey – [billy.casey@hotmail.com](mailto:billy.casey@hotmail.com)



### FOOD PANTRY HOURS

The St. Benedict Food Pantry is open on Wednesdays ONLY from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. until further notice.

**Please wear a mask.**

### FOOD PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED:

Below is a suggested list of items needed for our Food Pantry, however all donations

Diapers (all sizes)	Baby Food (stages 2/3)
Baby Wipes,	Children's cereal
Coffee/Tea	Juice
Soup	Soap
Shampoo	Toothpaste and Toothbrushes
Laundry Detergent	Dish Detergent
Toilet Tissue	

*When donating please check expiration dates as we cannot accept expired items.*

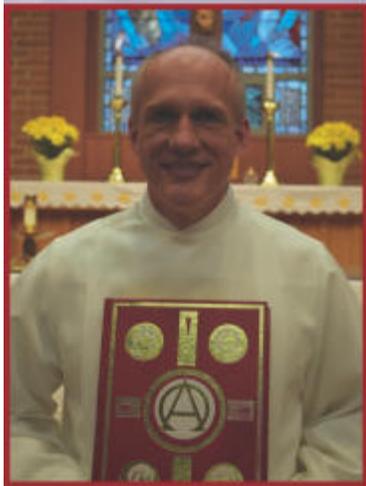
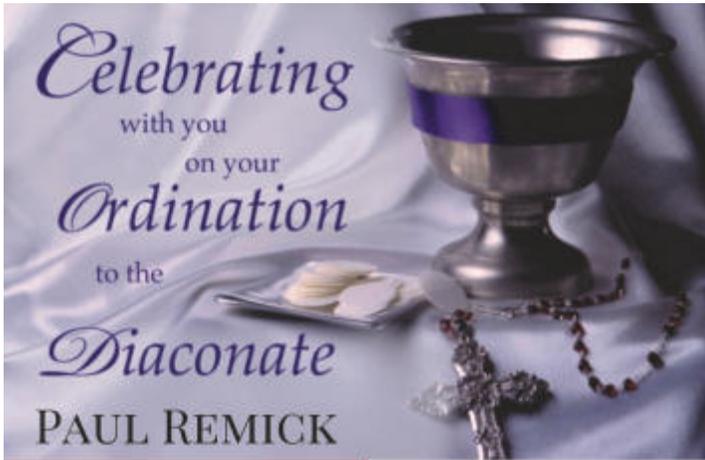
*Thank you for your generosity.*

### SCRIP

The St. Vincent DePaul Society provides assistance for the less fortunate. Parishioners are asked to use the SCRIP envelopes, available in the parish office and make a donation toward the purchase of a supermarket gift card.

SCRIP envelopes can be placed in the collection basket at the entrance of the Church or at the Parish Office.

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The St. Benedict SVDP Food Pantry Food is in need of volunteers to deliver food to neighbors; those that are homebound or do not have transportation. Deliveries would be ONLY on Wednesdays for 1 hour. It doesn't have to be every week on your part, only when you are free. If interested call the Food Pantry at 732 264 4712, extension 34, and leave your name, phone # and message.

**Year of Saint Joseph  
Foster Father of the Son of God  
May-Watchful Defender of Christ**

***Saint Joseph and the Christ Child***

Cuzco School  
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A number of paintings of favorite saints sometimes decorated a bedroom. (The 1784 inventory of Manuel Herrera in Oruro, in present-day Bolivia, lists more than fifty religious paintings in the alcoba .) This Cuzco school image of Saint Joseph, who also served as the patron saint of the Good Death, would have been an apt work for a bedchamber, where it would have

watched over evening prayer and sleep. Images of Saint Joseph came into vogue in ecclesiastical and domestic contexts throughout the empire after 1679, when King Charles II named him the patron saint of the Spanish monarchy.

'For centuries, Christians have referred to the Virgin Mary as 'Our Lady'. IT is a term that acknowledges the great love, respect, honor and reverence that is owed to Mary. It is a term that speaks of chivalry. It should come as no surprise, then, that St. Joseph is the first man to speak of Mary as his lady. Mary is St. Joseph's woman. Before her feminine wonder and beauty, he bows in loving reverence. His mission is to have all hearts bow before her in love. For this reason, St. Joseph is the greatest knight of Our Lady.' --Consecration to St Joseph:  
*The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father Donald Calloway, MIC*

As Almighty God appointed Joseph, son of the patriarch Jacob, over all the land of Egypt to save gran for the people, so when he fullness of time was come and he was about to send on earth his only-begotten Son, the Savior of the world, he chose another Joseph of whom he irst had been a type, and he made him the lord and chief of his household and possessions, the guardian of his choicest treasures. --*Blessed Pope Pius IX*

**Pray:** St Joseph- pray for me this week to honor the Blessed Mother as you did. I thank you God for the beauty of her soul and the unity in which you raised Jesus. Guide me in this month of May to magnify the true, good and beautiful to others.

**Action:** Consider the beauty of the marriage of Joseph and Mary and how Joseph honored her; find a way to create a space at work, at home or in the community to honor and spread devotion to Our Lady.

To learn more about St. Joseph click on the link below to access our dedicated page to him.

<https://parish.stbenedictholmdel.org/year-of-st-joseph-1>



# YOUTH GROUPS OF ST. BENS: Master the Basics

## 1. Who can join?

Anyone. We have (3) groups. A Middle School Group (6th, 7th, 8th), a High School Group, and a Young Adults Group (ages 18+)



## 2. How can I get connected?

Point your phone camera at the QR Code, and complete the form.

Also, Follow Us On Instagram! @stbensyouthgroup



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## 3. Why meet?

"It's all about relationships. Jesus and his 12 close friends were able to flip the world upside in just 20 short years. And, our faith really starts to make sense when we start to put into action, and live it it out. Youth Group gives us a chance to do that."-Ciro Saverino, Coordinator of Youth Ministries



## 4. When does Youth Group meet?

Middle School Youth Group: 3rd Wednesday of the month, 5:00pm, (St. Bens)

High School Youth Group: 3rd Sunday of the month, 7:00 (on Zoom)

Young Adults Group (18+): Last Sunday of the month, 7:00pm on Zoom)

## Hear What Some of the H.S. Youth Group Members Are Saying



"Hey! I'm Olivia. I really enjoy Youth Group because I am able to chat with friends, and continue my faith journey as a group."-CORE Leader

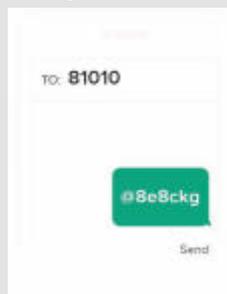
"Hi, I'm Christina! I attended St Bens K-8. Youth Group has provided me a safe space outside of mass for me to grow in my faith..."- CORE Leader

"Hey, I'm Chris! Hope to see you at a meeting!"-

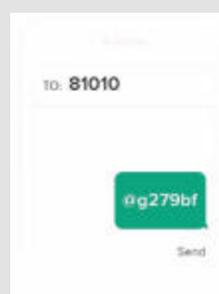


*Also, You Can Sign Up for Text Message Reminders for Youth Group!  
Just Follow These Instructions With Your Phone!*

### High School Y.G.



### Middle School Y.G.





### GOT Faith QUESTIONS?

#### RCIA might just be for you!

RCIA is for someone who:

- Is interested in becoming Catholic
- Was never baptized
- Was baptized in another Christian denomination
- Is married to a Catholic and is interested in sharing their spouses faith.

RCIA is time of exploration. We gather to discuss the truths, teachings, and practices of the Catholic Faith in an open forum, with sound presentations and lively discussions.

This process involves time not only for instruction, but also growth in the practice of the faith through discussion and prayer. RCIA meetings are held on Sunday mornings over a cup of coffee! Maybe you are baptized Catholic but have not received the Sacrament of Eucharist and Confirmation? This is the place for you to grow in faith. Remember, it is never too late to receive the sacraments.

Please call Carol Cesario at 732-264-4712 ext. 24 if you have any questions.

### Never Completed your Sacraments Confirmation class for Adults



Are you a baptized Roman Catholic, have made your First Communion, are over the age of 18 and have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation? If you would like additional information please email Carol Cesario at [cesario@stbenedictnj.org](mailto:cesario@stbenedictnj.org) or by calling 732/264-4712 ext.24

### Grief Support Group

This Peer Support group is for those grieving the death of a loved one. If you have lost a loved one, please join others who have also experienced a loss for a series of six sessions of information, mutual sharing and peer support in a spiritual, caring, and confidential setting. We invite you to participate, we are using *The New Day Journal, A Journey from Grief to Healing*. The sessions will include time for readings, sharing, reflection and journaling.

If you would like more information about the group please contact Carol DeMuria at [carol.demuria@gmail.com](mailto:carol.demuria@gmail.com) or call 732/239-2053



**Lori McCahill:** Director of Marriage Ministry  
[mccahill@stbenedictnj.org](mailto:mccahill@stbenedictnj.org) or 732/264-4712, ext. 27



**Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Jorge Gutierrez who were married at St. Benedict on May 7<sup>th</sup>.**

### Marriage Ministry Helpful Hints for a happy marriage:

**THE GOOD STUFF:** Let your eyes look directly forward, and your gaze be straight before you. Ponder the path of your feet; then all your ways will be sure. Do not swerve to the right or to the left; turn your foot away from evil. ([Proverbs 4:25-27](#))

**ACTION POINTS:** Put into place 3-4 strategies you will do as a couple to protect your marriage. (Example: We'll not meet with someone of the opposite sex privately. We'll keep our personal devices open to each other. We'll keep our conversations private, and talk about big and small stuff with each other.)

### Engagement and Anniversary Announcements

The Marriage Ministry would like to celebrate all engagements and anniversaries for members of our parish. For newly engaged couples receiving the Sacrament of Matrimony at St. Benedict please send in an engagement photo and we will announce your wedding date in the bulletin. For couples celebrating a special anniversary please send in your wedding photo and we will announce your special anniversary in our bulletin. All photos must be in a jpeg format and emailed directly to [bulletin@stbenedictnj.org](mailto:bulletin@stbenedictnj.org). Please provide the date of your upcoming wedding or anniversary.



# The Seventh Sunday of Easter The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

MAY 16, 2021

## The Ascension of the Lord

Today, we celebrate The Ascension of the Lord!

On the Feast of the Ascension, the church celebrates the return of Christ to the Father, his physical body leaving the earth behind.

## Catholic Communications Campaign Collection

Today's second collection supports the Catholic Communication Campaign. Help our local communications projects! Fifty percent of funds raised stay here in the diocese. The other fifty percent support projects across the US and in developing countries. #1church1mission



## Solidarity with Seafarers as Key Essential Workers

Each year, the Coalition of Catholic Organizations Against Human Trafficking (CCOAHT) launches a campaign to raise awareness of forced labor in the fishing industry. This year, due to the global pandemic, a new humanitarian crisis has emerged that is severely impacting all men and women who work at sea. Thus in 2021, CCOAHT - together with Stella Maris and the Apostleship of the Sea of the United States of America (AOS-USA) - are urging Catholics and all people of good will to pay witness to the life of the seafarer and to leverage their voices as community members and consumers to uphold the safety and labor rights of one of the world's most invisible group of essential workers.

Join us in urging Walmart to acknowledge their reliance on seafarers for the healthy functioning of their business model, and to show concern for seafarers' wellbeing by signing the Neptune Declaration.



## Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Life

*The Response is: Mary, pray for us.*

Mary, Mother of all Life,  
help us to respect human life from the  
moment of conception  
to the moment of natural death. **R.**

Mary, Mother of Compassion,  
You showed us how valuable a single life can  
be;  
Help us to guard and protect the lives of all  
people entrusted to our care. **R.**

Mary, Mother of the Child Jesus,  
with St. Joseph you formed the Holy Family.  
Guard and protect all families in this earthly  
life; **R.**

Mary, Mother Most Holy,  
You sanctified the vocation of motherhood;  
Pour out your heavenly aid on all mothers and  
help them to be holy. **R.**

Mary, Mother of Sorrows,  
Simeon's prophecy foretold that a sword of  
suffering would pierce your heart;  
Bring comfort and hope to all mothers who  
suffer over their children. **R.**

Mary, Full of Grace,  
You had a choice in responding to God's call;  
Help us always to say "Yes" to the will of God  
in our lives,  
And strive always to do whatever he tells us. **R.**

Mary, Comforter of the Afflicted,  
Pour forth your heavenly grace on all who are  
in need of God's healing,  
Especially those involved in abortion;  
Help them to experience the love and mercy of  
Christ, your Son. **R.**

Mary, Intercessor and Advocate,  
We lift up the poor, the displaced, the  
marginalized and vulnerable members of  
society;  
Help them to never abandon hope, but to place  
their trust in the God who gave them life. **R.**

Mary, Mother of the Word Incarnate, you bore  
in your womb him whom the heavens cannot  
contain;  
Help us to bear witness to Christ by the  
example of our lives  
And show the world the extravagant love of  
God. **R.**

All:  
Remember, o most gracious Virgin Mary, that  
never was it known that anyone who fled to  
your protection, implored your help, or sought  
your intercession was left unaided. Inspired  
with this confidence, we fly unto you, O  
Virgin of virgins, our Mother. To you we come,  
before you we stand, sinful and sorrowful. O  
Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our  
petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer  
them. Amen.

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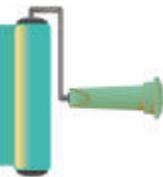
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