

May 16, 2021 The Ascension of the Lord

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 15th, 5:00 PM
Emily Weiss
by Eileen Weiss

Sunday, May 16th, 8:00 AM
† Helen Walsh
by Vicky Stih

Sunday, May 16th, 10:00 AM
† Kathy Yacavino
by Sharon and Frank Davis

Sunday, May 16th, 1:00 PM
People of the Parish

Monday, May 17th
No Mass

Tuesday, May 18th, 8:00 AM
† Mrs. Jean Kelly Lent and families
by Pat and Ralph Burg

Wednesday, May 19th, 5:30 PM
† Mr. and Mrs. Adolf Burg
by Pat and Ralph Burg

Thursday, May 20th, 8:00 AM
Joanne Lechwar
by Maureen Delahunt

Friday, May 21st, 8:00 AM
† Martin Alfonsi
by Pat and John Geiger

Saturday, May 22nd, 5:00 PM
Renee Weiss
by Eileen Weiss

Sunday, May 23rd, 8:00 AM
† Martin Alfonsi
by Knights of Columbus Council #3067

Sunday, May 23rd, 10:00 AM
† Kathy Yacavino
by Pamela and Hal Ness

Sunday, May 23rd, 1:00 PM
People of the Parish



Pray for the homebound, those in healthcare centers, and those who need your continuous thoughts and prayers:

Elizabeth Flaherty-Lovy, Tracey Green Wakeland, Bonnie Geitz, Sydney Johnson, James A. Harrelson Jr., Chris Dixon, Jim Geitz, John Howard, Barbara Mahaffey, Carolyn Hicks, Betty Barr, Rosemary Darrow and Debbie L. Cohen.



Pray for the speedy, or continued, recovery of:

Keith Williamson, Aric Burks, Victoria Beltran, Michael Bryant, Jr, Karen Smith, Kevin Mattered, Sandy Hill, Jane Sementilli, Nancy Engel, "Bud" Williamson, Jack Myer, Jim Lauro, Addison Stringer, Sean Sheely, Irene Burks, Elijah Davis, Rachel Ecle, Wallace Moulton, Bill Jackson, Joe Larimore, Cynthia Dawson, George Nichols, Jennifer Gray, Nancy Harvath, Andrew Childers, Cameron Cook, Joanne Urso, Bryan Couture, Joan Kenny Marshall, Ellie Thomas, Donna Jones, Dr. Matt Stover, Carol Lusby, Brandie Barr, John Benford, Christi Sorokach Miller, Pat Teel, Shelly Rossi, Hal Ness, James DelGuidice, Dan South, Frankie Prox O'Donnell, Anthony Maslowski, Kim Howard, Winifred Poit, Hayley Wolfe, Jamison Dumm, Chuck Vanover, Arthur Cannon, Sandra Garrett, Murrey Lord, Shelly Savage, Diane Cuptray, Mateo Lara, Lorna Campagna, Konrad Zeiske, Krystina Millar, Theresa Michau, Savannah Marie Mincey, Paul Renault, Gregorio Viray, Barbara Dumm, Mark Mercer, Linda DiPetrillo, Maureen Delahunt, George Chiha, Tammy Miychell, Victoria Barr, Maria Handy, Francy Green, James Manford, Thomas Lusby, James A. Harrelson, III, Laura Saporito Leach, Mandy Moore, Nick Nicoletti, Joanne Lechwar, Martin Altman, Mike VanLandingham, Rosemary DelGuidice, Jimmy Howard, Ellen Vignone, Barbara Natoli, Earl DeGhetto, Claudia Sanchez Campos, Frank Bullard, Wesley Lewis, David Barr, Angelica Bridges, Humberto Olivares Martinez, Fred Fischer, Jennifer Vaughn, Amy Spagnuolo, Sue Canna, Julie Sharp, Sandy Sheely and Angel Khoury.

Pray for those in our Military:

Jonathan Greene, Brandon Parker, Joseph Fairfield, Sheena McGee, J. Thomas Joseph, Jason A. Schroeder, Tirik Drayton, Jay Rivers, and Brian Eduardo Vazquez.

If you would like to add or delete a prayer request, or if you or someone you know is hospitalized or homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist, please call the Parish office at 843-546-7416. **If you want the Prayer Chain to pray for you, please call Faye Altman at 843-546-8301.**



The flowers on the Altar are in loving memory of Ronald Cavalieri by Mary Cavalieri.

Our community of faith extends their deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Vincent Simoncini who passed away May 4, 2021. Please keep all in your prayers. May his soul rest in peace.



**The Knights Corner
"Holy Family Light Our Way in Love and Charity"**

The monthly Food Pantry Drive is THIS WEEKEND! Donations of canned and dry goods can be left in the containers in the narthex of St. Mary's Church at all Masses.

Thank you to those who were able to help Mother's Day Flowers Chair Brian Clark pass out the carnations this past weekend after the Masses. It was a great idea and glad we chose to support this most worthy idea again this year. Thanks Brian for your idea and follow through!

Speaking of Mother's Day and celebrations, our Council Recorder Tom and his lovely bride Diane Macedo celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this past weekend! Congratulations Tom and Diane and thank you for continuing to serve as one of our cantors and altar servers each week.

As part of our Council's continued support of the seminarians for the Diocese of Charleston and through the generosity of our parish fundraiser last fall, seminarian support chair Mike Macedo indicates that we mailed a check for \$500 each to one of our selected seminarians for our council, Trenton Redmond (Myrtle Beach) at St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary in Boyton Beach, FL and, as approved at our April membership meeting, to an additional seminarian identified by our South Carolina state vocations chair for the Knights of Columbus as in need of added support to continue his studies, Colin Doering (Greenville) who is studying at Holy Trinity Catholic Seminary in Irving, TX. This brings to a total of four the number of Diocese of Charleston seminarians we have supported this year! Please keep these seminarians in your prayers.

Knights of Columbus Insurance Field Agent Shane Goheen remains available as needed for insurance or investment needs at (843)457-5757.

Parish Support

The offertory collection for May 8th and 9th was \$6,754.00. **This includes \$971.00 from online giving.** This is \$1,354.00 over our weekly goal of \$5,400.00.

*Thank you for worshipping with us!
If we can help you in your walk with Christ in any way, please call the church office.*

A Promise to Protect, A Pledge to Heal
Our goal at St Mary remains that the Parish be aware of and support the Safe Environment we seek to foster.

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Weekly Readings

Sunday: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26 Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20
1 Jn 4:11-16 Jn 17:11b-19
Monday: Acts 19:1-8 Ps 68:2-5d, 6-7b 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, 33-36b Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11
Jn 17:20-26
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21 Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20b
Jn 21:15-19
Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 Ps 11:4-5, 7 Jn 21:20-25
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

PARISH EVENTS



Mass Intentions for 2021 may be arranged by calling the Parish Office at 843-546-7416.

To dedicate Flowers for the Altar for 2021 please contact the Parish Office to confirm names and dates.



St. Mary's Altar Society

St. Mary's Altar Society members will attend a May luncheon at 12:00 Noon on Tuesday, May 18th in the parish hall. Please confirm your attendance by calling Mary Roberts at (843)546-4800.

Liturgical Roles

May 22nd Saturday 5:00 pm	May 23rd Sunday 8:00 am	May 23rd Sunday 10:00 am
Lector: M Roberts	J Dumm	B Yacavino
Ushers: S Salamon P Wolfe	D/T Corvelli J Joseph T Clarke	H Moore T Macmanus
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: N/A	N/A	N/A
Altar Servers: B Mathis	TBD	TBD
Altar Care: M Roberts	M Boelke	L Ortiz
If you are unable to serve when you are scheduled, please remember to find a substitute.		

Gospel Study Group meets every Wednesday, at 9:30 am in the parish hall. We look forward to seeing you there! All are welcome. Due to the coronavirus, meetings are canceled until further notice. Virtual meetings may occur in the future. If you have any questions or know someone who is interested in joining our group, please call Mary Boelke at (843)543-3537.

Religious Education

Beginning this weekend, the high school class will be starting their fundraiser after all the Masses. The last day to place an order will be May 30th. We are pleased to announce that St. Mary's will be sending 24 high schooler students to St. James Church on May 22nd for a Pentecost Retreat. Please keep them in your prayers.

Usher/Greeter Ministry Meeting

There will be a meeting for ushers/greeters on Wednesday, May 19th, at 4:00 PM. All current ushers/greeters are encouraged to attend. If anyone would like to join this ministry, you are welcome to come as well. If you are unable to attend but would like to be a part of this team, please call the office.

The Ascension of the Lord - Gospel Meditation

There is always something very tender and heartwarming about a kiss. When someone who loves us offers us a kiss, it sends a clear message that we are valued and special. We occupy a unique place in their lives and have a distinct purpose. Kissing celebrates the wonder and beauty of human life. In a very powerful way, we are connected, through intimate touch, with another human being. With the incarnation of Christ, God kissed humanity. God, revealed so perfectly in Jesus Christ, showed us that we have value and are made in God's image and likeness. Mortal human beings radiate with the presence of God and are worthy enough to reveal the intimacy of the Divine Mystery. The human race is not simply something God created from a distance but something special within which God dwells.

It is no wonder then, why the poor hold such an honored place in Jesus' ministry. They speak of God's love and they cry out for the compassion that is due them as children of God. Justice is about setting relationships right because we are all filled with God's love and have dignity. The human story is understood as a partnership, a true and new covenant, celebrating a love relationship between all of creation and their Creator. It is a story that does not end with the Cross or even the Resurrection. The story finds its happy ending in the Ascension. Our human narrative is still evolving and moving ever more closely toward that day when all will be one in Christ.

Jesus now sits at the right hand of the Father as the Christ of God. In the ascended state, we see what we are all meant to become and have before us the transformed life that awaits all of creation. The disciples got a glimpse of what this transfiguration would be on the holy mountain and it is an essential part of the Good News we are called to proclaim! Christ, now ascended to the Father, sets our paths straight and gives us a look at what awaits us. The day-to-day challenges of life often find us struggling with our incompleteness. Today's celebration gives us the strength to persevere, knowing that we'll eventually be well. May our hearts be enlightened so that we can know this hope and the surpassing greatness of Christ's power! business of our lives and all that each day brings, the good and the bad, we follow the call and path of love, we will walk with God. There is nothing to fear and anxiety finds no home.

Today we take up the collection for the **Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC)**. Your support helps connect people to Christ and builds Catholic communities in the United States and around the world using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half the funds we collect remain here in the Diocese of Charleston to support local efforts.

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments Why Are We Looking at the Sky?

Men of Galilee — why are you looking at the sky? It seems like a pretty foolish question for the angels to be asking the disciples. Their best friend just flew away in a cloud. I think in that situation, my first reaction would probably be to stop and stare, too.

But let's not forget, the disciples had a lot of work to do. A world full of souls to evangelize. I've always been a little amused at the thought of the angels shooting them down from Mount Olivet. Get to work! The kingdom isn't going to build itself!

In our own faith lives, we often find ourselves looking at the sky, don't we? We're the faithful, after all. We have seen Christ. We have accepted him. We have given ourselves to him. What more do we need to do? Perhaps we excessively dwell on the past, or anxiously anticipate the future. Perhaps we can't move on from a mistake we have made, or we are shying away from a challenge in front of us. We all have our own cloud that has bewitched us.

But let's remember, our faith compels action. Once again, the kingdom isn't going to build itself.

Why are you looking at the sky? The work is here. The hour is at hand. A good steward is to be mindful of the gift of time. What's the mountain you need to climb down? What is the task God is handing you? For what purpose has God placed you here, at this very moment in history? — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS