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Readings for the Week

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, 33-36ab; 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, 19-20ab; 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, 29-31, 34;

1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

Sunday, May 24, 2020

The Ascension of the Lord

*He was lifted up,
and a cloud took him from their sight.*

- Acts 1:9

Today's Readings

First Reading Jesus tells the disciples that they will be witnesses to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:1-11).

Psalm God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord (Psalm 47).

Second Reading May the Father of glory give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation (Ephesians 1:17-23).

Gospel Jesus instructs the Eleven to baptize and teach people of all nations (Matthew 28:16-20).

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There is a delightful character in the original Dr. Dolittle Tales called the "Pushmi-Pullyu." It is a beast with two identical halves, with a head at each end. No matter which direction the beast walks, one end is the "push me" and the other is the "pull you." Today's feast is a bit like that in the life of the church. In the book of the Acts of the Apostles, it is the ascension of Christ that calls for the Holy Spirit, which consequently sends or "pushes" the church out on its mission. This is the message that we hear from the angels today as they tell the friends of Jesus not to look up into the clouds, but to get busy. It is the message of Jesus himself in Matthew's Gospel, as he sends them out to baptize. He also tells them, "I am with you always, until the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20). And it is this message, confident in faith that Jesus has ascended to shouts of joy, that "pulls" us along to our final destiny. The life of the faithful disciple, sent into the world on mission, will one day know the same risen, ascended glory.

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Mission Statement

We, the parish community of St. Catharine, are dedicated to spreading the Good News by word and example. Nourished by the Eucharist, we seek to advance God's Kingdom by enriching spiritual life, increasing parishioner involvement, deepening commitment to social justice, fostering communication, and building community.

We have been given permission by the archdiocese to open church for private prayer on a limited basis. This comes with a number of provisions to keep everyone safe.

St. Catharine Church will be Open for Private Prayer on:

Sundays from 9am to 1pm

Tuesdays from 8am to 10am

Thursdays from 10am to 12 noon

For these hours to continue, and possibly increase, we need the cooperation of every person who chooses to visit the Church.

The following must be adhered to at all times:

- If you are ill in any way, please stay at home until you are well.
- If you have been diagnosed with COVID-19 or have been exposed to someone who has COVID-19 please stay home until you have completed the recommended quarantine period (14 days for those exposed OR 14 days past the last display of symptoms for those diagnosed).
- Masks must be worn at all times once you enter the building. We do not have a supply and everyone should have their own mask by this time.
- You may choose to wear gloves. There will also be hand sanitizer available at the entrance to building in the Narthex and near the restrooms.
- Avoid touching any and all surfaces as much as possible.
- Community Hall is off limits.
- Everyone must access the Church by the main entrance. If you require the ramp you may use the bell tower entrance. The gym entrance will be closed.
- Visits are meant to be brief.
- Social distancing remains in force. Taped off areas must be avoided. It is not a time to congregate and chat.
- It may become necessary to limit the number of visitors in the Church at any given time, and you may be asked to wait outside until others leave.
- All of the above will be enforced by a designated monitor, either a staff person or volunteer. Please respect their requests as they have a job to do.

Of course, the best scenario is self-policing and observing all of the requirements so that we maintain the privilege of visiting the Church, and possibly increase the number of available hours for the Church to be open going forward. All of that depends on every one doing the right thing for one another. Thank you for all you have and will do to make this work.

Peace to all,

Fr. Tom



Prayers for the Recently Deceased

Ronald Tellis, Richard Dolan, Joseph Dowling, Maria DeSensi
Richard Giella, Rose Lohsen, Michael Goff, Joan Anslow
and Sister Matthew Mary Gay C.S.J.

Our parish community extends our deepest sympathy
to each family on their loss.

**Our weekend Masses continue to be celebrated live on
Saturdays at 5:30pm via Livestream.
The Mass remains available as a recording for later viewing.**

To watch, visit www.stcatharinechurch.org and click on



Today, Sunday, May 24 we celebrate the
Solemnity of The Ascension of the Lord.

While we are not celebrating mass publicly during this time, please be assured the mass intentions for the week are being celebrated privately.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, May 23 - Ascension of the Lord

Mary K. DiGiacomo *req. Robert & Patricia Bernabeo*

Evelyn Livi *req. Hemmer Family*

Sunday, May 24 - Ascension of the Lord

Kevin Walsh *req. Eileen & Rich Walsh*

Edward Szulis *req. Evelyn Szulis*

Roger Marsalis *req. Timothy Murray*

Louise Vaters *req. Francine McClella*

Monday, May 25

All Parishioners

Tuesday, May 26

All Parishioners

Wednesday, May 27

All Parishioners

Thursday, May 28

All Parishioners

Friday, May 29

All Parishioners

Saturday, May 30

Betty Murphy *req. 5:30pm Mass Friends*

Leonardo Vila *req. Vila Family*

Sunday, May 31 - Pentecost Sunday

Lawrence Passarelli *req. John & Eileen Kennedy*

Ted Helder *req. Stephen & Aleece Nolan*

Millie Radocha *req. Cookie Robertson & Family*

Nicolina Ferrante *req. Deirdre & John Sweeney*

We are sad to announced that **Vacation Bible School**
has been cancelled for 2020 due to COVID-19.

Prayers for the Sick

We remember those who are ill, especially:

Pasquale Amato, Jim Bull, Cathy Dargento, Katherine Dworetzky,
Fred Gaudart, Brandon Higgins, Paul David Johnson, Erma
McCarthy, Steven McDonnell, Alda Mechetti, Joseph Neri, Alexis
Nunez, Joe Rorro, Nicole Salzano, Mary Sweeney, Mary Thum-
mann, Audrey Tracy and Carol Van Savage.

The Rectory Remains Closed to the Public.

In case of emergency, please call 201-445-3703 and follow the prompts for an “emergency” connection.

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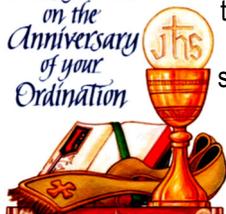
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Prayer Intention Requests

Even though the public celebration of Mass has been suspended for the time being due to the pandemic, both Fr. Tom and Fr. Bogumil continue to privately celebrate Mass daily. They would love to include your prayer intentions in these Masses. There is no limit on the number of intentions you offer and intentions will remain anonymous.

To submit an intention, please visit: www.stcatharinechurch.org/news/parish-prayer-intention-requests and click on “this form”.

*BLESSINGS
on the
Anniversary
of your
Ordination*



Thank you to our priests who will celebrate their ordination anniversaries this week.

We thank them for their loving service to the Church and to our parish.

Fr. Tom - 40 years
Fr. John - 11 years
Fr. Bogumil - 4 years

We thank God for those who have responded to His call to priestly ministry. Fill our priests with the sure knowledge of your love. Please continue to pray for all priests and for an increase in vocation to the priesthood.



Prayer for Our Troops O God of mercy, we ask You to protect in a special way those who are fighting for us and for the country we love. Bless them and take care of them. Give them strength. Give them comfort. Touch them with Your gentle hand and let them know that You are near them. Hasten the day, dear Lord, when we may all enjoy the blessings of peace once more. Amen.

St. Catharine Food Pantry

Did you know that St. Catharine’s has a Food Pantry? Since November 2011, the pantry has been helping numerous people/families in our community by providing bags of groceries to those in need, while ensuring privacy and confidentiality. If you or someone you know has an immediate or recurring need for groceries, please call or text Rosemary at 201-661-3651. We are grateful for the support of our many benefactors, who keep the pantry a reliable source of food for those in need.



Congratulations to our Graduating Altar Servers

Joe Bennis	Julia Ficon	Olivia LaGreca
Aidan Cassidy	Emma Kramer	Jacques Lemieux
Maeve Duffin	Mary Kunz	Greg Schlett

God bless you and thank you for your many years of service to our parish!



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Strong Academic Curriculum
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Memorial Day

