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# St. Patrick Catholic Church

May 13, 2018

Ascension of the Lord

# Masses & Intentions

**Sunday, May 13**

**The Ascension of the Lord**

Readings: ACTS 1:1-11, PS 47:2-3,6-9, EAPH 1:17-23, or EPH 4:1-13 or 4:1-7,11-13 MK 16:15-20

Mass Intentions:  
9:00am - All Mothers

**Monday, May 14**

**Feast of St. Matthias**

Readings: CTS 1:15-17,20-26, PS 113:1-8, JN 15:9-17

Mass Intentions:  
8:00 am - Kate & Greg Klein

**Tuesday, May 15**

Readings: ACTS 20:17-27, PS 68:10-11,20-21, JN 17:1-11A

Mass Intentions:  
8:00am - Eddie Vetter+

**Wednesday, May 16**

Readings: ACTS 20:28-38, PS 68:29-30,33-35A,35BS-36AB, JN 17:11B-19

NO MASS

**Thursday, May 17**

Readings ACTS 22:30;23:6-11, PS 16:1-2A5,&7-11, JN 17:20-26

Mass Intentions:  
8:00am - Mary Bullington +

**Friday, May 18**

Readings: ACTS 25:13B-21, PS 103:1-2,11-12,19-20A, JN 21:15-19

Mass Intentions:  
8:00am - Teresa Eggert

**Saturday, May 19**

Readings: ACTS 28:16-20,30-31, PS 11:4, 5 & 7, JN 21:20-25

Mass Intentions:  
5:00 pm - Charmaine Citro

**Sunday, May 20**  
**Pentecost**

Readings: ACTS 2:1-11, PS 104:1,24,29-30,31-34, 1COR 12:3B-7,12-13 JN 20:19-23 OR JN 15:2627;16:12-15

Mass Intentions:  
9:00am - St. Patrick's Parish

**2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal**

May 19-20  
Bishop's Annual Appeal Follow Up Weekend  
*"To whom much is given, much will be required."* Luke 12:48

**Gift Bearers & Family Vocation Cup**  
*Kindred Family*

## Week at a Glance

### May—Month of Our Lady

Monday, May 14:

- ◆ 8:00 am Mass
- ◆ 5:30 pm SVDP meeting

Tuesday, May 15:

- ◆ 8:00 am Mass
- ◆ Office closed for workshop
- ◆ 6:30 pm Kindergarten Graduation

Wednesday, May 16:

- ◆ NO MASS
- ◆ 7:00 pm RCIA

Thursday, May 17:

- ◆ 8:00 am Mass

Friday, May 18:

- ◆ 8:00 am Mass

Saturday, May 19:

- ◆ 8:00 am Mass
- ◆ 4:15 Confession
- ◆ 5:00 pm Mass & Graduation with reception to follow
- ◆ SVDP 2nd collection

Sunday, May 20:

- ◆ Pentecost
- ◆ 8:15 am Confession
- ◆ 9:00 am Mass
- ◆ SVDP 2nd collection

Monday, May 21:

- ◆ 8:00 am Mass
- ◆ 6:30 Finance meeting

## MARY CROWNING



Maleah Epley will crown Mary outside the church on Saturday, May 12th.

Charmaine Citro, escorted by Edward Denham, will crown Mary inside the church on Sunday May 13th.

## Liturgy Corner

### Ascension of Jesus

The story of Jesus returning to heaven after his resurrection is mentioned in the Gospels of Mark and Luke, and in more detail in the book of Acts. Jesus gathered his disciples on the Mount of Olives, commissioned them to spread the Good News of Salvation, promised the gift of the Holy Spirit and rose up to heaven as a cloud took him from view. This was 40 days after his resurrection.

The Church celebrates the Ascension 40 days after Easter Sunday, always on a Thursday. In most of the world Ascension Thursday is a Holy Day of Obligation but in the US most dioceses transfer it to the following Sunday.

The Feast of the Ascension is celebrated in both the Eastern and Western traditions as well as some Protestant churches. Therefore, it is considered one of the universally celebrated feasts in the Christian liturgical calendar (along with Christmas, Easter, Pentecost and the Passion).

It is traditional to eat some kind of bird on the Feast of Ascension in honor of Christ who "flew to heaven." In some places families climb a hill to commemorate Christ and the disciples climbing the Mount of Olives on the day he ascended.

The Novena of Pentecost begins on Ascension Thursday and is referred to as the original novena as it represents the disciples praying for nine days as they waited for the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost.

	Lectors	EMoHCs
5/12	Michelle Minnis Lou Lomber	Tom Powers Cathy Abou-Sakher Amy Hopkins
5/13	Kathy Brewster Laura Ross	Jennifer Koski Mary Chaney Barbara Hooper
5/19	Naila Galaviz Carina Sanchez	Vicki James Nancy Daniel Sister Mary Grace
5/20	TBD	Mary Chaney Michelle Minnis Barbara Hooper

# Ascension of the Lord - St. Augustine Hymnal #967 Year ABC

## Religious Education

ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. There are separate sessions for children or youth. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. For information please contact Alyssa Ginter at 931-209-6859 or join us Wednesday evenings at 7pm.

## Youth Events

To honor our Blessed Mother during this month dedicated to her, the Youth Group will host a candlelit rosary in the cemetery on May 20. Set up will begin at 6:30pm. All are welcome to pray with us beginning at 7:30.

## Totus Tuus Update

Totus Tuus – Totally Yours

This diocesan summer youth program is coming to St. Patrick's Parish next month! The daytime grade school program runs June 18-22 from 9am-2:30pm. The middle & high school program is June 17-21 from 7pm-9pm. Contact Alyssa Ginter for more information or to register!

We are in need of 4 people to bring lunch for the missionaries and five families to host them for dinner! Please sign up after Mass or call Alyssa to pick a day!

## St. Vincent de Paul



### VINCENTIAN MEDITATION

Today as we celebrate the feast of the Ascension we are reminded that Christ's saving work on earth continues through his disciples...and through us.

### FOOD DRIVE VOLUNTEERS

The Society of SVdP is asking for volunteers to help distribute food every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at the perishable food route at St. Patrick's. Please arrive at noon & join your fellow parishioners to help with this ministry.

Next Food drive: May 22

## Announcements

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Weekly prayer requests will be published in the bulletin beginning May 13. To include a request in the list, please submit names to the church office by noon on Wednesdays. The list will be refreshed each week.

### ONLINE GIVING & TITHING AVAILABLE!

You can make a one-time or recurring donation by visiting [[www.stpatrickmcewen.org/online-giving](http://www.stpatrickmcewen.org/online-giving)]. Or contact the church office for assistance.

### CONGRATULATIONS to our new First Communicants!

Thank you to everyone who helped with the preparation, the liturgy and the reception for this celebration!

### PARISH ASSESSMENT

The Parish Assessment is now closed. We received 158 responses! We greatly appreciate your time and effort in sharing your thoughts, opinion, and ideas with us. The Parish Council is committed to listening to what you had to say and to provide feedback as soon as possible. Results will be provided to the parish within the next couple of months. Thank you for participation in this important listening exercise.

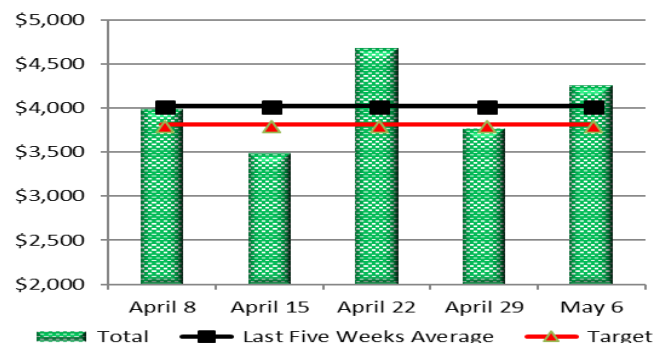
## Offertory Report - May 6, 2018

### Collection Summary

Envelopes & Loose Checks	\$3,424
Regular Collection Loose	\$ 670
Online Giving	\$ 151
<b>TOTAL—Regular Giving</b>	<b>\$4,245.</b>

The last five week's average Regular Giving

is \$4,026.- 106% of our target of \$3,812 per week



## *Father Zack's Corner*

When Catholics say, "Mary is our Mother", these are not just empty words. They mean rather that we recognize Mary for who she is and also for her role in the plan of God. That Mary was the mother of Jesus the God-Man is almost universally accepted among all Christians and probably many non-Christians as well.

Looking first at Scripture, the principal basis for the doctrine of Mary as Spiritual Mother of all humanity is found in the Gospel of John. In this scene, Mary is at Calvary at the foot of the Cross with John, the beloved disciple. John tells us, "When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing near, he said to his mother, 'Woman, behold your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Behold your mother'" (John 19: 26-27). Throughout the Church's history, numerous popes, theologians, and writers have confirmed their belief that here John is symbolic of all humanity. In other words, that Jesus from the Cross gave His Mother to every human person for all time.

Our Lord said, "Behold your mother." He was not suggesting that Mary become our mother, but that Mary is our Mother. And to Mary He gave us as children. But, if this is true, how do we make theological sense of this relationship? Turning again to Scripture, we can best understand it by considering St. Paul's beautiful doctrine of the Mystical Body of Christ (cf. Colossians 1:18, Ephesians 4:15). In this whole Body, St. Paul refers to Christ as the Head and the Church as the Body. Head and Body make up the entire and whole Mystical Body of Jesus Christ.

Now, if we say Mary gave birth to Jesus, the Head of the Body, then it must be that she gave birth to the entire Body since a true body cannot be separated. Thus, it would mean that she gave birth to the members as well. In giving physical birth to Jesus, we can say that Mary made it possible for us to receive spiritual life through Him. We were dead, and through Him we have come back to life. And it was Mary's "yes" at the Annunciation that made our rebirth possible. To question this is to question the plan of God. For it was He who decided from all eternity that it would be so. And the list of those who have believed it is almost endless.

Once we have established that Mary is our true Spiritual Mother, we must ask what this means for us in our everyday lives? What is a mother, anyway? What does a mother do? Why did God arrange it so that every human person would come into the world through a mother? There must be a reason. Does a mother simply give birth to a child only to abandon him or her? Of course she does not. A mother not only gives birth, but she also is given by God so that she might nurture, feed, teach, guide, and protect her child. God entrusts her with these tasks. In the human family, a mother is not optional. So too, in the spiritual family of the Mystical Body of Christ, Mary, our Mother is not optional.

To all the mothers, Happy Mother's Day!



### *In Honor of...*

**\*Patricia Oliphant,**  
given by Terry & Joanie Coleman

**\*Patty Bradley,**  
given by Mike & Phyllis Bradley

**\*Beverly Dover, Nancy Hopkins  
& Jane Sparks,**  
given by David & Amy Hopkins

**\*Mary Jane Forrest,**  
given by, Kerry & Theresa Wills

**\*Peggy Hooper & Gloria Rice,**  
given by Wayne & Deb Hooper

### *In Memory of...*

**\*Josephine Grebner and Alice Whiting,**  
given by Margaret Grebner

**\*Elizabeth White & Betsy Hickman,**  
given by James & Emily White

**\*Ruth Schwind,**  
given by James & Judy Gwin

**\*Tillie A. Pruss & Agnes M. Petrie,**  
given by Florence Petrie

**\*Irene Weaver & Judy Eichhorn,**  
given by Marc & Lea Eichhorn

**\*Bertha Wright,**  
given by Sue Needham

**\*Winnie Coleman and  
Mattie Needham,**  
given by Terry & Joanie Coleman

**\*Eleanore Biechunko,**  
given by Mary Chaney

**\*Crescentia Holland, Bernadine Smith  
& Gladys West,**  
given by Walter & Vicki Holland

**\*Virgie Bradley & Katie Anderson,**  
given by Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Bradley

**\*Lucille B. Hielt,**  
given by Mary Tarpy

**\*Christine Sheehy &  
Verna Mae Hooper,**  
given by Steve & Carolyn Hooper

**\*Jeanine Webb & Lydia Corbitt,**  
given by James & Christi Corbitt

**Other Intentions not specified...**  
David & Melissa Harbison

## *PRAYER INTENTIONS*

Anthony Holland, Donna Zuercher, Nicole Moore, McKinley Tarpy

Rest of the soul for Frances Grannis.