

Reflection on Ascension of Our Lord

Life Message 1) We need to be proclaimers and evangelizers: In today's Gospel, Jesus gives this mission to all the believers: *"Go out to the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature."* This mission is not given to a select few but to all believers. To be a Christian is to be a proclaimer and an evangelizer. There is a difference between preaching and proclaiming. *"We preach with words but we proclaim with our lives."* As we celebrate the Lord's return to His Father in Heaven – His Ascension -- we are being commissioned to go forth and proclaim the Gospel of life and love, of hope and peace, by the witness of our lives. On this day of hope, encouragement and commissioning, let us renew our commitment to be true disciples everywhere we go, beginning with our family and our parish, *"living in a manner worthy of the call [we] have received."*

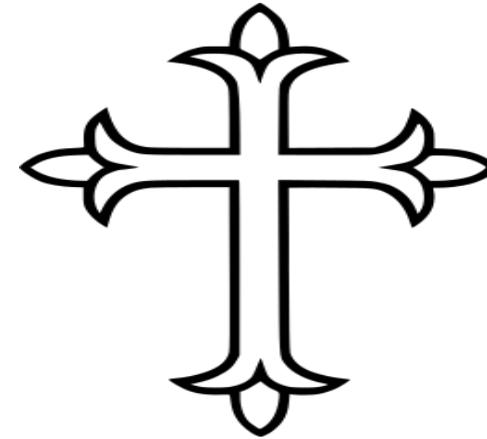
2) We need to live a life of Christian joy in the presence of the ascended Lord. According to Luke, the disciples *"returned to Jerusalem with great joy."* Apparently Jesus' exaltation and final blessing gave them, as it gives us, the assurance that, though absent, Jesus is still present, present even in the pain and sorrow we undergo. That is why St. Augustine assures us, *"Christ is now exalted above the Heavens, but he still suffers on earth all the pain that we, the members of his Body, have to bear. He showed this when he cried out from above: 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute Me?' and when he said: 'I was hungry and you gave me food.' While in Heaven he is also with us; and while on earth we are with him. He is here with us by his Divinity, his power and his love. We cannot be in Heaven, as he is on earth, by divinity, but in him, we can be there by love."*

3) We have a teaching mission: Jesus taught us lessons of Faith, Hope, forgiveness, mercy, redemption and Love. We cannot put these lessons on a shelf and ignore them. They stand before us in the person of Jesus. Although no longer visibly present in the world, Jesus is present in his words. and we must make these words real in our lives as well as in the lives of others. Christianity was meant to be a Faith in which Jesus' followers would help and care for others, just as Jesus had done. But the spreading of the Good News to all nations is not a goal that can be attained by human might and craft. This is why Jesus promises to empower the Church with His abiding presence and that of the Holy Spirit. The challenge of sharing the Good News with all mankind should, therefore, begin with our admission that we have often been arrogant and overbearing. We must learn to be humble and let the Holy Spirit lead the way.

4) The ascended Jesus is our source of strength and encouragement: Perhaps some of the nagging doubts which inevitably accompany the journey of Faith could be lessened by our meditating on the Ascension and its implications. When we are too far from Faith to pray on our own, let us remember that we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, the Righteous, praying for us. When the trials of life feel too heavy to bear, we must remember that Christ will come again in glory, the same glory in which Jesus arose from the tomb, the same glory to which Jesus ascended, and the same glory in which Jesus currently abides.

St. Aloysius, Gate of Heaven & Sacred Heart Church

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER JUNE 2, 2019



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Mass Schedule

Saturday	4:00 PM	St. Aloysius
Saturday	5.30 PM	Sacred Heart Church (July 4th to Labor day)
Sunday	9:00 AM	St. Aloysius
	11:00 AM	Gate of Heaven

Weekday

M/T/F	8:15 AM	St. Aloysius
Thursday	12:00 PM	St. Aloysius

Adoration

M/T/F	7:30 to 8.15 AM
Friday	9.00 AM to 12.00 PM

Holy Day of Obligation

Holy Eve:	5:30 PM	Gate of Heaven
Holy Day:	9:00 AM	St. Aloysius
	7:00 PM	St. Aloysius

Sacraments

Confession: Before all mass

Baptism: Call the rectory for the arrangement

Marriage: Call the rectory to schedule your
Wedding and pre-Cana classes.

Pastoral Visitation

When confined at home, please call the rectory to arrange for a visit and Holy Communion. Please call the rectory if you are facing surgery or hospitalization and would like the Sacrament of the Sick.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

As a parish, we strive to bring our communities of Catholic Christians together, as we have for over 100 years, by loving and serving God and Each other through Worship, education and service.

MASS INTENTIONS: June 1- June 9 , 2019

Saturday, June 1

8.15 AM- Unborn Children
4.00 PM-

Sunday, June 2

9:00 AM - Fire Department members in service
11:00 AM - Stecie McDermott

Mon, June 3

8:15 AM -

Tues. June 4

8:15 AM -

Thurs June 6

12.00 PM- Jon Joseph Tusso

Fri. June 7

8.15AM- Knobloch Family

Saturday, June 8

4.00 PM- Marian & Matthew Gadziala

Sunday, June 9

9:00 AM-
11.00.AM- Aaron Ward

NOTE: No Gifts can replace offering a mass to departed soul or welfare of living. We have openings for weekdays and weekend masses. The mass stipend per mass is \$15.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK & DECEASED

For the Sick: Jim Engelhardt, Kevin & LarryMcHugh, Joni & Vinny Salvatore, Lilian Coy, Colleen & Jerrilynn O’Neill; Nora Fernandez,; Laurie & William McMichael, Carol Faughn,Christopher Merklin, Jack Tempel, Robert Ackerly, Sr. Grace, Maureen Connolly, Dave Tucker, Shannon Bruning, Patty Lewis, Lynne Hyzer, Beth Marie Martin, Kristi Romolo, Erma Carlson , , Jim Wilbur, Dom Formato, Darren Steele, Jonell Dalton, Carrie Neer-Molinari. Mary Muhlig. Scott Branning. Easton Gorr. Joyce Conroy. Joe Salvia. Joe & Linda Mchugh, Jerry & Roe Mills, Ken & Arsenia Mchugh.

For the Deceased: Rita Jeanne Schwarz, Charles Irace, Ann M.Klein, Romina Migliorini, Mary Ann Regan, Sean A.Fredenbug,Rita Margaret Reda, Kristine Zeh. Jon Joseph Tusso,Wanda L. McGovern,Gail J. Staudt.

COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

Is in need of spaghetti sauce, soup, tuna fish and jelly

Collection for last Week

First collection: \$ 2388
Second collection: \$1215
Thank you

Readings for Next Sunday

Acts of the Apostle 2:1-11.
Romans 8:8-17.
John 20:19-23.

BIBLE STUDY

Good soil bible study group will not meet this week.

Father’s Day

We celebrate father’s day on June 16. We have a duty to pray for our fathers who introduced us to this world. All the masses on father’s day will be offered to our fathers living and deceased. Please collect father’s day card and return it before June 15.

SAVE THE DATE!

SULLIVAN COUNTY FOOD, FITNESS & FAITH SUMMIT “Growing a Culture of Health & Wellbeing in your Faith Based Community”

FOOD, FITNESS AND FAITH

Join us for an all-day event. Learn about free programs and resources available to help you adopt and promote wellbeing in your congregations!

TUESDAY, JUNE 11 , 2019 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Event Gallery at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts 200 Hurd Road, Bethel, NY

Healthy refreshments will be served. \$15 registration fee (plus additional service charge). Please register at <https://bit.ly/2JwY0Oe> or call (845)295-2680.

Called & Gifted Workshop

At St. Paul the Apostle R.C. Church

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Discover God’s call for your life God is calling you to a unique purpose in life, a work of love that only you can do. Discern your charisms (spiritual gifts) and begin to discern God’s call. You have received gifts in Baptism and Confirmation through which God intends His love to reach others. Come and discover these charisms in you! **WORKSHOP SCHEDULE** Saturday, June 8, 2019, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided Mass follows at 4:00 p.m. Due to generous donations to the Reignite the Faith campaign, this event is offered at a reduced rate of only \$5!

