



Saturday, May 15, 2021

Vigil of the Ascension of the Lord Sunday

Msgr. Herman W. Kucyk (2009)

Sunday, May 16, 2021

The Ascension of the Lord Sunday

9 am – Oak Park

Rhoda Hurley by Cornelius Henderson

Rev. James L. Hayes (2010)

Sue Thornby

Frances “Frankie” Huey by Bob and Shirley Peters

11 am – Ferndale

Michael and Sara Rayis Family by Muneer Rayis

Ben Evola by Nancy Evola and Family

Msgr. Dennis Harrity (2014)

Living and Deceased members of the Kemling
and Baracka Families by Dorothy Kemling

Monday, May 17, 2021

Rev. P. Edward Wojdyla (1986)

Tuesday, May 18, 2021

Rev. Norbert V. Kendzierski (2012)

Wednesday, May 19, 2021

Rev. Jasper F. Sirianni (2008)

Thursday, May 20, 2021

Mrs. Albert J. Seiler

by daughter Maureen and husband Robert

Friday, May 21, 2021

Rev. Thomas Byrne (2010)

Saturday, May 22, 2021

Vigil of the Pentecost Sunday

Rev. John T. Nowlan (2012)

Sunday, May 23, 2021

Pentecost Sunday

9 am Oak Park

Rhoda Hurley by Cornelius Henderson

Frank and Mary Belkowski by Barbara Schoenbach

11 am – Ferndale

Michael and Sara Rayis Family by Muneer Rayis

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT OUR PRAYER LISTS

The Church calls us to lift our brothers and sisters up in prayer when they are sick or struggling. The Parish continues to receive word about our parishioners who are ill, and we also receive requests about their well-being by others and ask why their names are not published. Since some of the members of our parish request that their names not be published when they are ill it becomes difficult. We strive to respect everyone's privacy along with trying to provide prayer support to all. We hope to list the members of our parish who are currently in need of our prayers, a visit, a note, or a phone call. To add a name to the listing, please contact the person first to make certain they want such information published and then contact the parish office at 248.545.2310. If you wish prayer during a time of illness or difficulty for yourself or for a family member, please contact the office by e-mail at omophparish@gamil.com or by phone at 248.545.2310. Names will be kept on the list for 4 weeks. Contact the parish office, at 248.545.2310, if you wish a name to remain on the prayer list for an additional four weeks.

Prayer REQUESTS

Pray for Our Sick, Their Families and Caregivers, and the Special Intentions of Our Parishioners

David Doig, Andy Doig, Euna Feschuk, Chuck Yodhes

Pray for Our Men and Women Serving in the Military

1st Lt Jacob Ashmore-USAF, Cpt Jonathon Ashmore-USMC, Sgt Cory Berry-US Army, LtCOL Thomas Goedert-USMC, Matthew Pelletier-USAF, Sgt Douglas Raven-US Army, COL David Rogers-US Army, COL Thomas Rogers-US Army, PFC Edy Silveira de Souza-USMC, Staff Sgt. John W. Tomassi-USAF, AB Ashley N. Vozel-USAF, SSG Noah Reiter-US Army, HM2 Maura Curtin—Navy, CPT Matthew Carey-USAF, HN Autumn-Kyoko Cushman--US Navy

UNITED IN FAITH, LOVE

AND SERVICE TO OTHERS

OUR MISSION—*Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish is a welcoming and nurturing Catholic community building up the Body of Christ through prayer and service.*

OUR VISION—*Our vision is to be an extraordinary spiritual gathering place where people of all backgrounds and ages are welcome to question and learn, pray, worship, and serve. In community through prayer and worship, we hope to continue to grow together in our understanding and appreciation of God's love. We strive to change and improve our lives and the lives of others.*

***How do you live out
our mission and vision?***

FAITH FORMATION PERSPECTIVES
BY LEONARD PIASTA, FFC CHAIR
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
WHY THE ASCENSION?

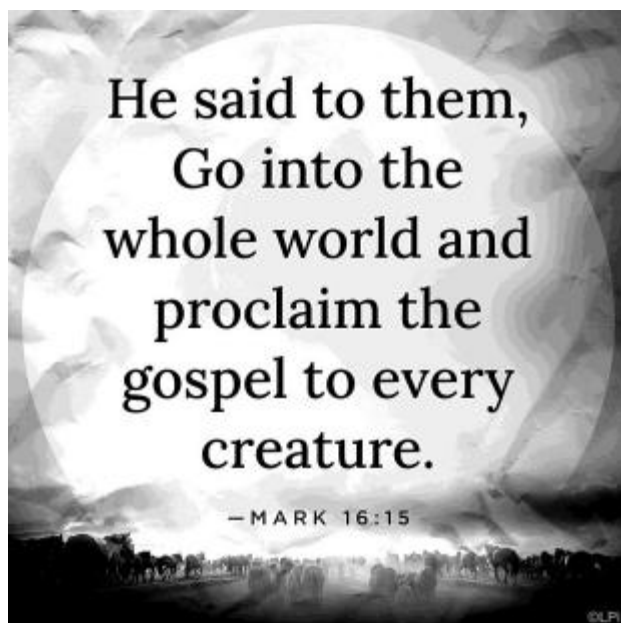
(Mk 16:15-20) The risen Jesus tells his disciples to go forth and proclaim the Good News. Jesus continues with: If one believes and accepts baptism they will be saved; if one refuses to believe they are condemned; those with faith will perform signs such as, expel demons in Jesus' name, speak new languages, handle serpents, drink deadly poison and not die, and cure the sick with the laying on of hands.

After passing these words on to his disciples, Jesus is taken up to heaven to sit at God's right hand. The Eleven then went forth preaching and the Lord continued with them. With the signs and belief in Jesus they were confirmed in preaching the message of the Good News.

Why the Ascension of the Lord? "The mystery of the ascension has two distinct aspects. First, it is the glorification of Jesus. The risen Christ, in the humanity He has assumed to become our Brother, returns to the Father who had sent Him. Secondly, the ascension indicates the time when Christ brought His visible ministry on earth to completion." And. "The ascension is not an event which changes the relationship of Jesus to heaven, but it does affect His relationship to the world. Jesus in His ascension is not turning away from the earth, but His relationship to earth is no longer limited to specific times and places. In His glorified life He makes all times and places present to himself." The Teaching of Christ, An Adult Catechism, p. 159

John L. McKenzie, S.J. (1910-1991) in his Dictionary of the Bible writes. "The ascension is primarily His (Jesus') exaltation, and glorification, the sign and seal of His ultimate accomplishment of His mission." p. 60.

"Jesus' ascension into heaven does not mean he is absent. Instead, it tells us that he is alive among us 'in a new way'." Pope Francis (1936 -) April 17, 2013 Papal Audience



SOLEMNITY OF THE
ASCENSION OF THE LORD

MAKE US A GIFT

*Loving Father,
 you sent your Son into the world
 that we might see you by seeing him.
 He offered his life as a gift
 for the life of the world.
 On the third day, you raised him to life,
 a life so powerful it could never again
 die.
 Grant us the grace to offer our lives
 as a gift for the life of the world,
 so that, dying with Jesus, we might rise
 with him.
 We ask this through Christ our Lord.
 Amen.*

SUNDAY, MAY 16, 2021

WE HOPE TO FOLLOW

Today's readings: Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Ephesians 4:1-13; Mark 16:15-20. After the resurrection, Jesus appeared again and again over a forty-day period. He explained the Scriptures to his disciples, they touched him, and they shared meals together. Often it took them time to recognize him.

On the fortieth day, Jesus commissioned the apostles to preach the Gospel to all creatures and to baptize in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Sometimes it seems that these first witnesses were the lucky ones. They saw Jesus, heard his voice and teachings, and perhaps even touched his wounds. Having seen, how could they have done anything but believe? And yet until the Holy Spirit descended at Pentecost, they were afraid. They had seen what had happened to him, and even though he had risen, they could not have been eager to face persecution themselves. But even though Jesus was gone, he had not abandoned them.

The Ascension is a feast of joy, joy in the Father glorifying Jesus. It is also a feast of anticipation, because we hope that we too will be raised, that we too will be taken up to Jesus because we belong to him.

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We hope that by believing in Jesus and by living in imitation of him, we too might be citizens of heaven, raised up by the Father.

Our lives become gifts to God when we die to ourselves and unite ourselves to Jesus. May our prayer be one of offering our whole lives to the Father so that dying with the Lord, we might rise with him. Where he has gone, we hope to follow.

THIS WEEK AT HOME

MONDAY, MAY 17

TRANSFORMED BY THE SPIRIT

In the reading from Acts, the men begin to speak in tongues after Paul lays hands on them. Our lives should also look markedly different because the Holy Spirit is within us. Where do you see the Holy Spirit at work in your life? When making big decisions, do you rely on the guidance of the Spirit? How can you invite God to be part of your process of discerning your best way forward? Today's readings: Acts 19:1–8; Psalm 68:2–3ab, 4–5acd, 6–7ab; John 16:29–33.

TUESDAY, MAY 18

BEARING WITNESS

As Paul looks at the possibility of his future martyrdom, his words echo the words of Jesus before the passion. Both focused on the people they served, the people who were their mission. Jesus, sent by God, and Paul, sent by the risen Christ, both call all people into the light so that the plan of God might be fulfilled. God is always sending us too. How are you called to “bear witness to the gospel of God’s grace”? Today's readings: Acts 20:17–27; Psalm 68:10–11, 20–21; John 17:1–11a.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

SPRING AND NEW LIFE

As spring progresses in the northern hemisphere, the natural world abounds with beauty. Take some time to walk in nature and experience the beauty of God’s creation. Is this a time when it is easy for you to experience God’s presence? How can you take more time for listening in this way? Care of creation is one of our duties as human beings, to whom God entrusted the natural world. Is there something simple you can do to care for God’s creation today? Today's readings: Acts 20:28–38; Psalm 68:29–30, 33–35a, 35bc–36ab; John 17:11b–19.

THURSDAY, MAY 20

PEACEMAKERS

The reading from Acts portrays an event in which religious people react to Paul’s actions out of their conviction. So stirred up are the factions that they have a difficult time responding peacefully. Sometimes people who love the Church can be like this. Strong emotions arise when people become defensive, when it seems like their ways of being in relationship with God are challenged. Yet we are called to be peacemakers, even as we are called to speak the truth and give prophetic witness. Christ’s peace is received in the Eucharist. How can you live out this call to make peace within the Church? Today's readings: Acts 22:30, 23:6–11; Psalm 16:1–2a and 5, 7–8, 9–10, 11; John 17:20–26.

FRIDAY, MAY 21

OUR LIVES AS A GIFT

The number of times Peter declares his love for Jesus corresponds to his three denials of the Lord before the crucifixion. With these affirmations, Jesus tells Peter to “feed my sheep.” No matter what we have done in the past, God is waiting to redeem it. Everyone’s life can be offered as a gift to God, the giver of life. Today's readings: Acts 25:13b–21; Psalm 103:1–2, 11–12, 19–20ab; John 21:15–19.

SATURDAY, MAY 22

PREPARING FOR PENTECOST

Consider planning a celebration for Pentecost. Gather party supplies in red, the liturgical color of the day. The celebration could be a birthday party, since Pentecost is often considered the birth of the Church. Decorate with doves or tongues of fire. Prayer cards could highlight the gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, knowledge, understanding, counsel, fear of the Lord, piety, and fortitude. Today's readings: Acts 28:16–20, 30–31; Psalm 114:4, 5 and 7; John 21:20–25.



**SUPPORT OUR
MOTHER OF
PERPETUAL HELP
PARISH**

A BIG THANK YOU to all of those who have continued to support our parish. **Offertory is down and the COVID-19 pandemic continues to have a direct impact on our ability to pay our monthly bills.** Contributions may be mailed to the parish office at 13500 Oak Park Blvd., Oak Park, MI 48237. You may also securely and safely donate online via our website or from the parish mobile app. Call Chuck White, Finance Council Chair, at 734.635.2598, if you have any questions about online giving.

OFFERTORY FOR FY 2020-2021:

| | May TD | YTD |
|-------------------------|-----------|------------|
| Offertory Amount | \$3,714 | \$174,579 |
| Over/(Under) Prior Year | \$1,679 | (\$36,359) |
| Over/(Under) Budget | (\$1,286) | (\$45,421) |

Week of 05-02-2021 Offertory total: \$3,714.00
On-line giving totaled \$475.00 and drop off, mailed in, and dropped in offertory basket, envelopes totaled \$3,239.00 for a grand total for 1 week of May deposits totaled \$3,714.00.

THE 2020 CSA GOAL FOR THE PARISH IS:

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| | \$33,695.00 |
| AS OF 05-03-2021: | 177 PLEDGES RECEIVED; 173 FULLY PAID |
| TOTAL PLEDGED: | \$99,920.00 |
| TOTAL PAID: | \$104,711.69 |
| REFUND DUE PARISH: | \$5,096.67; |
| refunds issued: | \$65,920.02 |

THE 2021 CSA GOAL FOR THE PARISH IS:

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| | \$37,746.00 |
| AS OF 05-03-2021: | 7 PLEDGES RECEIVED; 6 FULLY PAID |
| TOTAL PLEDGED: | \$7,850.00 |
| TOTAL PAID: | \$7,700.00 |
| REFUND DUE PARISH: | NONE |
| refunds issued: | NONE |

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
PIEROGI SALE
THANK YOU!**

Thank you to everyone that supported our pierogi sale. \$1,100 that will be donated to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at Our Lady of LaSalette and Our Mother of Perpetual Help parishes. Other monies raised by the sale will support vocations and charity work at Council 3830 Queen of the Holy Rosary.

I also send a BIG THANK YOU to the dedicated group of volunteers that donated over 120 people hours to this effort. Please continue to pray for those in need that are served by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

*Joe Panozzo
Program Director
Queen of the Holy Rosary Council 3830*

**AN INVITATION FROM
OMOPH PEACE & JUSTICE COMMITTEE**

Greetings fellow parishioners. It has been a long year!

We on the Peace & Justice Committee want you to know we have continued to **meet monthly virtually**. Our main focus continues to be immigration which also touches on the broader issues of racism and climate change. Currently, we are working on meeting with Ferndale and Oak Park leaders to advocate for actions that show they are Welcoming Cities for all. City leaders in Oak Park have been open to this conversation and we anticipate that Ferndale leaders will also be open to meet.

We would like your input and help. We meet each month the Tues. after the second Saturday and our next meeting is Tues., May 11 at 6:30. There is so much work to be done and we need many hands. Please join us by emailing Rosemary Insley at rinsley@aol.com and a link will be forwarded to you.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY AT OUR FERNDALE WORSHIP LOCATION



Would you, your family or a couple of friends like to care for a section of the Ferndale worship location landscape for the 2021 growing season?

We have divided the outside landscape into nine areas. Some are small, some are mainly flowers, others contain shrubs. You would maintain the area (cultivate, weed, plant annuals, trim etc.) as you like according to your time schedule. The church will mow and water the lawn.

If you have questions or would like to select an area, please contact Dorothy McLaren (248-376-3638), Tom Jaksa (248-546-4179) or send a note to the parish office to Dorothy or Tom's attention.

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