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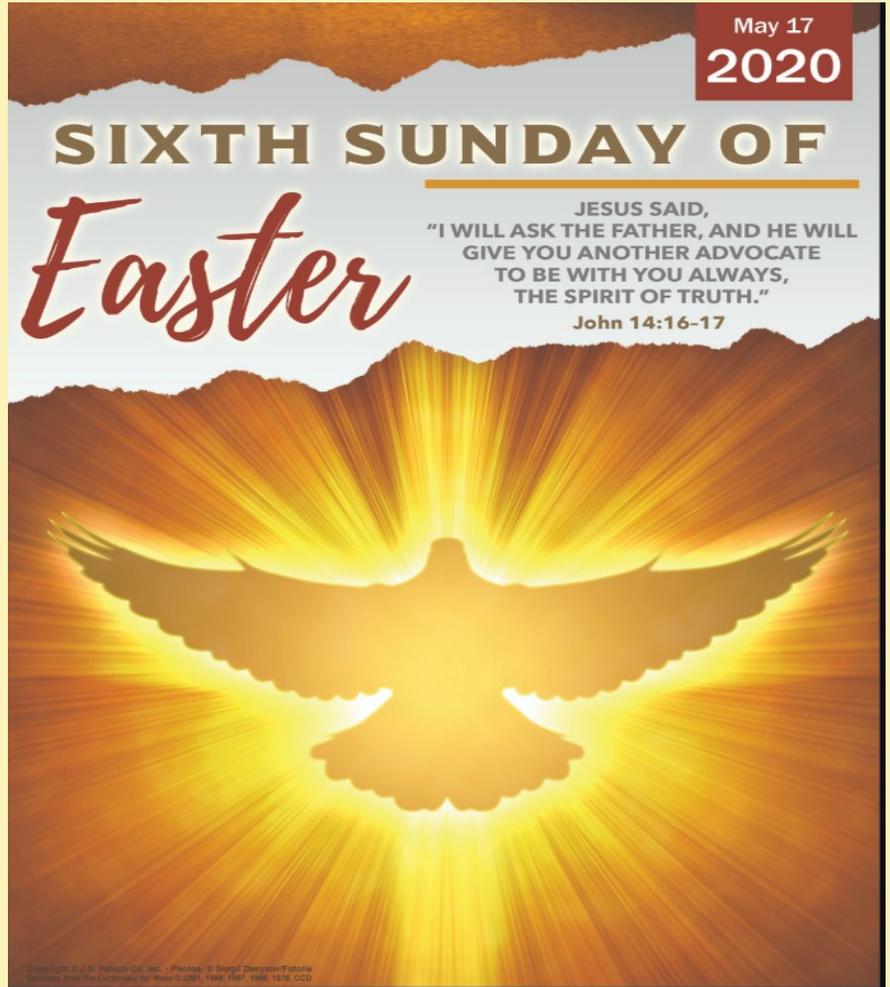
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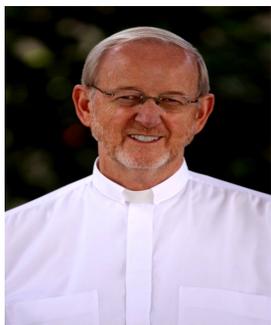
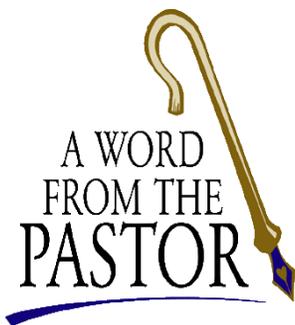
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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Vigil Mass
4:30 pm
Sunday Masses
7:30 am
9:30 a.m. (free childcare) 
(choir)
11:30 am (free childcare)
5:30 pm
(Contemporary Music)
Weekday Masses
Monday-Friday: 7:30 am
Sat. 9:00 am
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday: 3:15 - 4:25 pm
Wednesday: 5:00 pm
(or by appointment)

As a good steward of the Lord's blessings, please remember to consider your Parish Family or School Endowment in your Last Will and Testament.



- ◆ **Being Ready to Explain Our Catholic Beliefs**
- ◆ **Novena to the Holy Spirit**

In the second reading today, Peter states: “*Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope but do it with gentleness and reverence*” (1Pt 3:15).

This verse could be interpreted on two levels: spiritual and theological.

On the *spiritual level*, the verse exhorts us to be always ready to witness to our faith. Millions of believers belong to a church family today because of the witness of other believers. This is especially true of Protestant evangelical churches. Their leaders have done a great job at teaching and inspiring their people to witness to their Christian beliefs and in motivating them to invite others into their church. While we all know that ‘*witness of life*’ is more important than ‘*witness of words*,’ words are also important—especially when people are going through a tough time spiritually. If the Samaritan woman in John 4 had not been willing to share her witness with the people of her village, they might never have come to know Jesus. Fortunately for them, she had no desire to make her encounter with Jesus her best-kept secret.

I sometimes wonder how many people are lost to our Catholic Church because so many of us are timid about inviting others to Church or sharing our faith with others. Needless to say, ‘*witness of life*’ is our best advertisement for our faith. After all, St. Francis of Assisi used to say: “*Speak the gospel always. If necessary use words.*” Sometimes, example is the best way to go. But sometimes, example can and should be accompanied by words. In the often used words of the late Pope John Paul II: “*Do not be afraid.*” Do not be afraid to share your faith. Do not be afraid to invite a non-churchgoer or a seeking non-Catholic to Church or to a retreat experience—Alpha or CRHP. I do know that some of you have grown very much in this area of your spiritual development because I have met people who now come to our Church because of your good example and witness.

On the *theological level*, the above verse from our second reading could also be interpreted to mean that we Catholics should be prepared to explain to others why we believe what we believe. I acknowledge that this is not an easy thing to do for the majority of Catholics, especially

those who go through life with an elementary school understanding of our faith.

Thankfully, more and more Catholics are making time to become educated on Catholic beliefs and practices. More and more are becoming skilled at explaining, among other things:

- why we have a devotion to Mary and have certain beliefs about her, such as her Immaculate Conception and her Assumption into heaven (see Art 10 of my Catechism articles).
- why we have devotion to saints (see Art. 10).
- why we have the practice of Confession (see Art.15).
- why we believe Jesus founded our Church and intended for the Pope to be the successor of St. Peter; why we believe in papal infallibility when it comes to matters of faith and morals (see Arts 8 and 9).
- why Catholics believe in Purgatory when it is nowhere mentioned in the Bible.

Being a proud and humble Catholic

There was a period in our Church’s history when we Catholics believed that we were better than everyone else, and that we were the only ones to go to heaven. The recent clerical sex scandals have humiliated and humbled us—and rightly so. But such horrible failures in our Church should not lead us to be ashamed of our Church. We always have been, and always will be, a church of sinners. If there was one condition for entry into our Church, the sign on the door would read: Only Sinners may enter.

Despite the terrible sinfulness of the Church down through the ages, God has used this weak instrument to do many great things. In his introduction to his book *Rediscover Catholicism*, Matt Kelly gives us some great reasons why we as Church should be humbly proud of its achievements.

- *Education.* The Catholic Church is the institution that educated the masses of people who were not born into nobility or wealth. Matt Kelly writes:

The global reach and contribution of the Church is enormous, but the national impact of the Church on every aspect of society is also impressive, though largely unknown. In the United States alone the Catholic Church educates 2.6 million students every day, at a cost of ten billion dollars a year to parents and parishes. If there were no Catholic schools, these same students would have to be educated in public schools, which would cost eighteen billion dollars. The Catholic education system alone saves American taxpayers about eighteen billion dollars a year.

In the field of secondary education, the Church has more than 230 colleges and universities in the U.S., with an enrollment of seven hundred thousand students. And the Catholic and non-Catholic students educated in our schools and colleges go on to occupy many of the highest positions in any field. (p.18)

- *Healthcare.* The Catholic Church has a nonprofit healthcare system comprising 637 hospitals that treat one in five patients in the United States every day.
- *Outreach to the poor.* After the federal government, the Catholic Church in the United States helps the poor more than any other agency or institution. Wherever a global disaster occurs, Catholic Relief Services is present and helping. At home, *Catholic Charities* and many other Catholic agencies are on the front lines of outreach to the poor. Here in our own city, our Church is vigorously involved in outreach to the poor through our Thrift Store, Social Concerns, participation in Daily Bread, and overseas in Uganda.
- The Catholic Church has produced thousands and thousands of holy men and women. While holiness is the work of God in the life of an individual, the individual must cooperate with God's grace. We need guidance and help as we seek to live a holy life. Millions of us have found that help and guidance in the Catholic Church.
- Down through the ages, especially in the Middle Ages, the Church has been a great patron of the arts—which elevates the human mind and heart to God.

While the sex scandals have caused us rightly to hang our heads for a while, we have so many good reasons to be proud of the achievements of our Church. It would be sad if we allowed the sins and imperfections of the Church to prevent us from recognizing its tremendous accomplishments.

What sets them apart?

A few years ago, we sold 2,250 copies of Matt Kelly's book *Rediscover Catholicism—A Spiritual Guide to Living Life with Passion and Purpose*. One of the things I like about Kelly's book is that it inspires us to be the best that we can be, to be the best version of ourselves. The following is an excerpt.

What is it that sets those who achieve extraordinary things apart from the rest of us? Some people would tell you it is mere chance, that they simply found themselves in the right place at the right time. Others will tell you that these favored few had better connections with people of power and influence. Some people believe that God has favorites and these men and women are his chosen ones.

Do not allow your heart and mind to be deceived. There are two great differences between the heroes, leaders, champions, and saints that fill the history books and the rest of us. In the first place, they tended to have a singleness of purpose that penetrated every activity of their lives. And in the second place, they formed habits that helped them to achieve their goal. These weren't the mindless habits that are acquired by choosing the path of least resistance and maximum pleasure, but the life-giving habits that lead to excellence and holiness.

Singleness of purpose

As you study the lives of extraordinary people, you will discover that they are all marked by these two qualities. It doesn't matter if it is Bill Gates, Michael Jordan, or

Mother Teresa; these characteristics can be found in each of their lives. Bill Gates wanted to dominate the software industry. He clearly defined his goal and thus had singleness of purpose. Then he developed habits in his life that would help him achieve his goal. Michael Jordan wanted to become the greatest basketball player in history. He had a clearly defined goal, a singleness of purpose. He did the things that moved him toward his goal and didn't do the things that didn't move him toward his goal. The same is true of Mother Teresa and of all the saints that honor the pages of Christian history. Mother Teresa wanted to love God with all her heart in every moment of every day. She clearly defined her goal and allowed this singleness of purpose to penetrate the everyday activities of her life.

It matters not whether it is in the field of business, sports, or spirituality. The same principles apply. They are the fundamentals of human excellence.

You may object, saying, "To dominate the software industry or be the greatest basketball player in history are not the noblest goals." This is true. The question now becomes, "What is your goal?" Do you even have a clearly stated goal? Do you have this singleness of purpose that gives focus to a person's life and allows him or her to excel beyond imagining?

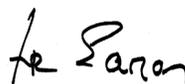
This singleness of purpose will save you from wasting your life in shallow and superficial activities that mean almost nothing to anyone and will mean even less one hundred years from now. Imagine how many people wanted to distract Michael Jordan from practicing basketball. Imagine how many nights his friends wanted him to go out and party and he didn't, either because he had to practice or because he had to get up early the next morning for practice. Imagine how many people tried to distract Bill Gates from building Microsoft when he was in his late teens and early twenties. Similarly, imagine how many people tried to distract Mother Teresa from her prayer time or from her work with the poorest of the poor.

When you have singleness of purpose, everything else is embraced or discarded according to whether or not it moves you in the direction of your goal. When you don't have this singleness of purpose, you get lost in the tossing and turning of daily life.

The whole world will get out of the way for the man who knows where he is going. For the man who does not, the world becomes a playground filled with distractions and nothingness. (pp 119-120)

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Have a blessed week,



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NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

May 21-29, 2020

Beginning Friday after Ascension through Saturday, Vigil of Pentecost

Before Jesus' Ascension into Heaven, he tells his disciples to return to Jerusalem and to wait in prayer for the coming of the Holy Spirit (see Acts 1:4-5). For the next nine days, the disciples, along with Mary and some other women, "devoted themselves to constant prayer" (Acts 1:14). This time of prayer is often called the first novena (meaning *nine*). A novena is a nine-day period of prayer for a particular intention.

You are invited to pray the following Novena to the Holy Spirit for any particular intention. You are encouraged to also pray for our Church family—that we will have a greater sense of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

The Holy Spirit is God's greatest gift to us. For the next nine days, make a particular effort to be attentive and responsive to the presence and activity of the Holy Spirit in your daily life.

NOVENA OUTLINE

- Opening Prayer

*Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful
and enkindle in us the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit
and we shall be created
and you shall renew the face of the earth.*

- Meditate on Scripture assigned for each day (see next page).
- Pray one decade of the Rosary asking Mary to help you to become more attentive and responsive to the promptings of the Holy Spirit.
- Closing Prayer

*Father of Light,
from whom every good gift comes,
send your Spirit into our lives
with the power of a mighty wind
And by the flame of your wisdom,
open the horizons of our minds.
Loosen our tongues to sing your praise
in words beyond the power of speech,
for without your Spirit
we could never raise our voices in words of peace
or announce the truth that Jesus is Lord!
Amen.*

Scripture Readings for the Nine Days

Day One

Luke 1:35 Mary conceives Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit.
Luke 3:21-22 Jesus is baptized with the Holy Spirit.

“Jesus, baptize me anew with your Holy Spirit.”

Day Two

John 7:37-39 Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit.

“Come, Holy Spirit, possess my whole being.”

Day Three

Acts 2:1-12 The promised Holy Spirit descends upon the disciples.

“Holy Spirit, awaken in me the fire of your love.”

Day Four

Acts 4: 32-37 Led by the Holy Spirit, the first followers of Christ join together in a small Christian community to share life and God’s deeds in their midst.

“Holy Spirit, may my faith friends and I grow in love for you.”

Day Five

Acts 10:44-48 The Holy Spirit is poured out on the Gentiles.

“Holy Spirit, help me to be open to your workings in the most surprising places and ways.”

Day Six

Acts 13:1-12 Through the power of the Holy Spirit, Paul and Barnabas are discerned to go on their first missionary journey.

“Holy Spirit, help me to hear your voice when you call out to me.”

Day Seven

Rom 8:26-27 The Holy Spirit helps us in our prayer.

“Holy Spirit, teach me to pray.”

Day Eight

1Cor 3:10-16 The Holy Spirit helps us to understand the deep things of God.

“Holy Spirit, show me God’s path for my life.”

Day Nine

Gal 5:16-26 Paul names some of the fruits of the Holy Spirit. We are holy and Spirit-filled to the extent that the fruits of the Holy Spirit are operative in our lives.

“Holy Spirit, fill me with a Spirit of love, patience and joy.”

Opening of Ascension

Bishop Noonan, in consultation with the Florida Conference of Bishops, has decided to make the necessary steps to begin opening our parish communities. *Please note: the dispensation from the Sunday Mass obligation will continue until further notice.* It is recommended that parishioners who may feel uncomfortable in group settings or those with prior health conditions please remain in social isolation for the time being.

This schedule will be updated as more information becomes available.

Week of May 18th– 22nd

- ✝ Our regular 7:30 Daily Mass will resume in the Church Monday-Friday and on Saturday at 9:00 am.
- ✝ The church building will remain open for personal prayer after Daily Mass until 12 noon (Mon—Fri).
- ✝ The Church Office and the Adoration Chapel will be closed until further notice.
- ✝ Join in our Feast of the Ascension Celebration Week! Watch for daily notices on Facebook and on the website.
- ✝ Our Sunday Mass for May 24th will be shared on our YouTube Channel. Happy Feast of the Ascension!

Week of May 25th—29th

- ✝ Our regular 7:30 Daily Mass will continue in the Church Monday-Friday and on Saturday at 9:00 am
- ✝ The church building will remain open for personal prayer after Daily Mass until 12 noon.
- ✝ The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered WEDNESDAY ONLY at 5:00 pm to 5:30 pm in the main part of the church. (On Monday we observe Memorial Day.)
- ✝ The Church Office and the Adoration Chapel will be closed until further notice.

May 30th & 31st Feast of Pentecost

- ✝ We will resume our regularly scheduled weekend Masses (4:30 pm Vigil, 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am and 5:30 pm) with a 25% capacity limit which, for us, is about 250 people. Please arrive early since seating everyone before Mass begins may take a little longer.
- ✝ We anticipate live streaming the Mass to overflow seating in the Parish Hall at high occupancy Masses.
- ✝ For those participating in Mass at home, we will have Live Streamed Masses via our YouTube Channel.

As we open, appropriate social distancing will be required and masks are highly recommended. People may be directed to the overflow Mass in the Parish Hall (if needed) if the numbers become greater than social distancing guidelines would allow. Entrance to the church will only be through the front doors. We will have people monitoring the number entering the weekend Masses.

We thank you for your patience and understanding as we do our best to serve all parishioners as the guidelines evolve.

Feast of the Ascension

A Parish-wide celebration of spirit and hope.

Monday (5/18): 'A' Scavenger Hunt

A photo-scavenger hunt of all things with the letter A.

Tuesday (5/19): Trivia Tuesday on Kahoot!

Test out your knowledge of all things Ascension! From Catholic trivia, to our campus, to Fr. Eamon's favorite colors- our game is fun for the whole family. All you need is a computer or smart phone.

Wednesday (5/20): Wacky Wonderful Wednesday

Eat dinner as a family-backwards! Dessert first, the entree, and finish with an appetizer. We'll supply the best recipes from Frank & Penny's 'Wonderful Wednesday' cookbook, and enjoy this silly dinner together. Send us your pictures!

Thursday (5/21): Live stream Adoration & Rosary

Join us at 7pm on Facebook Live or YouTube and pray with us.

Friday (5/22): Family Fun Night

Gather for some great games and activities for the whole family, presented by some of the FISH and CGS parents!

Saturday (5/23): Cultural Cooking with Ascension

Spice up your Saturday with some of 'The Best Of' recipes from all our ethnic organizations. Egg rolls? Empanadas? The best marinara sauce ever? Yes, please!

Sunday (5/24): FOA Mass & Alleluia Video Project

Culminate the week with our LAST pre-recorded mass to celebrate our namesake. And check out the video project starring all of you! See ascensioncatholic.net for details on how you can participate.



Feast of the Ascension

A Parish-wide celebration of spirit and hope.

Monday (5/18): 'A' Scavenger Hunt

Can you find all of these things?

Each item is worth different points, so choose wisely. Remember, the picture doesn't count if you don't have someone in it.

Extra points for creativity!

Send all pictures to info@ascensioncatholic.net or through Facebook Messages. Due by 11:59pm on May 18th.

'A' food that we love (1 point)

'A' silly face (3 points)

'A' hug from a family member (5 points)

'A' Letter shape found around your home (3 points)

'A' family rosary (4 points)

'Ascension' anything (5 points)

'A' pet (1 point)

Having 'A' good time outside (5 points)

'A' sign with a note to the Ascension Community (10 points)

'A' family tuning in to our YouTube Mass (10 points)

'A' Zoom/video call picture (5 points)

Sund'A'y morning coffee and donuts (4 points)

'A' socially-distant photo with a neighbor (3 points)

'A' Family that misses their Ascension faith family (10 points)

*By sending pictures, you are agreeing that they can be used/posted by Ascension Catholic Church in print and online.



Feast of the Ascension

Wednesday (5/20): Wacky Wonderful Wednesday

In case you have already forgotten our Wonderful Wednesday dinners, let me refresh your memories on one of ours. If you want to resurrect your taste buds, you may want to try your hand at doing this at home. It is not hard or complicated to do, after all if I can do it, so can you. If it comes out a little different, that is where the wacky comes in. Bon Appetit!

Dessert first! Peach Cobbler

Ingredients List:

2 Lg cans of sliced peaches (drained)
1 box Yellow Cake mix
1 TBS Ground Cinnamon
Dash of Ground Cloves
1/4 cup stick butter (cubed)
(Optional) Vanilla Ice Cream

Spray a 9x13 baking dish with cooking spray (Pam).

Add 2 large cans of sliced peaches (drained).

Mix one box of yellow cakes mix with 1 TBS of ground cinnamon and a dash of ground cloves. Sprinkle mixture over the peaches and then spot with butter or margarine. Bake in a 400 degree oven for about 45 minutes or until golden brown. Serve warm with a scoop of ice cream.

2nd Course: Penny's Pork Chop w/ Mashed Potatoes and Veggies

Ingredients List:

6-8 lean pork chops. 1 inch thick
Lemon Pepper seasoning
6-8 thin onion slices
6-8 lemon slices
1 cup packed brown sugar
1 cup ketchup
Real or Instant mashed potatoes
Chosen veggie side

Pork Chop: Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Sprinkle chops with lemon pepper. Place chops in a 9x13x2 inch pan. Top each chop with a slice of onion, then a slice of lemon. Combine brown sugar and ketchup and evenly spoon mixture over the chops. Cover and bake for 1 hour. Uncover and bake an additional 30 minutes.

Mashed Potatoes: Real or instant, your choice. I do not want to make it too easy for you.

Veggie: Again, your choice. I am really making you work now. You can relax soon and enjoy the fruits of your labor.

3rd Course: Appetizer

Dinner salad: Add your favorite salad items, a lot or a few, your choice, then add your favorite salad dressing.

*We hope your meal comes out well, but not too well
because we want to see you all come back for the real
Wonderful Wednesday whenever we can start up again.*

We miss you all!

With fond memories.

Frank, Penny, and the KofC guys and gals





Next Sunday's Readings May 24, 2020 A

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Acts 1:1-11

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

Ephesians 1:17-23; Matthew 28:16-20

How do you pray differently today
from when you first learned
to pray?

STRENGTHENED TO LIVE AS CHRIST'S OWN

We might look at the world around us and conclude that this is the most challenging time in history during which to live as a person of faith. Yet we know this is not so. Throughout the ages, people of faith have faced mockery, persecution, and even death as a result of their commitment to Christ. Still, it is important for us to acknowledge the challenge of living as a Christian today, when faith is viewed with ambivalence at best, and often with antagonism. Some do not understand how faith and reason can sit side by side, even though many of the world's greatest scientific discoveries have been made by people of faith. Others see the failures of the Church or its leaders and discount faith as a result. We rely on the powerful presence of the Holy Spirit to be with us when we are mocked or simply misunderstood on account of our faith in Jesus Christ. Through the Holy Spirit, we will find the grace to live with conviction as Christian people.

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YOUTH MINISTRY



Ascension Catholic Life Teen

Life Teen and Edge

Our Life Teen and Edge programs have been meeting virtually for the past month and will continue to do so each week until further notice. Links are sent out via Email & Remind each week. Keep an eye on our Facebook/Instagram for additional challenges and special virtual events at Ascension Catholic Teens.

Life Teen-High School Teens

Sunday - Join us on YouTube live at 5:00pm and then on Zoom immediately afterward to meet in our small groups.

Tuesday - Join us on Zoom at 7:00pm for Summit (Bible Study).

Edge - 7th and 8th Grade Teens

Wednesday - Join us on Zoom at 7:00pm for Edge Night

Questions about Youth Ministry?
Contact Cara Giuliano, Director of Youth Ministry, or
Anna Nagy, Associate Youth Minister,
EDGE program at
ascensioncatholicteens@gmail.com



A message for all our supporters of Ascension Catholic School

While we are very sad to have to cancel the 26th Annual Gala, we do have the opportunity to support our school by going ahead with our silent auction. Lots of items for you to enjoy either in isolation or time out.

Watch this space, it's coming soon!



Wedding Anniversaries

Orion & Marjorie Bessinger	65 years	May 21
Alfred & Joan Cantwell	59 years	May 20
Edward & Lottie Godzak	55 years	May 22
Luis & Lydia Vazquez-Pola	53 years	May 20
Gerald & Teri Zinone	40 years	May 17



Greg Grasso, Betty Elko, Claire Grasso, Mia Moore, Carmelia Navarretta, Peggy McKelvey, Cathi Hurd, Ted Stoner, Betsy Coradine, CVNS, Joan Barco, Rose Struzinski, Mary Laird, John Kelly, Jim Eisenmann, Laurie Chatman, Marge Pearsall, Ann McKelvey, Terri Sills, K.J. Baker, Richard Furstenburg, Amanda Oudwa, Janice Roberson, Robert Hinnant, Mary Ellen Ritter, Maureen Kurtz, Theo Reaves, Leo Shumaker, Shirley Mattai, John DeStefon, Thomas Horan, Margie Boozer, Jim Warwick, Bill Porzio, Wayne Fogel, Anthony Tynes, John Hemel, John Thorstad, Joan Cantwell, Tim Durkin, Art Coridine, Steve Weinholt, Leslie Selage, Jonah Powers, Phyllis Powers, Werner Schulz, Justine Miller, Cosanne Mistretta, Elizabeth Mengel, Patrick Kenny, Pam Conner, AJ Johnson, Marion Sampieri, Ron St. Clair, Matther Rabel, Fr. Mike DiRenzo, Anita Byers, Ava Barone, Jennifer, Elisa Fernandez, Eric Farrell, Frank Cavaliere, Jim Thorstad, Traci Wood, Reca Downey, Jeannette Nissen, Kristen Reid, Frances Moberly, Joey Tauper, James Shifflett, James Meegan, Anthony Prisco, Sarah Morawa, Charles Janus

Please pray for those in the nursing homes.

Pray for our Armed Forces Personnel here & overseas

Joseph Marci, Robert Crowl, Bryan Calenda, David Barlow, Dylan Traver, Marty Martinez, Jonathan Martinez, Bryan Satterwhite, John Kinsora, Josh Grier, Robert Grover, Rory O'Connor, Shane O'Connor, Alex Ritner, Kyle Mimbs, Kristin Agresta, Andrew Nemethy, Lance Freeberg, Theresa Mavity, Matthew Hammond, Daniel Amulong, Dr. Jerry Higman, Margaret-Anne Sytxma, Matt Maurer USAF, Daniel Sosa, Ray Romano, Matthew Cavalcante, Chad Bloomstine, Matthew Carney, Logan Solio, Nick Owens, Nicholas Jon DeDominici, Fredrick DeDominici, Reece Sampieri

Mass Intentions For The Week



**Week beginning Monday, May 18, 2020
and ending Sunday, May 24, 2020**

Mon. 7:30 am	† Fernando & Carmen Palacios
Tues 7:30am	† Fr. Joe Walsh
	† Kathy Jagdmann
Wed 7:30am	† Eleanor Amicucci
	† Sally Flick
Thur. 7:30am	† Nuncio & Christine Sampieri
	† Bill & AJ Sittig
Fri. 7:30am	† Joe & Helen Garlusky
	† Don Paternoster
Sat. 9:00am	† Deceased members of the Grimaldi & Kalinosky Families
	† Kelly Family
	† Irene Weaver
Sun. 7:30 am	† Lee Dague
	† James Krupp
	† Claire Moore
	† Andrew Jonelis
	People of the Parish
11:30 am	† Baltazar Family
5:30pm	† Aida Arellano



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

There is a geography to the liturgy of baptism that distills the journey of faith. Each part of the liturgy is assigned to a distinct part of the church building. Baptism, whether of infants carried to church by their parents or of adults following the paschal candle into a darkened church at Easter, starts at the door. First, a threshold must be crossed and a new community of meaning and memory encountered for the first time. Then, the celebration moves to the place for God's Word. Next, as the litany of the saints is sung, there is a procession to the font. Finally, the movement is to the table, the altar of the Eucharist. There, newly baptized adults are brought to the sacred meal, or the parents of infants are blessed and reminded that their child will one day share fully in the table's banquet.

Many Catholic churches honor this geography by placing the font near the door, or at least small vessels with water. The doorway of our church is a place of memory, and a passageway to a new way of living.

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