



*St. Mark's Catholic Church*

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**May 16, 2021**

**The Ascension of Our Lord, Jesus Christ**

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## Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Lectionary: 58

### Reading I

Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day he was taken up, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. He presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While meeting with them, he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for “the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

When they had gathered together they asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” He answered them, “It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight.

While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven.”

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9

R. (6) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

or:

R. Alleluia.

All you peoples, clap your hands, shout to God with cries of gladness, For the LORD, the Most High, the awesome, is the great king over all the earth.

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

or:

R. Alleluia.

God mounts his throne amid shouts of joy; the LORD, amid trumpet blasts. Sing praise to God, sing praise; sing praise to our king, sing praise.

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

or:

R. Alleluia.

For king of all the earth is God; sing hymns of praise. God reigns over the nations, God sits upon his holy throne.

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

or:

R. Alleluia.

### Reading II

Eph 1:17-23

Brothers and sisters:

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him. May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call, what are the riches of glory in his inheritance among the holy ones, and what is the surpassing greatness of his power for us who believe, in accord with the exercise of his great might, which he worked in Christ, raising him from the dead and seating him at his right hand in the heavens, far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion, and every name that is named not only in this age but also in the one to come.

And he put all things beneath his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way.

OR:

Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13

Brothers and sisters,

I, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace: one body and one Spirit, as you were also called to the one hope of your call; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ’s gift. Therefore, it says: *He ascended on high and took prisoners captive; he gave gifts to men.*

What does “he ascended” mean except that he also descended into the lower regions of the earth? The one who descended is also the one who ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things. And he gave some as apostles, others as prophets, others as evangelists, others as pastors and teachers, to equip the holy ones for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of faith and knowledge of the Son of God, to mature to manhood, to the extent of the full stature of Christ.

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**Alleluia** Mt 28:19a, 20b

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Go and teach all nations, says the Lord;

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Gospel** Mk 16:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples: "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned. These signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will drive out demons, they will speak new languages. They will pick up serpents with their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not harm them. They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God. But they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through accompanying signs.

**Adoration at St. Mark's Church**

Every precaution is made to ensure a safe environment in Adoration. Please join us on Friday's for Adoration immediately after 11:00 AM Mass with Benediction at 1:45 PM. It will also be broadcast on livestream @ stmarkseagirt.com.



**Thank You!** We are so grateful to all those who financially sacrifice each week to support our parish and its ministries!

We would especially like to thank all of those who faithfully use their weekly parish contribution envelopes and those who give online through the Parish Giving Program.

May 9, 2021 collection amount \$10,316.00.

# Pray FOR THE SICK

**Please Note:** New Policy for the Pray for our Sick. Names will remain on the sick list read at mass for 4 weeks and then removed unless the requester calls to remain on the list for another 4 weeks. To ensure the consent of the person whose name appears here, the pastor's policy requires that only they or a family member may request a name be added to this list. Names will remain in the bulletin until the person or family request it be removed.

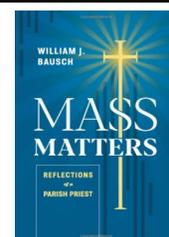
*Lynn Jelliff, Alice Healy, Benjamin Ohlweiler, Jeremy Pavlick, Lucy Gargano, Christine Frauenheim, Robert MacPherson, Jake Gilbert, Bill Lesniak, Jim Bogan, Bruce Bogan, Sr., Bobbie Woods, Julia Buonocore, Alexandra Gavilanes, Sarah Gallagher, Jimmy Azzollini, Vivian Wilson, Ken Hauck, Dorothy Waugh, Patricia Cavanaugh, Rose Courtney, Grace Philhower, Maria Valdez.*

**If you are a parishioner who has not been able to attend Mass and would like to have a Eucharistic Minister bring Holy Communion to you, please contact Donna at the rectory, 732-449-6364 x100 or email [donna@stmarkseagirt.com](mailto:donna@stmarkseagirt.com).**

**E**ternal Rest grant onto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

*Please remember in your prayers those of our diocese, parish, friends, and family members who have recently died:*

**May the angels lead you into paradise...**



## MASS MATTERS

Fr. Bausch's book "Mass Matters" is on sale in the rectory for \$15.

Please call ahead and we will have it ready for you to pick it up!

**Parish Mission Statement:** We, the Parish Family of St. Mark's in our quest to follow the Gospel of Jesus Christ, are building a faith-based community that assists all people in life's journey to be open to God's love and to share His joy. We are further committed to address the spiritual, physical, emotional and social needs of all people through service to individuals, families, parish and the greater community. As responsible stewards using our individual gifts, we promise to celebrate, renew and strengthen our faith, and to live our lives as a reflection of Christ's love for others. St. Mark's is designated as a Center for Hispanic Ministry in the Diocese of Trenton.



## *This Week's Mass Intentions*

DATE	INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
<b>Monday, May 17</b>		
7:30 AM	† George Sullivan	Irene and Leo Hurley
	† Steven Joseph Blaha, Jr.	Ed and Judy Blaha
11:00 AM	† Francis Hayes, Jr.	Family
	† Bridget and Dennis Madigan	Paulette McCormack
	† Helen and Tim Hopkins	Hopkins Family
<b>Tuesday, May 18</b>		
7:30 AM	† Ruth Doran	Marianne and Jim Sheridan
	Mark and Alexandra Downes, (Special Intention)	White Family
11:00 AM	† Patrick Campbell	Family
	† John Murray, Sr.	Fred and Lissa McGrath
	† Lila A. Salatto	Mr. and Mrs. Anthony P. Randazzo, Jr.
<b>Wednesday, May 19</b>		
7:30 AM	† Phyllis Blaine	Estate
	† Theresa Kelly	Rose and Dan Crimmins
	† Jacqueline Reynolds	Margaret Azzarella
11:00 AM	† Gaetano Virdo	Bertucci Family
	† Patricia Buckley	John and Pat Gibbs
	† Joseph Brown	Bob and Cara Brown
<b>Thursday, May 20</b>		
7:30 AM	† Luke Walsh	Abrahamson Family
11:00 AM	† Dr. James Boozan	Cathy Shalloo
	† Bridie Browne	Campisano Family
<b>Friday, May 21</b>		
7:30 AM	† Jose DelRosario	Family
11:00 AM	† Vera Oblazney	Rose Ann and Robert Ferguson
	† Harry Foerst	Mary and Don McLaughlin
	† Sean Michael Sweeney	Nancy DelRussi
<b>Saturday, May 22</b>		
7:30 AM	† Henry Foerst	Kathie and Tom Albin
4:30 PM	† Stephen J. Bohacik	Family
	† Florence M. Dalton	Janet and Richard McCoid
	† Peter Warshaw	Sara Lynch
<b>Sunday, May 23</b>		
8:00 AM	People of the Parish	
10:00 AM	† John Gildea	Family
	† Gordon VanNote	Todd and Jamie Leonhardt
	† Nancy and Stanley Pauls	Ed and Judy Blaha
5:00 PM	† Hernestina Cruz	Avila Family

# ANNUAL CATHOLIC Appeal 2021

## IN ACTION!

### Catholic Social Services

Diocesan Parish Counseling Services: Parishioners have access to short term counseling (up to 6 sessions) at locations throughout the Diocese. The program was developed by **Catholic Charities** and the Diocese of Trenton. Licensed counseling professionals are available to help parishioners through difficult issues such as marital problems, raising children, eldercare, bereavement or the stress of job loss that can be successfully addressed by brief counseling support. Pastors and parish priests of the Diocese can refer parishioners to the parish counseling services.

**Parish Emergency Assistance Program (PEAP):** Emergency financial assistance to individuals through the parish and coordinated by **Catholic Charities** is available.

**Diocesan Social Service Workshops:** Information and resources to parishes and Catholic Social Service agencies are available to enhance Diocesan Catholic Social Service.

**Home Health Nursing Program:** Free, in-home nursing and home health services are available to Seniors in Greater Trenton through **Mt. Carmel Guild**.

**Emergency Assistance:** People in Mercer County are able to receive food through **Mt. Carmel Guild**. Over 30,000 received food through this program last year.

Your gift gives them a place to turn to in their need.

**PLEASE NOTE:** If you have not already made a pledge to the Diocesan Annual Appeal, you will be receiving a letter from Bishop O'Connell encouraging you to do so. I would ask that you consider making a donation to this very important cause.

While everyone is not yet able to participate in person at Masses, you can watch them online by visiting our parish website: [Saint Mark's Catholic Church – 215 Crescent Pkwy, Sea Girt, New Jersey 08750 \(stmarkseagirt.com\)](http://stmarkseagirt.com) and click on the Livestream logo or highlight the link below then right click and click open Hyperlink [St. Mark Church Streaming Player | Powered by StreamSpot.](#)




## Readings for the Week

### May 16, 2021

**Monday:** Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; 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, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19

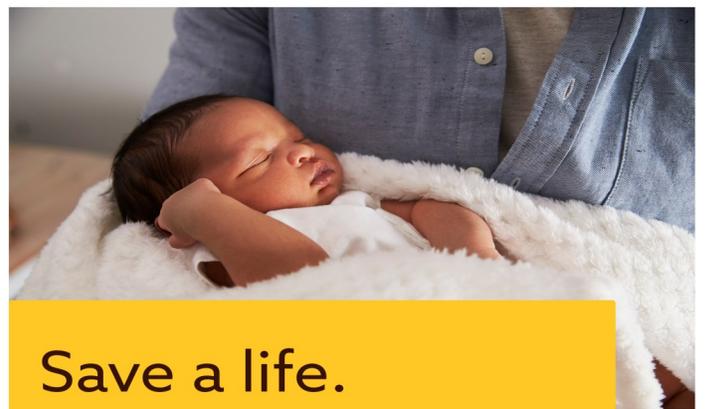
**Thursday:** Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Jn 17:20-26

**Friday:** Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19

**Saturday:** Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25

**Sunday:** Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39

Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15



## Save a life. Contact Congress.

**WHAT**  
Congress is trying to force Americans to pay for abortion.

**HOW**  
The Hyde Amendment and similar laws have protected taxpayers from funding elective abortion for 45 years. Now, powerful members of Congress want to take away these laws that both Democrats and Republicans have supported for nearly half a century.

**WHAT HAPPENS WITHOUT THESE PROTECTIONS?**  
Billions of taxpayer dollars could be used to pay for abortion.

**TAKE ACTION**  
Sign the petition to Congress at [NoTaxpayerAbortion.com](http://NoTaxpayerAbortion.com)!

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**“He ascended into  
heaven, and is seated  
at the right hand  
of the Father”**



**Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson**

Mankind’s first space flight lasted minutes on April 12, 1961. The first man in outer space who took that history-making trip 60 years ago was Russia’s Yuri Gagarin. He believed firmly in the Almighty and was a devout Christian, even though he kept silent about that to his country’s government. What that atheistic government did was promulgate the lie that Yuri had said, “I looked around the cosmos and did not see God.” This lie was matched by a number of others regarding certain aspects of the flight, one of which was that Gagarin landed more than 200 miles away from where they were expecting.

Because the gospels of Mark that we read today, and that of Luke, tell us that Jesus was “taken up into heaven,” we obviously tend to take their description as that of a literal location, a geographical one that heaven is “up” somewhere, as opposed to “down.” Emeric Lawrence, OSB writes that “the very language of this feast obscures its deep and true meaning for us.” That allowed the God-hating Soviet government at the time to make its silly observation, a “cheap shot” if you will, at Christian belief in general.

Yes, we do hear the gospel language and think: He ascended, He went up into a cloud—the biblical symbol of God’s dwelling place—so He is gone from us. But can this be true? Yes it is, if we consider only His original bodily presence. But we believe that already in His resurrection He entered upon a new, completely unprecedented manner of existence. Time and space no longer placed any restrictions upon Him. He simply appeared to His disciples through locked doors; He ate, drank, and conversed with them.

His ascension may well have been an advancement or a perfection of that new existence of His. Now He no longer appears in bodily form. But He has by no means departed from them in His real being as God the Father’s Son. Otherwise how do we explain His words when He said; “And know that I am with you always, until the end of the world”? He is with us, with the Church. It is a real presence, and not just figurative language. It is truth. The ascension is not an end, but a beginning, the beginning of a new manner of Christ’s activity among the apostles and the Church.

Jesus has laid the groundwork by His preaching, His death, and His resurrection. Now the work goes on, and we are a part of it. In spreading the Gospel we are not all called to be missionaries, but each of us can carry on that work by our prayers, by our sufferings offered for the missions and missionaries, and by whatever contributions we can make. Missionaries depend on their fellow Christians to help them carry on their and Christ’s work.

Returning to all the talk about heaven being “up” applied to the Ascension of the Lord, and our real work for Christ here on earth brings up this story. Before leaving for the Holy Land, a church member told his pastor Phillips Brooks, the noted 19<sup>th</sup> century Episcopal bishop, that he was going to climb to the top of Mount Sinai and read aloud the Ten Commandments.

Thinking this would please Dr. Brooks, the church member was surprised to hear his pastor say, “You know, I can think of something even better than that.” “You can?” the man responded. “And what might that be?” Brooks replied, “Just this. Instead of traveling thousands of miles to read the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai, why not stay right here at home and obey them?”

God love you and give you His peace!

**Reading I: Acts 1: 1-11**

The presence of the two angels places the ascension of Jesus in a special category. The connection made with this event and the Second Coming of Christ puts the event beyond ordinary history. It ends Christ’s time of physical presence and also the end of the Church’s time.

**Reading II: Ephesians 4: 1-13, or 4: 1-7, 11-13**

St. Paul asserts that we have all been gifted by the Holy Spirit and that there is both unity and diversity in the Church. This should promote a certain manner of life for us.

**The Gospel: Mark 16: 15-20**

Jesus instructs His disciples to baptize all nations in His name. He also assures them that they will be seeing all kinds of wonderful signs of His abiding presence even after He “was taken up into heaven.”

# Bereavement Ministry



St. Mark's Bereavement Ministry will begin meeting again on Wednesday, June 2, 2021. Our Bereavement Ministry helps those who are grieving the loss of a loved one during their most difficult times. They meet on Wednesdays at 11 AM in St. Mark's Church basement (Fr. Child's Hall). Please call Sue Nolan at 718-637-1162 for more information. All are welcome!



## Scholarship Offered

Once again, the Pastor and the Lorette E. Jordan Trustees are pleased to announce the offering of a scholarship in her memory which recognizes the achievements of first time freshmen who will be attending a Catholic High School in the fall. Application form is available in the Rectory.

To qualify for the \$1,000 scholarship, please note the following requirements:

- the freshman's family must be registered at St. Mark's
- the student must be an incoming freshman at a Catholic high school
- the student must have volunteered in some way at St. Mark's.

The scholarship application form provides details about writing a short essay and providing your academic accomplishments.

**Please submit your application to the Rectory no later than Friday, June 11th, 2021.**

## Catholic Charities News

Community Services is Catholic Charities' link to parishes in the Trenton diocese. Serving families in crises, we provide food, mortgage, rent and utilities assistance, temporary housing, counseling, and immigration services. To learn more about Catholic Charities Community Services visit our YouTube presentation. visit <https://youtu.be/-r8YRyPCIY4>. If you know of anyone needing assistance, please contact Catholic Charities at 800-360-7711.

You are invited to join in with **Holy Innocents' Rosary Group** that meets online Monday-Saturday at 10:00am to pray for an end to the coronavirus pandemic. **Please contact Kathy Lynch at 732-513-2970** Or [kathy.lynch65@gmail.com](mailto:kathy.lynch65@gmail.com) for more details. It is easy to join by phone or she can assist you to access the group via teleconference. Everyone is welcome, even beginners.



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**WORKING TOGETHER  
TO STOP COVID-19**

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Trenton is providing COVID-19 vaccines, tests, contact tracing, and health education to underserved groups in Mercer, Monmouth and Ocean counties, especially those in the Latino, Black and immigrant communities.

- Serve as a COVID-19 vaccine administration and testing site.
- Remove barriers and increase access for marginalized groups by offering vaccine pre-registration, appointment scheduling, technology assistance, and resource referrals for those who need transportation or childcare vouchers.
- Educate the community by creating wellness groups, working directly with vulnerable and hard-to-reach individuals through in-home engagement and multiple languages, and providing safe spaces for immigrants to ask questions and receive information.
- Help build a statewide, bilingual community health worker workforce - in conjunction with community colleges.
- Encourage people to join the "COVID Community Corps" as volunteers to help others find and access the vaccine.

**Questions: Contact Lauren DeVries at (609) 819-6690 (M-F, 8:30am-4:30pm) or [ldevries@cctrenton.org](mailto:ldevries@cctrenton.org)**

Learn more at:  
[www.CatholicCharitiesTrenton.org/covid-19-community-outreach](http://www.CatholicCharitiesTrenton.org/covid-19-community-outreach)

This work is possible through the Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Prevention and Control of Emerging Infectious Diseases (ELC) project, a statewide initiative providing resources to enhance detection, response, contact tracing and prevention efforts to stop the spread of COVID-19. The project is administered by the New Jersey Department of Health Division of Family Health Services and the Maternal Child Health Consortia, through a partnership with the Central Jersey Family Health Consortium as a regional grantee. CJFHC grants support community-based organizations serving vulnerable populations. ELC supports expanded access to COVID-19 testing and vaccines, and training for community health workers to connect at-risk persons with needed services and reliable COVID-19 information.

ELC funding was made available through the New Jersey Department of Health Division of Family Health Services to enhance detection, response, contact tracing and prevention efforts to stop the spread of COVID-19.



MAY 21-22, 2021

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ENCOUNTER MINISTRIES



## CYO News

Many thanks to Jim Sheridan and Maria Checton for inviting our CYO to participate in the Mary's Child Pro-Life Ministry Mother's Day Rose Sale last weekend. It was so great to be part of such a worthy cause!! The parishioners of St. Mark's, as always, were exceedingly supportive of this fundraiser. Our gratitude to all! Proceeds from this event will benefit Madonna House, Birth Right, Good Counsel Homes and other Pro-Life charities.



There are just two more CYO events coming up at the end of the school year. The first (see below) is our Walk for Hunger on Memorial Day. Please sign up ASAP.

In early June we will have our Miniature Golf Night at Pier Nine. Details will be provided in the weeks to come.

### Emily Walker Memorial Day Walk for Hunger Monday, May 31st at 7:00 AM



Meet at the North End Pavilion in Spring Lake.

Collect \$5 from 5 people (\$25 total).

All proceeds go to Manasquan Food Pantry, Fulfill, and Missionaries of Charity Meals for the Homeless.

Masks and permission slips are required.

Contact Mary Reilly at [mary33angels@aol.com](mailto:mary33angels@aol.com) or Jonathan Caputo at [19jcaputo@gmail.com](mailto:19jcaputo@gmail.com) to sign up.

We hope to see you there! If inclement weather is expected, the event will be moved to May 30th.

## Congratulations to our First Communicants, May 1, 2021

Twenty-Eight second graders from our parish received Our Lord in the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist on Saturday, May 1, 2021. We offer them, their parents, families and friends our prayerful best wishes and warmest congratulations on this happy occasion. May you remember that God's love will always be there to comfort you, guide you, and bless you.



*Henry Ailberholt  
L Sawyer Becht  
Payton Begley  
Juliana Branning  
Cross Carhart  
Elle Carlile  
Natalia Colin  
Joseph DeAntonio  
Brady Feldman  
Anthony Grandinetti  
Jonathan Harter  
Charlotte Kennedy  
Noelle Kester  
Madeline Kurack*

*Claire Langella  
Riley Liebler  
Kylie Longe  
Jaxon Manzo  
Charlotte Moriarty  
Lillian O'Walley  
Zabrey Opatosky  
Harper Pantages  
Ella Pinte  
Christopher Pollak  
John Rearty  
Joseph Serzan  
Isabella Venables  
Alexander Verocelli*





**Don't let transportation challenges stop you (or your family and friends) from getting vaccinated.**

We are now providing free or discounted rides to vaccination sites wherever Lyft services are available. This program is for **everyone**, including people who have collapsible wheelchairs and walkers. Personal aides welcome to ride along!



**Bishop's Anniversary Blessing Events**

To ensure that all 2020 anniversary couples are able to receive our bishop's personal blessing for the milestone anniversaries of 1 year, 25 years and 50 or more years, Bishop O'Connell extends his invitation to all couples celebrating their 1st or 2nd, 25th or 26th, or 50th or more anniversary in 2021 to the Bishop's Anniversary Blessing events to be held on **Sunday, October 10** for Monmouth County Parishes. *Registration will be available in July 2021. Visit <https://dioceseoftrenton.org/building-strong-marriages>.*

**Please Note:** At this time, because of Covid 19, we are not accepting clothing, or any personal books, devotionals, religious articles or Rosary beads. In the future we will gladly accept your donations, but at the present time and for the safety of all those concerned, we are asking that these items not be left at the church. Thank you.

**St. Mark's Altar Rosary Society**  
St. Mark's Altar Rosary Society will be reciting the rosary after the 11am mass on the first Monday of each month.

We invite those that cannot make it to church, to join us from home in the recitation of the rosary. In this way we continue to honor our Blessed Mother and follow her directions to continue praying for an end to abortion and all the intentions of her Immaculate Heart.

## Eucharistic Devotion



**T**he importance of Eucharistic Adoration is shown in the fact that the Church has a ritual that regulates it: the Rite of Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction. This is an extension of the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament which occurs in every Mass: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb." Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament flows from the sacrifice of the Mass and serves to deepen our hunger for Communion with Christ and the rest of the Church. The Rite concludes with the ordained minister blessing the faithful with the Blessed Sacrament.

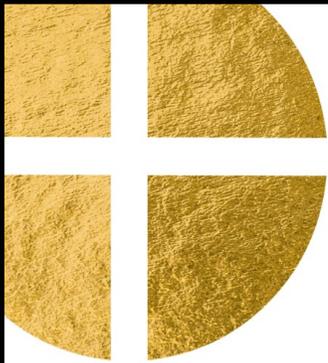
While everyone is not yet able to participate in the Mass in person, we encourage those who are able to make a visit on Fridays immediately after the 11 AM Mass for Adoration. Benediction begins at 1:45PM. Come spend some quiet time with the Lord.

There are less participants than at Mass and all safety precautions are being taken. Masks must be worn at all times in Church.



St. Mark's would like to let our Parishioners know what practices we have in place to protect them during the pandemic so that they can make informed decisions on whether they feel they would like to attend in person Masses. Social distancing with roped off pews which allows those present to sit at least 6 feet apart, all pews, door handles and railings are sanitized after every Mass daily and during the weekend Masses and Sacraments, sanitizer is at the front and side entrances, bathrooms are cleaned and sanitized on a regular basis, masks must be worn by everyone in the church, the priests and Extraordinary Ministers use hand sanitizer before distributing Communion, Communion is distributed one side at a time to allow for social distance, the windows are open during Mass to help circulate air, collection baskets are placed on the Altar rail rather than the Ushers handling the collection, weekend requirement is entrance thru the front doors for Parishioner count but you may exit thru all doors. **If you have any questions please call the Rectory Office at 732-449-6364.**





# The Seventh Sunday of Easter The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

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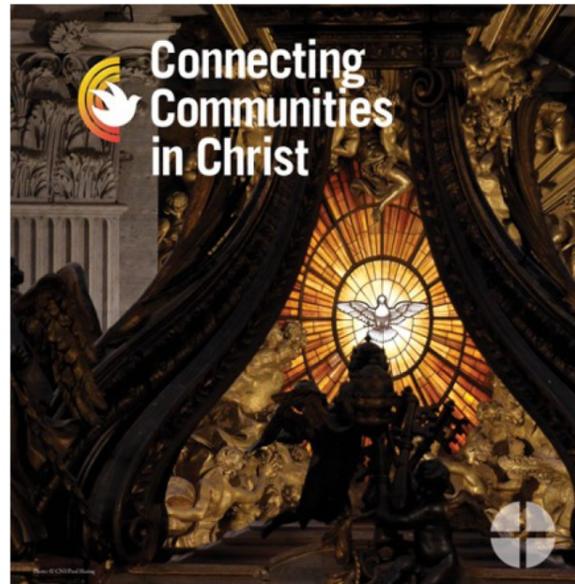
## The Ascension of the Lord

Today, we celebrate The Ascension of the Lord!

On the Feast of the Ascension, the church celebrates the return of Christ to the Father, his physical body leaving the earth behind.

## Catholic Communications Campaign Collection

Today's second collection supports the Catholic Communication Campaign. Help our local communications projects! Fifty percent of funds raised stay here in the diocese. The other fifty percent support projects across the US and in developing countries. #1church1mission



## Solidarity with Seafarers as Key Essential Workers

Each year, the Coalition of Catholic Organizations Against Human Trafficking (CCOAH) launches a campaign to raise awareness of forced labor in the fishing industry. This year, due to the global pandemic, a new humanitarian crisis has emerged that is severely impacting all men and women who work at sea. Thus in 2021, CCOAH - together with Stella Maris and the Apostleship of the Sea of the United States of America (AOS-USA) - are urging Catholics and all people of good will to pay witness to the life of the seafarer and to leverage their voices as community members and consumers to uphold the safety and labor rights of one of the world's most invisible group of essential workers.

Join us in urging Walmart to acknowledge their reliance on seafarers for the healthy functioning of their business model, and to show concern for seafarers' wellbeing by signing the Neptune Declaration.



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## Solemnidad de la Ascensión del Señor Mayo 16, 2021



### Primera Lectura: Hechos de los Apóstoles 1, 1-11.

En mi primer libro, querido Teófilo, escribí acerca de todo lo que Jesús hizo y enseñó, hasta el día en que ascendió al cielo, después de dar sus instrucciones, por medio del Espíritu Santo, a los apóstoles que había elegido. A ellos se les

apareció después de la pasión, les dio numerosas pruebas de que estaba vivo y durante cuarenta días se dejó ver por ellos y les habló del Reino de Dios. Un día, estando con ellos a la mesa, les mandó: "No se alejen de Jerusalén. Aguarden aquí a que se cumpla la promesa de mi Padre, de la que ya les he hablado: Juan bautizó con agua; dentro de pocos días ustedes serán bautizados con el Espíritu Santo". Los ahí reunidos le preguntaban: "Señor, ¿ahora sí vas a restablecer la soberanía de Israel?" Jesús les contestó: "A ustedes no les toca conocer el tiempo y la hora que el Padre ha determinado con su autoridad; pero cuando el Espíritu Santo descienda sobre ustedes, los llenará de fortaleza y serán mis testigos en Jerusalén, en toda Judea, en Samaria y hasta los últimos rincones de la tierra". Dicho esto, se fue elevando a la vista de ellos, hasta que una nube lo ocultó a sus ojos. Mientras miraban fijamente al cielo, viéndolo alejarse, se les presentaron dos hombres vestidos de blanco, que les dijeron: "Galileos, ¿qué hacen allí parados, mirando al cielo? Ese mismo Jesús que los ha dejado para subir al cielo, volverá como lo han visto alejarse".

**Salmo Responsorial: Salmo 46, 2-3. 6-7. 8-9.**

**Entre voces de júbilo, Dios asciende a su trono. Aleluya.**

Aplaudan, pueblos todos,  
aclamen al Señor, de gozos llenos;  
que el Señor, el Altísimo, es terrible  
y de toda la tierra, rey supremo.

**Entre voces de júbilo, Dios asciende a su trono. Aleluya.**

Entre voces de júbilo y trompetas,  
Dios, el Señor, asciende hasta su trono.  
Cantemos en honor de nuestro Dios,  
al rey honremos y cantemos todos.

**Entre voces de júbilo, Dios asciende a su trono. Aleluya.**

Porque Dios es el rey del universo,  
cantemos el mejor de nuestros cantos.  
Reina Dios sobre todas las naciones  
desde su trono santo.

**Entre voces de júbilo, Dios asciende a su trono. Aleluya.**

### Segunda Lectura: Efesios 1, 17-23.

Hermanos: Pido al Dios de nuestro Señor Jesucristo, el Padre de la gloria, que les conceda espíritu de sabiduría y de revelación para conocerlo. Le pido que les ilumine la mente para que comprendan cuál es la esperanza que les da su llamamiento, cuán gloriosa y rica es la herencia que Dios da a los que son suyos y cuál la extraordinaria grandeza de su poder para con nosotros, los que confiamos en él, por la eficacia de su fuerza poderosa. Con esta fuerza resucitó a Cristo de entre los muertos y lo hizo sentar a su derecha en el cielo, por encima de todos los ángeles, principados, potestades, virtudes y dominaciones, y por encima de cualquier persona, no sólo del mundo actual sino también del futuro. Todo lo puso bajo sus pies y a él mismo lo constituyó cabeza suprema de la Iglesia, que es su cuerpo, y la plenitud del que lo consuma todo en todo.

**Aclamación antes del Evangelio: Mateo 28, 19. 20.**

R. Aleluya, aleluya.

Vayan y enseñen a todas las naciones, dice el Señor,  
y sepan que yo estaré con ustedes todos los días,  
hasta el fin del mundo.

R. Aleluya.

**Evangelio: Marcos 16, 15-20.**

En aquel tiempo, se apareció Jesús a los Once y les dijo: "Vayan por todo el mundo y prediquen el Evangelio a toda creatura. El que crea y se bautice, se salvará; el que se resista a creer, será condenado. Éstos son los milagros que acompañarán a los que hayan creído: arrojarán demonios en mi nombre, hablarán lenguas nuevas, cogerán serpientes en sus manos, y si beben un veneno mortal, no les hará daño; impondrán las manos a los enfermos y éstos quedarán sanos". El Señor Jesús, después de hablarles, subió al cielo y está sentado a la derecha de Dios. Ellos fueron y proclamaron el Evangelio por todas partes, y el Señor actuaba con ellos y confirmaba su predicación con los milagros que hacían.

## Congratulations to our First Communicants, May 8, 2021

Veintitrés estudiantes de segundo grado de nuestra parroquia recibieron el Sacramento de la Sagrada Eucaristía el sábado 8 de mayo de 2021.

Les ofrecemos a ellos, a sus padres, familiares y amigos nuestros mejores deseos y felicitaciones en este día muy especial.

Que recuerden que el amor de Jesús siempre estará para guiarlos y bendecirlos.



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