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MAY 24, 2020 • THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

MISSION STATEMENT

We the family of St. John the Evangelist Parish commit ourselves to the call of Baptism: To Listen, To Learn, To Live and To Share the Word of God through our lives.

PASTORAL TEAM

Pastor Rev. Joseph Daniel Pisano
Dir. of Religious Ed. & Youth Dir...... Kristin Newton
Dir. of Music/Organist.....Wendi Mitchell
Parish Secretary.....Connie Cooper
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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday
Sunday
Monday, Tuesday and Thursday
Wednesday and Friday

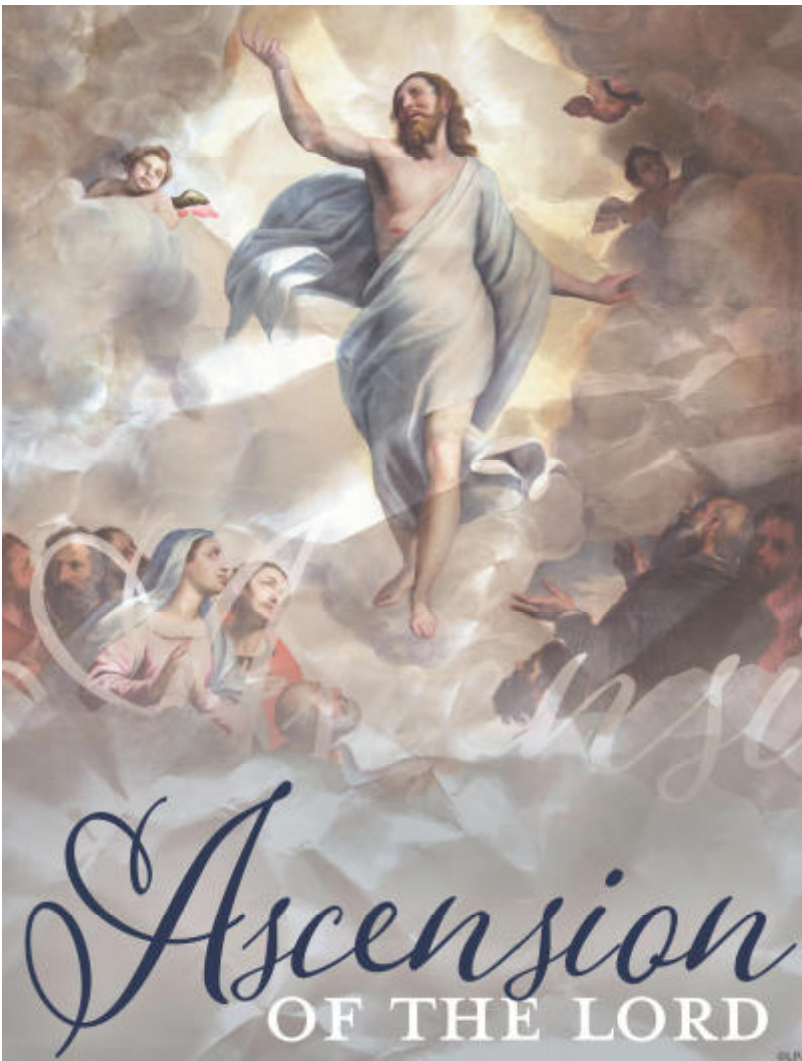
SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM: For Infants: Parents make arrangements with the pastor/office. For Adults: Baptism will be given on Easter Vigil after completing the RCIA program. For details, please contact Parish Office.

MARRIAGE: Please make arrangements with the pastor. Six months minimum notice is required for the celebration of marriage.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: Please contact the parish office for arrangements.

To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800-352-6513. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact one of the Bishop's designees at 304-233-0880: Sister Ellen Dunn, ext. 264; Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Mr. Tim Bishop, ext. 353; Father Dennis Schuelkens, ext. 270 or call the Office of Safe Environment at 304-230-1501.



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

A pair of ducks found their way to the same little corner of the property year after year. Sheltered by a little grove of trees, they quickly made their preparations to build a nest, lay eggs, and welcome in a new family. Then one year, only one of the ducks came to that little corner. She went about the business of building a nest, but this time, she was clearly unsettled. She would wander around, sometimes seemingly without purpose, almost hoping perhaps that her mate might come along. But, she remained alone. There were many times when we could hear her “crying”, mourning her loneliness and lack of purpose, sitting on a batch of eggs that would never hatch. One day, she quietly left that little corner never to return again.

Many human beings approach life this way. We silently grieve our loneliness, lack of direction, and sense of purpose. Maybe life once had meaning for us, but nothing seems to claim us and settle our restlessness any longer. We wander around looking and hoping for someone or something to come our way. We may even sob at times, wailing as we sit with the misery of our pain. Will happiness ever come our way again? Or will we simply leave where we are never to return again? Many are lost, wandering souls who are not quite sure where to settle or where to make a home.

We are meant to be in Christ. This glorious feast of the Ascension shows us, with clear vision, who Jesus really is! Understanding ourselves in Christ really changes things up and reorients us to our greater purpose, mission, and meaning. We are part of the cosmic wonder of creation and part of a bigger plan and mystery, destined to



Sat	4:00pm	Sperlazza/Rockey Families+
Sun	8:00	People of the Parish
Sun	10:30	The Barsi Family+
Mon	8:30	Sick & Homebound
Tue	8:30	Don Huff Sr. & Jr.+
Wed	5:30pm	Special Intentions
Thur	8:30	Irene Lupinetti+
Fri	5:30pm	Dora McDermott+
Sat	4:00pm	People of the Parish
Sun	8:00	Brenda Zurbuch+
Sun	10:30	The Pizi Family+

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Saturday, 3:00—3:30pm, by appointment, and weekdays after Mass.

be much more than what we now know ourselves to be. Could Jesus’ friends know who he would become? If we can find the Christ present within and see the Christ bursting forth in all creation and beyond, then we can come to know our truth and understand where our home and life is meant to be.

Advancing upon the blessing of each new day with the certain knowledge that you are an unconditionally loved child of God gives you the axis and the safe harbor to cope with whatever comes our way. The gift of joy will be yours, and you can discover your true meaning and purpose. Look within, look without, look above, and look below. You are not alone. Trust that God will lead you where you need to be and transform you into who you really are.

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**CORRECTION:** Last weekend was **not** The Ascension of the Lord. It is this weekend. I was a week ahead of myself. I apologize for the confusion.  
Connie

The **SANCUTUARY CANDLE** is burning in memory of *Matt Evans* from May 15th through May 28th.

**COLLECTION NEXT WEEK:**  
Peter’s Pence

**CONGRATULATIONS** to our High School Graduates: John Bober, Joshua Ferguson and Anthony Taylor.

**ANYONE** who is not able to attend church at this time may continue to receive a weekly bulletin by calling the office at 304-737-0429 and leave a message. You do not have to call if you are already on the homebound list.

**PLEASE REMOVE** all trash from the pews. They will be disinfected after every Mass.

**WE WILL NOT** be using Hymnals at this time.



*Hilda Tarquinio* fell and broke her collar bone. She is recovering at Carriage Inn in Steubenville.

*Mary Margaret Cipoletti* fell and broke her hip. She is staying at her daughter’s house until she can have hip replacement surgery.

**Readings**

- Sunday:** Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20
- Monday:** Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/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, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/  
Jn 17:11b-19
- Thursday:** Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/  
Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/  
Jn 17:20-26
- Friday:** Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19
- Saturday:** Gn 11:1-9/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30/Rom 8:22-27/  
Jn 7:37-39
- Next Sunday:** Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

**Stewardship Report ~ May 17, 2020**

|                                    |                             |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Offertery Collection.....\$3148.00 | Envelopes Returned.....46   |
| Budgetary Needs.....\$2900.00      | Active Parishioners.....274 |
| Envelopes Issued.....201           |                             |





**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**

Jesus appointed apostles, he also appoints parents to represent Him in the family; “make disciples of your children, baptizing and teaching them all I have taught you. Don’t worry, I am with you always.”



**REMEMBER** on this **Memorial Day** all those brave men and women who served in our military and continue to serve.

**WWW.COMEPRAYTHEROSARY.ORG** is a website where you can join people praying the rosary 24 hours a day around the world.

**PLEASE DO NOT** light any candles. Ask Fr. Dan or call Connie and they will light the candle for you.

**ASCENSION**



**SAT**: ; **SUN**: Pam Ferguson, Erika Miller, Kristin Newton; **MON**: Maya Kusic; **TUE**: Gage Cipoletti-Powell; **WED**: Jennifer Bober, Howard Pfabe; **THUR**: Bailee Beall; **FRI**: Carol Jones, Ernie Stucin; **SAT**: ; **SUN**: Frank Martino.

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**THE FOOD PANTRY** is open on Wednesdays from Noon to 3:00pm to assist Brooke County residents with food. Clients are asked to remain in their vehicle and a worker will come outside and get your info.

**LOTTERY TICKETS AND 50/50 RAFFLE TICKETS** are available in the parish office. Please send a request for tickets or call the office at 304-737-0429 and leave a message with your name and the number of tickets needed. I will mail them or you can pick them up at the office.

**WE ARE CONTINUING** to collect contributions for the Elevator Fund. Thank you to all the donors who have given to this worthwhile project.

**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

Where did he go? Many times when we think of those who have died, we imagine escape from this world to a purely spiritual place. Jesus' Ascension can leave us in a place of confusion. What happens to Jesus? And why does this matter to us?

The Ascension has been confirmed in the Creed for two millennia. In Jesus' Ascension, we're invited to consider our own ultimate end. Regardless of death's reality now, we believe in the resurrection of the body and the reunification of body and soul. One day, earth and heaven will meet perfectly and without end. We anticipate this "new heaven and a new earth" at every Mass and throughout the beauty, truth, and love of the Church and her members. Today, celebrate a foreshadowing of the fullness we all await!

**EVERLASTING EASTER**

The Easter season is almost over. This season is always a tougher one for us Catholics. We get Advent and Lent: preparation. We are on board with Christmas, mainly because we like to keep up our decorations until someone tells us the exact day we must take them down. But Easter as a season is a bit more difficult to observe. The rest of the world has moved on. There are no Easter eggs left in store windows and all those religious movies on television have given way to reruns or season-ending episodes. It just feels like Easter anywhere ... except in the Church.

The truth is that it should feel like Easter all year-round in the Church. Every Sunday, we celebrate a mini-Easter. Our Lord is ALIVE! He is risen and alive, and we need to celebrate. We also need to be about the work of the Lord. We are an Easter people who bear witness to his resurrection through our stewardship. If he had never risen, then we would be called to nothing by no one. But he lives! As this Easter season is drawing to a close, it is prudent to reflect on what his death and resurrection mean for each of us. How has it changed us? How does it motivate us? It doesn't look like Easter in most corners of the world, so it is up to us to bring a little Easter to every place we go and to everyone we meet.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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