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The Ascension of the Lord

May 29, 2022



CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday Evening 5:30 PM
Sunday..... 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM (Broadcast) & 12:00 PM
Mondays thru Saturdays..... 9:00 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday 4:30 to 5:00 PM

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Parishioners,

I think all of us have in our minds a picture of the Ascension of Jesus. Christ is lifted up through the clouds to take a seat at the right hand of the Father. But what struck me today in our first reading from the Book of Acts is what happens after the Ascension. Two men appear to the disciples and say, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing looking up into the sky?" In other words, even though Jesus ascended through the sky, looking for Jesus in the sky is looking in the wrong place. This is the scriptural way of telling us that we are to look for the risen Christ not in the clouds but in the circumstances of our own lives.

But where in our lives should we look? Allow me to suggest three places: in joys, in needs, and in opportunities. Looking for Jesus in the joys of our lives is looking in the easiest place. When we watch children or grandchildren play, when we embrace the person that we love, when we reflect upon the goodness and the faithfulness of our closest friends, the risen Jesus is there. But it is important for us to recognize his presence. The good things in our lives do not come to us because of luck or good fortune. They come from the love of God blessing us.

Jesus can also be found in the needs around us. When someone in our family needs our time, when someone at work needs our assistance, when someone at school needs us to listen, we should expect to find Jesus there. When we reach out to help, when we reach out to give, Jesus often uses that moment to give to us. We know from experience that we receive more than we give. The risen Christ will bless us when we try to help others.

Jesus can also be found in the opportunities of our lives, opportunities for hope, opportunities for healing. We can find ourselves devastated by the loss of someone through death, through divorce, or through misunderstanding. We simply cannot imagine our lives ever being normal again. It is then that we should look for Christ in opportunities of hope. The opportunity to have lunch with a friend, the opportunity of a call to service, or the opportunity for a trip with our family, can all be moments that Jesus uses to bring us back to fullness of life. We should look for those opportunities and take them.

We might find ourselves deeply hurt because of the insensitivity or selfishness of someone else.

We simply cannot imagine ever forgiving that person, ever restoring that relationship. Then we should look for Christ in opportunities for healing. A note in the mail, a chance meeting in the supermarket might be just the moment that Christ uses to give our relationship a second chance, to restore the bond that was broken. We should watch for those opportunities and seize them.

On this feast of the Ascension, we should look for the risen Christ in our joys, in the needs around us, and in the opportunities for hope and healing. It does no good to stand looking up into the sky. Christ is to be found in the contours of our lives.

Peace,

Fr. Monteleone



PRIESTS' SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 2022

5:30 PM Fr. Monteleone

SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2022

8:00 AM Fr. Nico

10:00 AM Fr. Monteleone

12:00 PM Fr. Kevin

PLEASE NOTE:

In observance of **Memorial Day**, Holy Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 AM on Monday, May 30.

The Church will be closed immediately following Mass.

The Parish Office will be closed.

WEDDING BANNS

The following couples will be exchanging wedding vows:

II. Miguel Duval and Lia Salierno

ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

As we come to the end of May, the students of SPSS have so much to look forward to, and back on!

The 8th graders have finished their exams, as the rest of intermediate and middle schoolers look forward to theirs (maybe?).

Our 8th Grade Baccalaureate Mass and awards will be May 31st—CONGRATULATIONS on a job well done!

The students always look forward to Field Day, which will be this week.

While we demonstrate our patriotism everyday with the Pledge of Allegiance and National Anthem, we remember all of our fallen soldiers this Memorial Day, and every day.

May God's blessings be on our Armed Forces!



SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

The Widow and Widowers will be meeting on Monday, June 13th at 2 PM in the Molloy Center. Join us for prayers, socialization, and meeting new friends. All are welcome!

COMMUNION BREAKFAST

On Sunday, May 22nd, the Knights of Columbus hosted their Annual Communion Breakfast. The guest speaker was Mr. Victor Rud, a published author and expert in Ukraine and the root causes of the conflict.



CARNIVAL

ST. PHILIP'S ANNUAL CARNIVAL

Thursday, June 16 6-10 PM

Friday, June 17 6-11 PM

Saturday, June 18 6:30-11 PM



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EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

As part of the *Year of the Eucharist*, the Diocese of Paterson is hosting a Eucharistic Congress on September 23, 24, & 25 at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist. Archbishop Rino Fisichella, from the Pontifical Council for Promoting the New Evangelization, will be speaking on the *Eucharist and the New Evangelization*.

The Eucharistic Congress will have three main events:
Friday, September 23 at 7 PM - Priests, Religious, and Deacons are invited to a Holy Hour, Evening Prayer, and Presentation

Saturday, September 24 - Lay women and men are invited to a presentation

a) English Presentation at **10:00 AM** with Mid-morning Prayer

Refreshments will be provided prior, starting at 9:30 AM in the Rodimer Center

b) Spanish Presentation at **2:00 PM** with Mid-afternoon Prayer

Refreshments will be provided prior, starting at 1:30 PM in the Rodimer Center.

Visit insidethewalls.org/congress for more information and to register.

GOD BLESS THE NEWLY BAPTIZED



Theodore Dmitri

PARISH GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION: MAY 23, 2021	\$ 19,973.00
SUNDAY COLLECTION: MAY 22, 2022	
WEEKLY COLLECTION	\$ 8,215.00
ONLINE GIVING DONATION	\$ 6,535.00
TOTAL	\$ 14,750.00
SECOND COLLECTION – PROJECT FAITH	\$ 2,245.00
Easter 2021	\$ 61,952.00
Easter 2022 YTD	\$ 52,234.00

Upcoming Second Collections:

June 5th – South & Latin American Missions & Overseas Relief

June 12th – Project Faith

This collection is to provide resources for diocesan ministry, religious education, parish family life, and social services

WE PRAY FOR...

May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace...
Dennis Fitzpatrick, Carolina DellaFave, Susan Voelkner

A Time to be Healed...

Susan Stierlen, Jill Festa, Sylvia Shami, Debbie Werthmann, Edward Kovacs, Dominick Cappello, Todd Daigneault, Cheri Albanesius, James Jablonowski, Elmer Rodriguez, Michele Bellisano, Michael Barbetta, John Hughes



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, MAY 29, 2022

- 8:00** All the People of the Parish
10:00 Carlos Basurco
Giuseppe “Joe” Esposito
12:00 Baby Agnes Moore
Deceased Members of the Shami Family

MONDAY, MAY 30, 2022

- 9:00** Henry Spohn

TUESDAY, May 31, 2022

- 9:00** Rogelio Dela Cruz

WEDNESDAY, June 1, 2022

- 9:00** Lynn Bertoni

THURSDAY, June 2, 2022

- 9:00** Corazon Nunag

FRIDAY, June 3, 2022

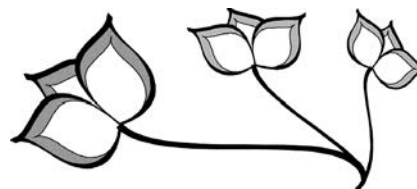
- 9:00** Modesta Flores
Cesar Boconeira

SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 2022

- 9:00** Jessie DiDonna
Maria Guarinello
5:30 All the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2022

- 8:00** Mildred Scrosia
Giuseppe “Joe” Esposito
10:00 Deceased members of the Kerner Family
Marie D’Angelo
Ilda Frazao
Sean Hughes
12:00 Gordon Hahn
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