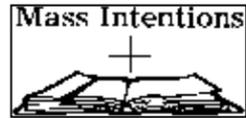


Recognizable Offering..... \$7,224.00
Loose Cash \$559.12
Total Weekly Offering..... \$7,783.12
Shepherd's Trust Collection..... \$1,787.16
Mass Attendance Apr 30/May 1 407



May 9-15
MondayMary Griewisch(liv)
TuesdayEdna Barnard(+)
ThursdayJoni Flanagan(liv)
FridayBarbara Kirschten(liv)
SaturdayEdna Barnard(+)
Sunday.....Sisters of St. Joseph(8:00 a.m.)
.....St. Peter Parishioners(10:30 a.m.)

THE LORD HEARS THE CRY OF THE POOR
For the month of April 2016
Sharing and Caring: \$350.00

Weekly Calendar of Events

- 5/8 Divine Mercy Study - 6:00 p.m.
- 5/9 Rosary - after 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 5/10 Rosary - after 8:00 a.m. Mass
Bunco - 9:30 a.m.
- 5/11 Legion of Mary - 8:30 a.m.
- 5/15 Pentecost Sunday

EJJYC June 6 – August 11
Around Town Ministry will be working with Eleanor J. Johnson Youth Center this summer, providing hot lunches Monday through Thursday. This will be our 5th summer with the **youth. It's fun working in the kitchen, getting to know other parishioners and serving the youth a balanced meal each day.** We are currently scheduling volunteers. It takes 2-3 people per day to cook in the parish center, transport the meal and serve at the center, and come back to do dishes. If you would like to get involved by offering your time a few days during the summer or want additional information please contact Joni, 830-2875.

Blood Drive & Pancake Breakfast
Every 8 weeks the parish provides a way for those who are able to donate blood by having the One Blood Bus on campus. May 15th is our next drive from 8:30-12:30. We rely on a core group that seems to always roll up their sleeves but really want to encourage those who may have never tried to give blood to step up. The process only takes 20-30 minutes, is very safe and helps our community with the demands of an ongoing need for blood locally. The Knights of Columbus offer a superb breakfast to energize donors, friends, and families who are with us. Just follow the smell of the sweet bacon to the parish center after Mass. There is no cost but love offerings are always accepted.

SNAP (FOOD STAMPS) SERVICES AT CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Catholic Charities of Northwest Florida is now assisting those who are interested in applying for Food Stamps (new and re-enrollment). They will be taking walk-in appointments on Mondays from 9:00 to 11:00 am, and 2:00 to 3:00 pm.

Please bring valid ID and Social Security Card.



Knights of Columbus Baby Bottle Drive

Between Mother's Day and Father's Day, the Knights of Columbus Council #8910 will have baby bottles available at the Hospitality cart and encourage you to take one home to collect loose change. The donations they collect will assist the programs run by Family Life Ministries (FLM) at the **Ronda Coon Women's Home, an organization dedicated to provide physical and spiritual support to women who are faced with crisis pregnancy and/or critical homeless situations.**

Dear Padre Pay heed at Mass

May 8, 2016



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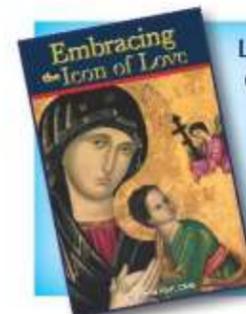
 Should I read the bulletin at Mass?
And should the priest make announcements during his homily?

The Mass is the high point of Christ's work to sanctify us and of the worship that we offer to the Father through his Son (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 1). Therefore, it is of greatest importance that the celebration "be so arranged that the ministers and the faithful who take their own proper part in it may more fully receive its good effects"; this is best accomplished when the Mass "brings about in the faithful a participation in body and spirit that is conscious, active, full, and motivated by faith, hope, and charity" (*GIRM* 2, 3).

Reading the bulletin—or even praying the rosary or breviary—during Mass would prevent this highest participation that the Church desires, the nature of

the celebration demands, and the duty for the Christian people dictates. Brief commentaries on the Scripture readings that assist the faithful are better read *before* Mass. The homily also assists the faithful in their full participation. In explaining the Word of God, the homily "must always lead the community of the faithful to celebrate the Eucharist actively, 'so that they may hold fast in their lives to what they have grasped by their faith'" (*Lectio* 2.24). Thus, "any necessary announcements are to be kept completely separate from the homily; they must take place following the prayer after Communion" (*Lectio* 2.27).

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Like Mary and Joseph, we are on a journey, a pilgrimage searching for Christ. We come before this icon [of Our Mother of Perpetual Help], read it, and pray it to connect to the mystery of Christ in a deeper way. Mary invites and teaches us to embrace this Infant and take into ourselves the incarnate-crucified mystery of Redemption.

—From *Embracing the Icon of Love* by Br. Daniel Korn

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Monday

MAY 9
Easter Weekday
Acts 19:1–8
Jn 16:29–33

Tuesday

MAY 10
Easter Weekday
Acts 20:17–27
Jn 17:1–11a

Wednesday

MAY 11
Easter Weekday
Acts 20:28–38
Jn 17:11b–19

Thursday

MAY 12
Easter Weekday
Acts 22:30; 23:6–11
Jn 17:20–26

Friday

MAY 13
Easter Weekday
Acts 25:13b–21
Jn 21:15–19

Saturday

MAY 14
St. Matthias,
Apostle
Acts 1:15–17, 20–26
Jn 15:9–17

Sunday

MAY 15
Pentecost
Acts 2:1–11
1 Cor 12:3b–7, 12–13 or
Rom 8:8–17
Jn 20:19–23 or
Jn 14:15–16, 23b–26

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The Ascension of the Lord ABC 1
Acts 1:1-11

Until We Meet Again

We have many ways of saying goodbye. “So long.” “See you later.” “Take care.”

Goodbyes are softened with the promise of another meeting. **“Till we meet again.” The time between the goodbye and the reunion is filled with joyful hope and anxious waiting.**

Surely the disciples wondered if they had the tools they needed to survive that time. Jesus had been their leader, visionary, messiah, and friend. Without him, life would lose its center.

Jesus’ goodbye came with two promises. He promised the Holy Spirit would guide the disciples in his absence, and he promised that he would come again. That left them in an in-between kind of time. After the goodbye, they waited for his coming again.

In fact, that is where we are too. We are in between the visits of Jesus, a time of hope and anxiety. We often wonder if we have the tools we need to survive. We need **vision and companionship on life’s long road.**

We have at our disposal the first promise of Jesus, the gift of the Holy Spirit. That Spirit will guide us through times of loneliness, into good decisions, amid the sorrows of sad goodbyes. The Spirit is our center.

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The Ascension of the Lord ABC 2
Ephesians 1:17-23

Power Source

Nations build up their power through politics, weapons and wealth. Strong leaders can unite their people to promote a cause. Mighty arsenals can overcome enemies. Money can buy influence and technology. Nations feel secure when they hold power.

As citizens, we sometimes take false hope in the security of our nation. It is nearly impossible to guard against every attack, to control every enemy and to protect our national treasures. It is tempting to rely on the standards of national power: politics, weapons and wealth.

The Letter to the Ephesians takes another view of power. It assumes that all power belongs to God, not to people, and that God has assigned authority to Christ, **“raising him from the dead and seating him at his right hand in the heavens.” God put all things beneath the feet of Christ “and gave him as head over all things.”**

But Jesus is no politician. He owns no weapons. He possesses no earthly wealth. His dominion differs from that of temporal rulers. Believers of every nation put their trust in Christ. They follow his teachings. Most importantly, they believe he is the victor over death. Jesus has conquered death, the enemy of every human. With Jesus as our head, we enjoy unparalleled freedom and release from all our fears.

Those who follow Christ put their trust in other forms of power—perfect love of God and neighbor.

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Liturgical Roles*

Weekend of May 14/15

5:00 p.m.

Altar Servers: Erin Van Dorn, Kevin Van Dorn
Extraordinary Ministers: Anni Labatte, Carrie Gagnon, Mary Van Dorn, Joe Davison, Ken Olson
Lectors: Paul Gagnon II, Dan Brenton
Ushers: Bob Flanagan, Cora Podrang, Eric Van Dorn
Greeter: Paul Gagnon III
Sacristan: Doug Hoover
Elijah Cup: Paul II and Carrie Gagnon

8:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: Joshua Soto
Extraordinary Ministers: Patsy Soto, Nancy Brandewie, Bruce Brandewie, Gene Valentine, James Johansen
Lectors: Susi Evers, Mark Day
Ushers: Tina Henderson, Arnold Soto, Cathy McKnight, Eden Carter
Greeter: Alma Battaglio
Sacristan: Jean Jordan
Elijah Cup: Deidre Henderson
K of C Pancake Breakfast

10:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: Austin Wise, Cord Grogan, Micayla Colwell
Extraordinary Ministers: Melody Grogan, Elaine Tennyson, Kathleen Garcia, Teresa McClure
Lectors: Warren Cabral, Margie Wadsworth
Ushers: Jim Wise, Patrick Sweeney, Brian Prescott
Greeter: Ron Fetter
Sacristan: Bill Roth
Elijah Cup: Stewart and Melody Grogan
K of C Pancake Breakfast

Disciples Fully Formed

An initiative of the Church Fully Alive

The Lay Formation Institute will prepare the laity for leadership roles in our parishes and help lay ministers eventually become accredited as ministers. The program is also available to anyone in the diocese to deepen their knowledge of the faith and the call to be disciples. The Lay Formation Institute will be comprised of online classes through the University of **Notre Dame’s STEP program, and spiritual and pastoral formation days held locally. The basic program is 2 years.** There are 5 STEP classes each year, at a cost of \$79 per course. The cost of retreats will be determined by the location of the retreat. Costs to participate in Diocesan conferences will be paid by the participants. Pastoral and Spiritual Formation Days will be covered by the Diocese. There may be supplemental materials that will be the responsibility of the participants. Participants may be sponsored by a parish who will pay 50% of the costs. Application and recommendation forms are available to download from the Diocesan website, www.ptdiocese.org. If you have questions, please call 850-435-3549, or email layformation@ptdiocese.org



Saint Peter Parish Prayer Chain: For prayer needs, please contact Susi Evers at 664-9165 or email her at saintpeterparishprayerchain@gmail.com

Hospitalized Parishioners: If you or a family member are hospitalized, please call the Parish Office, otherwise we have no way of knowing who in our parish is there.

In Your Daily Prayers, Please Remember our parishioners who are deployed and:

Monday Johanna Adam*, Charles Cummings*, Steve Lange, Mike and Jeanne Trueting, Julie Bourg

Tuesday Lynn Graham*, Thomas Holdsworth, Pam Stockbridge, Ashley Marie Code, Mary Eichler

Wednesday Gordon Pritchard*, Ken and Bette Dellner*, Caroline Frederick, Pam Holt, Barbara Kirschten*, Wilda Mayhew*

Thursday Gene and Pam Bauchwitz*, Robert Welniak, Theresa Stegall, Connie Jordan, Lucille Kesler, Clare Van Zelfden

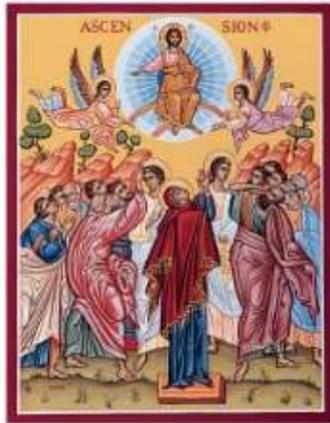
Friday Lloyd Biehl*, Doug Babiak*, Sharon Lewis, Shannon Anderson, Vera Thornburg*, Ann Crouch*

Saturday Peter Adam*, Mary Anyel*, Joel & Leo Grieves*, Dan Brenton*, Harriett Warren

Sunday Theresa Fowler*, Jeff Harp, Ann Hart, Gloria Sanders*

*Indicates our parishioners.

[Please call the church office if you or a family member can be removed from this prayer list.](#)



On this Seventh Sunday of Easter, most Catholics in the United States also celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. Traditionally, Ascension Thursday occurred 40 days after Easter (May 5 this year); however, most dioceses in the U.S. have transferred this Holy Day of Obligation to the Sunday following it, which this year is today.

Christ's Ascension is important to us. It is one of our core beliefs, to the extent that when we profess our faith at Mass, regardless which Creed we use, we declare, "He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father." To deny Christ's Ascension is to deny His Resurrection. Before His Ascension, which is described in our First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles, Jesus tells His followers, "...you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

We, too, have been baptized and imbued with the Holy Spirit. This Third Member of the Holy Trinity is the aspect of God that lives and empowers each of us. We may think that the Holy Spirit has more work to do among those who do not believe, but there is also considerable work to be done among those of us who do believe. We are called to serve; we are called to discipleship; we are called to lives of stewardship; we are reminded of that in all of today's readings.

In his homily on the Ascension of Christ last year, Pope Francis said, "The Ascension tells us He is with God the Father, where He always intercedes in our favor."

Living God's Word

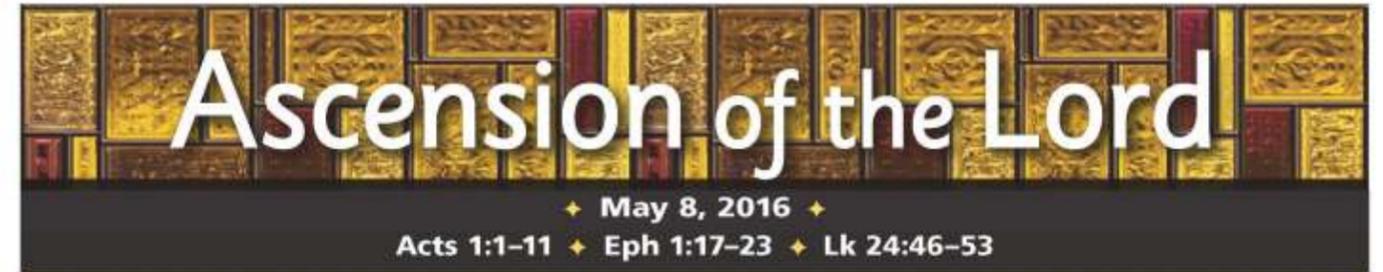
We may feel that our faith is too new or that we don't pray enough to witness the forgiveness of sins available through Christ. But we who have been clothed and anointed with the Spirit don't need anything else. We can go forth with confident hope to witness that Christ will keep his promise of eternal life.

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MAY CROWNING AND FIRST COMMUNION

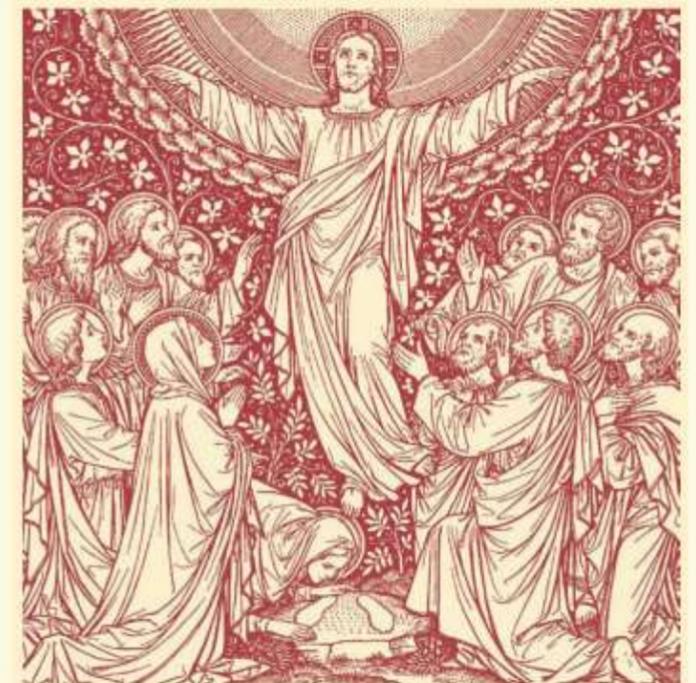


Last Sunday eight of our parishioners received the great gift of the Eucharist for the first time and participated in our traditional crowning of our Lady's statue ceremony. Congratulations to our First Communicants, and a heart felt thank you to all who volunteered of their time and talent to make this a very special day for them.



In Luke's ascension account from Acts, Jesus admonishes his apostles to stay in Jerusalem and wait for the Spirit because they are witnesses of his mission and message. When the time for his ascension comes, Jesus blesses them, then "was lifted up" (1:9). We don't hear the great commission to go out to, preach to, and baptize all nations as we do in Matthew's Gospel (28:19-20). Instead, Luke's account leaves us with an image of the apostles joyfully returning to Jerusalem: "They were continually in the temple praising God" (24:53).

Thus should our week begin: in praise and worship before God, in gathered prayer. Like the disciples in Jerusalem, the Lord will open our minds "to understand the scriptures" (Luke



Returning to Acts, I love that the early disciples' first order of business—even prior to Pentecost—was to gather to pray (1:14). Paul often admonished the early Christians to pray constantly. He knew that prayer grounds us in the Lord and strengthens us to lay down our lives and carry our crosses. Prayer focuses our attention on God's call and our response to it. The apostles' prayer opened them to receive the promised gift of the Spirit and strengthened them for their mission—to let the world know that Jesus is Lord, that the Kingdom of God has come, and that we have been restored through the death and resurrection of Christ.

24:45). We, too, will be filled with the Spirit and be sent out as joyful witnesses to God's presence and saving work.



A Word From Pope Francis

"Do I speak with Jesus, or am I frightened of silence? Do I allow the Holy Spirit to speak in my heart? Do I ask Jesus: what do you want me to do, what do you want from my life?... Speak continually with Jesus, in the good times and in the bad, when you do right, and when you do wrong. Do not fear him! This is prayer."

—Prayer Vigil with young people at the 28th World Youth Day in Rio de Janeiro, July 27, 2013

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