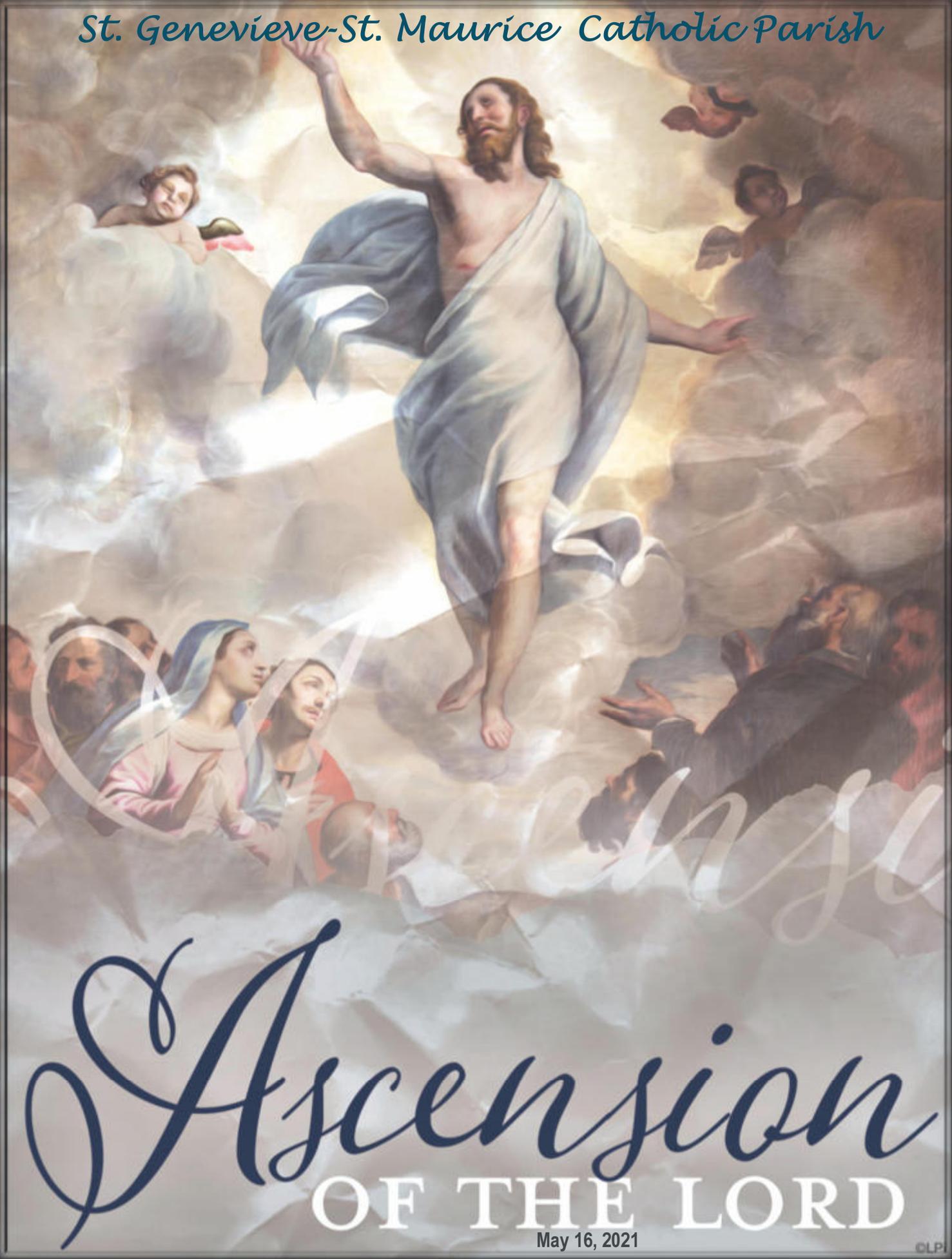


*St. Genevieve-St. Maurice Catholic Parish*



*Ascension*  
OF THE LORD

May 16, 2021

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## Happy Ascension of our Lord to you all!

One day Leonardo da Vinci started to work on a large picture in his studio. For a while he worked at it – choosing the subject, planning the perspective, sketching the outline, applying the colors, with his own unique genius. Then suddenly he stopped working on it. Summoning one of his students, the master invited him to complete the work. The horrified student protested that he was both unworthy and unable to complete the great painting which his master had begun. But da Vinci silenced him. **“Will what I have done inspire you to do your best?”**

Jesus our Lord and Master began to spread the Good News two thousand years ago by what he said and did. He gave us an example, illustrated his message and left us to finish the picture. Will Jesus' life not inspire us to finish the picture? This is the message of the Ascension.

It's tempting to see the Ascension, as the conclusion of Christ's earthly ministry, an ending. But to think of it that way is to see it backwards. **What we celebrate today is really a beginning.**

In Matthew's gospel, moments before his Ascension, Jesus told his followers very simply: **“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations.”** He urged them to baptize, to teach, to carry on the work that he has begun. But his first direction was so blunt, so direct, and clear: **“Go.”**

The world is waiting. Act on what I have taught you, put it into practice. But the account in Acts offers another challenge – to the disciples and to us. After the disciples watched Jesus disappear into the clouds, two men appeared. **“Men of Galilee,”** they said, **“why are you standing there looking at the sky?”** In other words: **what are you waiting for?**

The apostles were not supposed to spend their time staring nostalgically at the stars, awaiting Christ's return. There was work to do. There was a world waiting to be converted. They left the mountain, went into the city, and launched the greatest missionary undertaking in human history. It seems to me that Christ's first word at that moment was a simple command to us all: **“Go.”**

Go – and transform yourself, your family, your parish, the world.

Go – and pick up those who have fallen.

Go – and heal those who are hurting.

Go – and love those who have been forgotten.

Or: as the dismissal puts it at the end of Mass:

**“Go in peace, glorifying the Lord with your life.”**

2,000 years after Christ returned to his Father and the disciples stood on a mountaintop staring into the clouds, so much of the world is still waiting to hear the good news – to hear Christ's message of hope, and redemption, and resurrection, and to understand why all that matters.

So many are still waiting to hear and really understand, what it means to be a disciple of Christ, and to love one another. How will we make that known to those we meet today?

Someone said: “Our faith is stronger than death; our philosophy is firmer than flesh; and the spread of the Kingdom of God upon the earth is more sublime and more compelling.”

So the message of this beautiful feast, I think, is very simple: do not stay too long on the mountain. Do not spend all your time gazing at the stars, living in the past or dreaming about the future. Look, instead, at what lies before you. Get ready. And go. The Ascension was just the beginning. The rest is now up to us.

**“Will not what Jesus has done inspire you to do your best?”**

**P.S. #** You are all invited for the third Tuesday of the month (**May 18<sup>th</sup>**) St. Michael's devotion. We start our prayer at 7 pm with Mass and after Mass we'll continue our prayers before the Blessed Sacrament invoking St. Michael's intervention. St. Michael has four main responsibilities or offices, as we know from scripture and Christian tradition.

- The first is to combat Satan.
- The second is to escort the faithful to heaven at their hour of death.
- The third is to be a champion of all Christians, and the Church itself.
- And the fourth is to call men from life on Earth to their heavenly judgment.

May this powerful Archangel be our protector and our intercessor!

Proclaim with St. Michael always **“WHO is LIKE GOD!”**

# Please join us for **SPRING CLEAN UP** on **Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9 am** and help us to make the property of our parish **NICE, CLEAN AND BEAUTIFUL!**

*~Fr. Tom*

**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD / MAY 16, 2021****FIRST READING***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.”

**THE WORD OF THE LORD. THANKS BE TO GOD.****RESPONSORIAL PSALM***Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9*

**R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:  
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

**SECOND READING***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.

**THE WORD OF THE LORD. THANKS BE TO GOD.****ALLELUIA***Mt 28:19a, 20b***Alleluia, alleluia**

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

**Alleluia, alleluia****GOSPEL READING***Mk 16:15-20***THE LORD BE WITH YOU. AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT.**

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned. These signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will drive out demons, they will speak new languages. They will pick up serpents with their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not harm them. They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.” So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God. But they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through accompanying signs.

**THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD.****PRAISE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST.****PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL**

Saint Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do Thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and the other evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

*Leo XIII (1810-1903)*

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Dear Faith Formation Families,

Our catechetical year has ended, please submit any outstanding assignments so we can record them. **(Though 8<sup>th</sup> grade will still be having class in preparation for their upcoming Confirmation.)** If you are turning in the work in the magazines themselves, please drop them off at the Faith Formation office or at the rectory office.

It was an unusual year to say the least. I want to thank you all for your patience and support! We are planning on in-person classes for all grades in September. We will be sending out a mailing in August.

Our summer VBS program will be June 21<sup>st</sup>-June 25<sup>th</sup>, it is called **TORCHBEARERS...TAKING THE GOSPEL GLOBAL**. It will have a summer Olympics theme. **Vacation Bible School is a perfect opportunity for service hours for incoming 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders!**

Please continue to keep both our Confirmation class as well as our Faith Formation program in your prayers.

*Gospel Weeklies Lesson...*

**Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>** In person class for 8<sup>th</sup> grade – Confirmation interviews

*Partners in Faith,  
Phyllis Chudzinski*

**CSA Weekend: FUEL THE MISSION**

**“WHAT EVER YOU DO, DO FROM THE HEART”** (COL. 3:23)

This is CSA Weekend! Thank you to those of you who have already mailed your CSA pledge cards as this ensures we **Fuel the Mission** to witness Christ.



Fr. Tom is asking all parishioners to join him in contributing to this year's Catholic Services Appeal. If we all give, we will easily meet our parish's 2021 CSA target of **\$55,353**, which is our parish share of the support of more than 170

CSA-funded ministries, programs, and services.

Any gifts we receive over our target will be returned to our parish in full. If we do not meet this target, we will have to make up the shortfall from our general fund.

Although we will accept your donations at the parish, you are strongly encouraged to use the pledge card and pre-addressed envelope recently mailed to you from the Archdiocese of Detroit. Please make sure your pledge card is assigned to St. Genevieve-St. Maurice Parish with the parish number 339, if it is not, change the name and number or contact the parish office. You may also pledge your gift to our parish's campaign online at [givecsa.org](http://givecsa.org).

**CATHOLIC CONNECTION**  
**BY KATIE CAVITT**

**SAINT SPOTLIGHT**

ST. RITA OF CASCIA / "SAINT OF THE IMPOSSIBLE"  
**MAY 22<sup>ND</sup>**



Someone once told me that we do not pick our confirmation Saint, but rather they choose us. That comment has always stuck with me. My confirmation Saint is St. Rita. St. Rita was a wife, mother, and a nun. St. Rita's husband was not a nice man and lived a life of dishonesty and cruelty for many years. Thanks to the influence and prayers of his wife, he had a conversion before his death. Both of St. Rita's sons died shortly after their father's death. Following their deaths, St. Rita petitioned to enter the convent and after some time and struggle, was able to enter. **St. Rita is the patron of impossible cases, difficult marriages, and parenthood.** St. Rita is a powerful intercessor and I encourage you to call upon her prayers. **St. Rita, pray for us!** Who is your confirmation Saint?

**RIGHT TO LIFE LIFESPAN**  
**Mother's Day Flowers**

Thank you so much for your wonderful support on Mother's Day weekend. Donations amounted to **\$405.59**. Our parish is so generous!

*Joanne Camiller,*  
 RTLL parish representative

**OPEN ENROLLMENT 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR**



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You are invited to join with your fellow parishioners to help spruce up our campus.

Parish Grounds Spring Cleanup & Planting

WHERE: Meet in the east parking lot

WHEN: Saturday, May 22, 2021

TIME: 9 am - 12 pm

Spring CLEANUP

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!



ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Saturday, May 15:

3:30 pm - 4:30 pm Confessions

5 pm Mass

Sunday, May 16: The Ascension of the Lord

9 am Mass

11 am Mass

Monday, May 17:

No Confessions

9 am Mass, Rosary following

Tuesday, May 18:

6:30 pm Confessions

7 pm Mass followed by Adoration & St. Michael Devotion

7 pm Men's Club (AC)

Wednesday, May 19:

8:30 am Confessions

9 am Mass followed by Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions

8 pm Rosary

Thursday, May 20:

8:30 am Confessions

9 am Mass, Rosary following

Friday, May 21:

8:30 am Confessions

9 am Mass followed by Adoration until 12:00 pm

Saturday, May 22:

9 am - 12 pm Spring clean-up

3:30 am - 4:30 pm Confessions

5 pm Mass

Sunday, May 23: Pentecost Sunday

9 am Mass

11 am Mass

CLOTHING DRIVE / JUNE 2021

Time for Spring Cleaning!!!

St. Vincent de Paul will be having another clothing drive here at St. Genevieve-St. Maurice Parish. Gently used clothing and small household items may be dropped off on June 5th & 6th in the south end of the Church parking lot.

Saturday, June 5th 4:15 pm - 6:15 pm

Sunday, June 6th 8:15 am - 12:15 pm

Our last Clothing drive was a great success thanks to the generosity of the parishioners who donated so much.



MARRIAGE COACHING

HELP FOR YOUR MARRIAGE

Are you struggling in your marriage or in need of a marriage refresher and not sure where to turn for help?



The Marriage Support Office of the Archdiocese of Detroit is pleased to offer the Marriage Coaching program – a couple-to-couple mentoring opportunity designed to assist couples to live

out God's plan for their marriage.

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Trained Coaching Couples will give the support and practical tools needed to help couples restore and realize the fullness they desire for their Catholic marriage. The Marriage Coaching program consists of seven main coaching sessions that are strictly confidential and provided at no cost.

To learn more and get started with the help you need for your marriage contact: 313.237.4680/

www.aod.org/marriagecoaching/familyministry@aod.org.

All inquiries are strictly confidential. No need to delay, there is help for your marriage ...contact us today!

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*Mass Intentions*

**Saturday, May 15:**

**5 pm** St Genevieve-St. Maurice Parish Family

**Sunday, May 16:**

**9 am** Intentions of Gary Daroczy by Doug Daroczy  
Ray Eckerman by Janet Meekins  
Intentions of Jeannie Liebau by Doug Daroczy  
Intentions of Janet Shoemaker by Janet Meekins

**11 am** Bohdan Danyluk by Diane Danyluk

**Monday, May 17:**

**9 am** Don Blaharski by Karl & Chris Stoll

**Tuesday, May 18:**

**7 pm** Mariann Kosinski by Patricia Poirier

**Wednesday, May 19:**

**9 am** Richard Shoemaker by Family  
Teresita Sabanda by Family

**Thursday, May 20:**

**9 am** For the Intentions of Anna Eusebio on her 50<sup>th</sup> birthday

**Friday, May 21:**

**9 am** Intentions of Fr. Tom by Dave & Patricia Tay

**Saturday, May 22:**

**5 pm** Edward & Gertrude Kubik by Marlene Kriscovich  
Mariann Kosinski by Parish Staff  
Chester Langiewicz by Craig & Debra Head  
Jerry Urban by Platek & Tomasik Families

**Sunday, May 23:**

**9 am** For the intentions of Christina and Stan  
**11 am** St. Genevieve-St. Maurice Parish Family



*Healing Prayers*

Lauren Bloetsch  
Jill Covert  
Carmen D'anna  
Susan Hancock  
Barbara Holowicki  
Mary Ellen Jackson  
Rich Kraus  
Vicki Kubus  
Jill Lazarus  
Michael Muns  
Patricia Mannix  
Anthony Mauric  
Ivan Mauric

Mike Mauric  
Nancy Percin  
Brennan Randazzo  
Gerald Roosen  
David Schuit  
Janet Shoemaker  
Brenda Sorrin  
Delcia Toth  
Beverly Uhl  
Angela Zarek-Dadd  
Christy Zarek-Thomas  
Irene Zelazny

For the residents of: Heartland, Wellspring, Manooagian Manor, Marycrest Manor, Oakmont, Parkside, Regency at Livonia, Woodhaven, the homebound & for all who are infirmed or alone.



*Blessings to our Married Couple*

**Sean & Olivia Tabone**

*Saturday, May 8, 2021*

*And now these three remain: faith, hope and love.  
But the greatest of these is love. 1 Corinthians 13:13*



*Newly Baptized*

**Elijah Charles Comben**

*Sunday, May 9, 2021*

Son of  
**Kevin & Kaitlyn Comben**

*Trust in the LORD with all  
your heart And do not lean on your  
own understanding. In all your  
ways acknowledge Him, And He  
will make your paths straight.  
Proverbs 3:5-6*

**ALTAR CARE / SATURDAY, MAY 22, 2021**

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*Sunday Tithing: May 9, 2021*

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