

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM
Sunday: 9:00 AM
11:00 AM—Bilingual

Weekdays

Monday through Friday
9:00 AM

No Tuesday Mass
Holy Days

7:00 PM Vigil, 9:00 AM, 7:00 PM

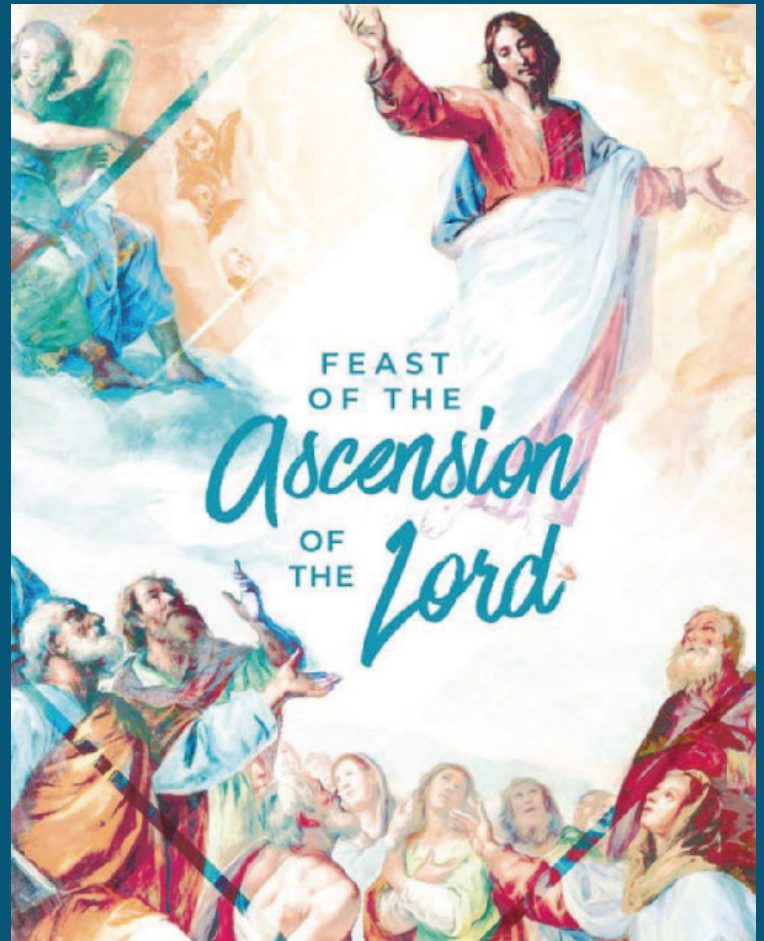
Confessions

Saturday
3:30-4:00 PM in church

Office Hours

Monday through Thursday
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Friday
10:00 AM to 2:00 PM



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Mass Intentions Prayers & Sacraments

Saturday May 28

4:30 PM Bonnie Petroni
r/b George & Mary Ann Woerner
Andrea Woerner

Sunday May 29

9:00 AM Judy Carmolingo r/b Tom & Donna Gallia
11:00 AM Angelica Martinez
r/b Rey & Carmen Gonzalez
Robert White r/b Nick & Betty DeStefano
Elizabeth Seagreaves Murray
r/b Mary Laspata & family

Monday May 30

9:00 AM For the People of Our Parish

Tuesday May 31

9:00 AM **No Mass**

Wednesday June 1

9:00 AM John Fleming r/b wife Marjie Fleming

Thursday June 2

9:00 AM Theodore A. Kajkowski
r/b Robert & Monica Plumley

Friday June 3

9:00 AM Verlyn Ross Wheat
r/b Mike & Maria Kurmlavage

Saturday June 4

4:30 PM Edith Francis r/b her children
John DiGianivittorio r/b Kathy Abisaleh

Sunday June 5

9:00 AM Candice Gallia-Enders
r/b her brother & sister-in-law
Tom, Jr. & Melanie Gallia
Joseph Silvestri r/b his wife Evelyn Silvestri
11:00 AM Michael Ryan r/b the Heisler family
Joseph Keller r/b his wife & family
Judy Carmolingo r/b Mary Laspata & family
Rocco Palermo r/b Fr. John A. Rossi
Samuel Laspata on his 10th Anniversary
r/b his wife & family



PRAYER LIST

Lynda Bancroft, Jean Brelsford, Pauline Brigandi,
JoAnne Carothers, Linda Frank, Maria Genovese,
Louis Hill, toddler Sloane Heart,
Lou Martini, Sr. Janice Novak, Sam Raffa,
Jaxson Rivera, Julia Rivera, Kevin Sousa
and toddler Jackson Thummel

Please call the parish office at 856-881-2753 to have your name put on the prayer list. Thank You.

If you wish, you may receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. Contact the parish office at 856-881-2753 to make an appointment with the priest.

We pray for the safety and the Lord's protection of our men and women in the military, especially Colonel Eric Baus; Anthony R. Brown, Jr., USANG; Matthew Lisa, USAF; Ensign William Stephens, USCG; Sean Patrick Stailey, USN and Luke Wible, USMC.

PRAYER CHAIN: Do you or someone you know need the blessing of prayer? That's why the St. Bridget Prayer Chain is here for you. Please contact Annadora Shipley, Coordinator, at 856-589-0334, and prayers will begin for you.

SACRAMENTS

Baptisms: 1st Sunday after the 11:00 AM Mass and 3rd Sunday after the 11:00 AM Mass. Please contact the parish office to register for a baptism and an instructional class.

Weddings: Arrangements should be made with the priest prior to one year before scheduling a date and before booking a Hall.

Sacrament of the Sick: A priest may be called at any time day or night for the Sacrament of the Sick. If anyone is sick or homebound and unable to attend Mass and wishes to receive Communion, please notify the parish office.

Bereavement Group

Our Mission is to provide a listening ear and open heart in a compassionate and gentle environment to those grieving the loss of a loved one.

The final meeting for the Spring Session is **June 6.**

There is a Summer Session. The dates are **July 11 and August 15.**



We meet on Mondays from 7:00-8:30 PM at Our Lady's Hall, Morris Avenue, Pitman, NJ 08071. For more information, contact Loretta Della Vecchia (856-881-0659) or Nancy Smith (856-371-4613).

Sanctuary Candle

This week the Sanctuary Candle burns
In Memory of Carol Harwood
r/b Anthony & Patricia Delia

Music

Lift Up Your Hearts

Words and Music Robert F. O'Connor, SJ ©1981, 1993 OCP Publishers

Refrain: Lift up your hearts to the Lord, praise God's gracious mercy! Sing out with joy to the Lord, whose love is enduring.

1. Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth! Praise the name above all names! Say to God, "How wondrous your works, how glorious your name!"
2. Let the earth worship, singing your praise. Praise the glory of your name! Come and see the deeds of the Lord; bless God's holy name!



Send Us Your Spirit

Words and Music Dan Schutte ©1985, 2009 OCP Publishers

1. Send us your Spirit, O Lord. Evening enfolds us and holds us too near. Wake the morning light. Make our living bright. Shine on our darkness, O Lord.
2. Hold us with mercy, O Lord. Sorrow has spoken, has broken our hearts. Clothe us in your care. Be the life we bear. Feed us and fill us, O Lord.

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The NJ Veterans Helpline might be your answer. This is a 24-hour service manned by veterans who counsel callers and direct them to a wide range of services. Call 1-866-838-7654.

Poor Box

Please consider dropping a food gift card or cash in the poor box in back of the church. As always, thank you for your generosity.



Miraculous Medal Novena

The Miraculous Medal Novena will be said every Monday from 8:45 AM to 9:00 AM led by the Altar & Rosary Society of Saint Bridget.

Knights of Columbus

Join likeminded Catholic men in support of Faith, Family, and Community. See below on how to join the Knights of Columbus free or go to KofC.org/join



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Apply for Energy Assistance

What is it? LIHEAP is a federally funded program that can assist families with their energy bill. **Who qualifies?** The applicant household must meet income eligibility to qualify and be responsible for heating or cooling costs, either directly or included in the rent.

How do I sign up? Visit or call the Hispanic Family Center of Southern New Jersey (HFC) to get information or obtain an application.

Energy Assistance Program, 21 Delaware Street, Woodbury, NJ. (856-848-7150). Pick up your application today!

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Feast of the Ascension of our Lord

Reading I Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day he was taken up, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. He presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

While meeting with them, he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for “the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

When they had gathered together they asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” He answered them, “It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them.

They said, “Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven.”

Responsorial Psalm Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9

R Alleluia.

All you peoples, clap your hands, shout to God with cries of gladness, For the LORD, the Most High, the awesome, is the great king over all the earth. R

God mounts his throne amid shouts of joy; the LORD, amid trumpet blasts. Sing praise to God, sing praise; sing praise to our king, sing praise. R

For king of all the earth is God; sing hymns of praise. God reigns over the nations, God sits upon his holy throne. R

Reading II Eph 1:17-23

Brothers and sisters: May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him. May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call, what are the riches of glory in his inheritance among the holy ones, and what is the surpassing greatness of his power for us who believe, in accord with the exercise of his great might: which he worked in Christ, raising him from the dead and seating him at his right hand in the heavens, far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion, and every name that is named not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things beneath his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way.

Alleluia Mt 28:19a, 20b

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Go and teach all nations, says the Lord; I am with you always, until the end of the world. R

Gospel Lk 24:46-53

Jesus said to his disciples: “Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold I am sending the promise of my Father upon you; but stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, raised his hands, and blessed them. As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven. They did him homage and then returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple praising God.

Gospel Meditation

We have the ability to walk with joyful hope! Jesus, during his earthly ministry, pointed the way to God’s kingdom. What is finally understood about God’s kingdom is that it is filled with the glory of Christ! We are all in the process of being emptied into and becoming one with Christ. We are new creations, clothed in Christ, made in God’s very image and likeness, and on this incredible journey of glory. The Ascension allows us to see this truth about ourselves and it enlightens our hearts. Christ who was most perfectly, vividly, and brilliantly transfigured before the very eyes of the disciples will be our destiny. Seeing only imperfectly now, we will see perfectly then. We will bask in the brilliance of understanding and truth. Christ is our destiny and our hope. Alleluia!

Believing this with our whole heart allows us to walk proudly through life’s darkness. There is so much that can upset us and weigh us down. Sometimes, life’s news can not only be challenging but downright discouraging. Our own lives can easily become unsettled and empty. We rely too much on the things of this world to please us and wonder how we lost our excitement, enthusiasm, wonder, and joy. Getting so caught up in superficialities and unnecessary dependencies, we lose our axis, anchor, and center. Today, we can claim it back again! We are reminded that it is not here that we find fulfillment but in the world of Christ yet to come. Jesus sent this promise of his Father upon his disciples, and he sends it to us as well.

Faith in God really has power to change things. In essence, all we have to do is believe in what God promises. God is ever close to us. He can even use what we see as the “useless scraps of life” to create “God moments” of inspiration and invitation. Then, even what is perceived as unpleasant, distasteful, or even hurtful can be transformed into an experience of joy. The Ascension of Christ becomes our reference point for self-knowledge. This firm anchor allows us to work through whatever comes our way and never be robbed of joy!

Solemnidad de la Ascensión del Señor

Primera Lectura Hch 1, 1-11

En mi primer libro, querido Teófilo, escribí acerca de todo lo que Jesús hizo y enseñó, hasta el día en que ascendió al cielo, después de dar sus instrucciones, por medio del Espíritu Santo, a los apóstoles que había elegido. A ellos se les apareció después de la pasión, les dio numerosas pruebas de que estaba vivo y durante cuarenta días se dejó ver por ellos y les habló del Reino de Dios.

Un día, estando con ellos a la mesa, les mandó: “No se alejen de Jerusalén. Aguarden aquí a que se cumpla la promesa de mi Padre, de la que ya les he hablado: Juan bautizó con agua; dentro de pocos días ustedes serán bautizados con el Espíritu Santo”.

Los ahí reunidos le preguntaban: “Señor, ¿ahora sí vas a restablecer la soberanía de Israel?” Jesús les contestó: “A ustedes no les toca conocer el tiempo y la hora que el Padre ha determinado con su autoridad; pero cuando el Espíritu Santo descienda sobre ustedes, los llenará de fortaleza y serán mis testigos en Jerusalén, en toda Judea, en Samaria y hasta los últimos rincones de la tierra”.

Dicho esto, se fue elevando a la vista de ellos, hasta que una nube lo ocultó a sus ojos. Mientras miraban fijamente al cielo, viéndolo alejarse, se les presentaron dos hombres vestidos de blanco, que les dijeron: “Galileos, ¿qué hacen allí parados, mirando al cielo? Ese mismo Jesús que los ha dejado para subir al cielo, volverá como lo han visto alejarse”.

Salmo Responsorial Salmo 46, 2-3. 6-7. 8-9

R *Aleluya.*

Aplaudan, pueblos todos, aclamen al Señor, de gozos llenos; que el Señor, el Altísimo, es terrible y de toda la tierra, rey supremo. R

Entre voces de júbilo y trompetas, Dios, el Señor, asciende hasta su trono. Cantemos en honor de nuestro Dios, al rey honremos y cantemos todos. R

Porque Dios es el rey del universo, cantemos el mejor de nuestros cantos. Reina Dios sobre todas las naciones desde su trono santo. R

Segunda Lectura Ef 1, 17-23

Hermanos: Pido al Dios de nuestro Señor Jesucristo, el Padre de la gloria, que les conceda espíritu de sabiduría y de revelación para conocerlo.

Le pido que les ilumine la mente para que comprendan cuál es la esperanza que les da su llamamiento, cuán gloriosa y rica es la herencia que Dios da a los que son suyos y cuál la extraordinaria grandeza de su poder para con nosotros, los que confiamos en él, por la eficacia de su fuerza poderosa.

Con esta fuerza resucitó a Cristo de entre los muertos y lo hizo sentar a su derecha en el cielo, por encima de todos los ángeles, principados, potestades, virtudes y dominaciones, y por encima de cualquier persona, no sólo del mundo actual sino también del futuro.

Todo lo puso bajo sus pies y a él mismo lo constituyó cabeza suprema de la Iglesia, que es su cuerpo, y la plenitud del que lo consume todo en todo.

Aclamación antes del Evangelio Mt 28, 19. 20

R. Aleluya, aleluya.

Vayan y enseñen a todas las naciones, dice el Señor, y sepan que yo estaré con ustedes todos los días, hasta el fin del mundo. R. Aleluya

Evangelio Lc 24, 46-53

En aquel tiempo, Jesús se apareció a sus discípulos y les dijo: “Está escrito que el Mesías tenía que padecer y había de resucitar de entre los muertos al tercer día, y que en su nombre se había de predicar a todas las naciones, comenzando por Jerusalén, la necesidad de volverse a Dios para el perdón de los pecados. Ustedes son testigos de esto. Ahora yo les voy a enviar al que mi Padre les prometió. Permanezcan, pues, en la ciudad, hasta que reciban la fuerza de lo alto”.

Después salió con ellos fuera de la ciudad, hacia un lugar cercano a Betania; levantando las manos, los bendijo, y mientras los bendecía, se fue apartando de ellos y elevándose al cielo. Ellos, después de adorarlo, regresaron a Jerusalén, llenos de gozo, y permanecían constantemente en el templo, alabando a Dios.

MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO

Hoy celebramos la Solemnidad de la Ascensión del Señor al Cielo. Casi se cumplen 50 días de la Resurrección. Escuchamos en la Liturgia de la Palabra como en distintas ocasiones el Señor se apareció a sus discípulos. Él ha dejado su testamento a ellos y a nosotros también. “Predicar el Evangelio”. Ser sus testigos y dar testimonio de su amor. Así, de sencillo, es el compromiso, aunque abarca un cambio de vida radical. No puede haber medida en las cosas de Dios. “*Llena, Señor, nuestro corazón de gratitud y de alegría por la gloriosa ascensión de tu Hijo, ya que su triunfo es también nuestra victoria, pues donde llegó él, nuestra cabeza, tenemos la esperanza cierta de llegar nosotros, que somos su cuerpo (Oración Colecta).*”

En su catequesis sobre esta Solemnidad, el Papa Francisco nos explica que: “*Con su Ascensión, el Señor Resucitado atrae nuestra mirada al Cielo. Para mostrarnos que la meta de nuestro camino es el Padre. En la Solemnidad de la Ascensión, renovemos el compromiso de testimoniar. Se trata de ser hombres y mujeres de la Ascensión, es decir, buscadores de Cristo en los caminos de nuestro tiempo, llevando su palabra de salvación a los confines de la tierra. Jesús, se va, asciende al Cielo, es decir, regresa al Padre de quien fue enviado al mundo. Hizo su trabajo, luego regresa al Padre. Pero no es una separación, porque permanece con nosotros para siempre. En una forma nueva*”. Miremos a las alturas, pero no nos quedemos mirando sin hacer nada. Que nuestro objetivo, claro, sea mirar al cielo, pero tener los pies en la tierra, haciendo siempre la justicia para el más necesitado. ¿Lo harás?

Everlasting Stewardship

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." (REVELATIONS 22:13)

This is a reminder of how we as Christian **stewards** should live our lives 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – putting God first in all that we do. Not only when I am at Mass and parish activities, but when I am in the world, at work or at school. Living gratefully and generously is an intentional lifestyle. Every decision you make either moves you closer to God or farther away. Choose wisely!

Parish Weekly Offering

Regular collection for the weekend of
May 22 was \$ 6,245

Thank you for your generosity.

Financial Report

For our annual financial report of St. Bridget University Parish in 2021, you can scan the following QR code with your smart phone camera and read details through our website.

If you are unable to do so but would still like to read the report, please contact Renee Miranda and she can help you obtain an email or paper copy at our office.



HOUSE OF CHARITY
BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Thank you!

Our Goal is \$70,400.00

Our parish has raised \$47,846.00

That's 68.0% of our goal!

Your support of the 2022

House of Charity – Bishop's Annual Appeal

ensures the vitality of essential Diocesan ministries and programs that sustain the healing, teaching and redemptive Presence of Jesus Christ throughout Southern New Jersey.

All parishes that achieve goal receive 10% of all funds collect up to the goal, and 75% of all funds collected above the goal.

If you have not already given, we need your help! Please return your completed pledge card to the parish or give online at www.camdendiocese.org/hoc

Support the 2022 **House of Charity**

Bishop's Annual Appeal



National Eucharistic Revival

The Bishops of the United States approved plans for a **National Eucharistic Revival** with the mission of "renewing the Church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist."

The theme of the Revival is: "*My flesh for the life of the world.*" This three-year effort will have three phases:

(1) Diocesan; (2) Parish; and (3) National.

The Diocesan Phase will solemnly open with a candle-light Corpus Christi Procession on the Boardwalk in Atlantic City on the Vigil of the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, Saturday, June 18th. The procession will begin at 8:00 PM at Tennessee Avenue and the Boardwalk and process three-quarters of a mile to Kennedy Plaza involving three stations for adoration and prayer. We expect that the event will end at approximately 9:15 PM at Kennedy Plaza.

While this event is open to all, we will be asked to identify ten persons to officially represent St. Bridget University Parish. Parishes are welcome to process behind their banner if they would like to do so. If you would be interested in participating in this procession, please contact the parish office at 856-881-2753. It will be a wonderful way to support our parish and show our love for Christ present in the Eucharist!





The Newman Center A Year in Review

Just like that, another academic year has come and gone here at The Newman Center at Rowan University. As the streets clear out and the sound systems find their way to somewhere not-so-close to our Church, I have been reflecting on a year of God's abundance. We had twelve Newman students graduate this year. Some of whom had been a part of our Newman Center throughout their academic experience here and others who only discovered Newman in the last months of their senior year.

All loved. All important. All a part of this wonderful (and growing) community. As they leave, we look to our many underclassmen who will continue to build this blessed place up in the years to come.

This year was filled with guest speakers, themed series, special events like apple picking, ice skating, tie-dying, movie nights, and Christmas cookie baking. We also hosted our first "Newman Prom" where the students dressed to the nines and danced the night away in our beautifully decorated Newman Center. Countless new students walked through our doors this year and were able to find a home away from home... a place that could challenge them to grow in their faith and also provide the friendships that would support them on that journey.

This year also saw a rise in student leadership. We had many flourishing student-led groups such as Men's and Women's groups, Bible Studies, and a Book Study which allowed for further conversation and conversion outside of our weekly meetings. We also started praying the Daily Rosary as a group this year. Through this prayer we entrusted all of our plans, leaders, current members, and future members to our Blessed Mother. Looking back, all I can do is thank God for the wonders He is working in this place, for the Saints who are being formed right in front of our very eyes, and for the parish community that has provided for us and prayed for us every step of the way. God bless you always for the way you inspire both myself and the students with your generosity. Have a blessed summer!

Rebekah Hardy
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