

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

MAY 24, 2020

From the Priests' Desks:

Dear brothers and sisters of Sacred Heart:

Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

Jesus is taken up to heaven in the presence of the apostles.

Today's Gospel is taken from the conclusion of the Gospel of Matthew. Matthew's Gospel quickly moves from the disciples' discovery of Jesus' empty tomb, to Jesus' appearance to Mary Magdalene and the other Mary, to the commission that Jesus gives his disciples in today's Gospel.

The Final Commission, as this Gospel is sometimes called, is given on the mountaintop. Throughout Scripture, the most important events happen on the mountaintop, and Matthew has used this motif throughout his Gospel. Earlier in Matthew's Gospel, Peter, James, and John had seen Jesus transfigured on the mountaintop ([Matthew 17:1-8](#)). Also in the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus taught the crowds from the mountaintop in what we now call the Sermon on the Mount.

Here we are told that the eleven disciples go the mountaintop in Galilee, as Jesus had instructed through Mary Magdalene and the other Mary (cf. [Matthew 28:9-10](#)). They see Jesus, and both worship and doubt at the same time. Jesus approaches them and commissions them to baptize and teach, "to make disciples of all nations." It is a task which Jesus had previously prepared his disciples for; recall that Jesus had sent the twelve apostles to preach the Kingdom of God and to heal (cf. [Matthew 10:1-15](#)). However, earlier the Twelve were sent only to the House of Israel; in this Final Commission, the eleven are told to go to "all nations." The mission of Jesus is now to be taken to all people; the task now is to baptize and to teach.

Jesus commissions his disciples to baptize in the name of the Trinity, one of the clearest attestations found in Scripture for baptism in the name of the Trinity. In the Acts of the Apostles and in the Letters of Paul, baptism is more frequently offered "in the name of Jesus."

The ending of Matthew's Gospel can be understood as the beginning of the Church. Jesus commissions his disciples to continue to teach in his name and to bring others into the community of disciples through baptism. The Gospel ends, as it had begun, with the promise that Jesus will continue to be Emmanuel, "God with us" (cf. [Matthew 1:23](#)), for all eternity. **Loyola Press**

NOVENA PRAYER FOR PENTECOST

To Be Prayed During the Nine Day Period Between the Ascension and Pentecost Sunday



Come, Holy spirit, fill our hearts with Your Love.

Set our lives aflame with Your Gifts.

Grant us **Wisdom** to choose what is good and true;

Understanding to embrace Your plan of salvation;

Right Judgement to act according to Your Will

Courage to share our faith with others;

Knowledge to live as disciples of Jesus Christ;

Reverence to respond faithfully to Your Grace each day;

And **Wonder and Awe** in Your presence.

Inspire us with enthusiasm for our Catholic Faith. Grant us boldness to proclaim the Good News of salvation in Jesus Christ and help us to bring the transforming power of the Gospel to our world.

We make this prayer through Christ, our Lord.

AMEN.

HOLY MOTHER PRAY FOR US

Pray for us, loving Mother,
and gain for our nation and world,
and for all our families and loved ones,
the protection of your holy angels,
that we may be spared the worst of this illness.
For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the
grace of healing and deliverance.
Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful,
wipe away their tears and help them to trust.
In this time of trial and testing, teach all of us in the
Church to love one another and to be patient and kind.
Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to
our hearts.

We come to you with confidence,
knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother,
health of the sick and cause of our joy.

Shelter us under the mantle of your protection,
keep us in the embrace of your arms,
help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus.

Amen.

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, MAY 24
Monday, MAY 25
Tuesday, MAY 26
Wednesday, MAY 27
Thursday, MAY 28
Friday, MAY 29
Saturday, MAY 30
Sunday, MAY 31

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire You in my soul.

Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

As though You were already there, I embrace You and unite myself wholly to You; permit not that I should ever be separated from You.

Amen

ST. JOSEPH'S REGIONAL SJR CARBARET 2020 KNIGHT

An Interactive Virtual Event Featuring Music of the 21st Century. Streamed LIVE through the SJR Facebook Page. **Thursday, May 28th at 7:00pm.** For more info: www.sjrtheater@gmail.com

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CARDINAL'S APPEAL 2020 ALERT

Now more than ever the Archdiocese of New York needs your support. The virus which we realize has impacted us all makes your support if possible, even greater. Parishes are only as strong as its parishioners. As you are aware a church's resources come only through the generosity of its parish family. When things start to return to normal parishes needing support through the Archdiocese can only get it through the funds the Appeal makes yearly. Please consider donating today. Bless you all and pray for an end to this virus. To date we have raised \$56,956.11. towards our goal of \$122,500.

Don Bosco Prep to Hold Virtual Open House

Ramsey, NJ - Don Bosco Prep in Ramsey, NJ, will hold a Virtual Open House for all prospective students and families on **Monday, June 1st, 2020 at 7:00 PM.**

Even though we cannot physically be on our campus, this virtual experience will give "visiting" families the opportunity to virtually tour campus and engage with students, Salesian priests and brothers, faculty, and staff. There will be interactive presentations and activities, informative sessions about our academic curriculum, as well as opportunities to learn more about our clubs, service projects, leadership development programs, and Ironmen Athletics.

Visit our website at www.donboscoprep.org for more information and register at:

www.donboscoprep.org/virtualopenhouse

ST. JOSEPH REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL Attention 8th Grade Boys!

St. Joseph Regional High School is currently accepting qualified applicants for admission to the: Class of 2024 Knights Bridge Academy (A unique academic program that helps graduating 8th grade boys who could benefit from another year of preparation before beginning 9th grade.) We encourage you to visit www.sjrnj.org or email admissions@sjrnj.org to inquire about becoming a Green Knight!

ALBERTUS MAGNUS HS

Join Us for Falcon Fridays

May 29th, June 12th and 26th -11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Visit with us for a virtual look into how Albertus Magnus makes a difference in the lives of our students:

www.albertusmagnus.net/VirtualAdmissions

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PARISH MEMORIAL SOCIETY

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Please pray for those who are ill and have asked us to pray for them:

Keith Alanis, Jenna Applebaum, Theresa Anselmi, Michael Brady, Elias and Marina del Castilla, Angie Clifford, Robert Conly, Comerford Family, Teresa & Tom Consolo, Mirella Cosentino, Joe Davey, Anthony DeFrancesco III, Matthew DeMayo, Cledha Desir, Mary Discini, John Duffy, David Eckert, Cynthia Finneran, Sr., Ginny Figula, Stefanie Gaudelli, Arlene Gentile, Mark Goldman, Debra Gravina, Senan Halpin, Roy Harris, Clement Hayes, Mr. Harris, Domenic & Anthony Iannaccone, Rob Incognoli, Bob Janson, Fran Janson, Anna Kasperska, Eileen Kennedy, Fred Lemoine, Elizabeth Lempka, Vasily Lockhart, Roberta Lynch, Laura Mack, Rosemarie Manthey, Matthew Luludis, Marie Marasuilo, Thomas Mathai, Jeanne Matera, Richard McCarthy, Rosemary McCormick, Debra McGovern, Catherine McMenamin, John McLoughlin, Jacob Mendelsohn, Ken Meyer, Florence Mohan, Joseph Mikulka, Barbara Neilson, Robert Nunes, Thomas O'Connor, Jennifer O'Hara, Pat O'Neill, Nancy Overend, Shace Paljusevic, Peter Princi, Etta Rooney, Claudia Spallanzani, Joseph Pasculli, (Baby Ty) Reilly, Michael Shumway, Jean Simons, Roberto Sorgo, Maureen Starke, Shaun Stein, Janet Tamburro, Richard Vanadio, Barbara Veraldo Strano, Phyllis Varacalli, Kali Villela, Robert Vogt, Fr. Wing, and Vladimir Zaslavsky.



ALL MASSES WILL BE SAID PRIVATELY BY OUR PARISH PRIESTS DUE TO COVID-19

ALL MASSES AND SERVICES WILL BE LIVE STREAMED ON OUR WEBSITE:

WWW.SACREDHEARTPARISH.ORG

MONDAY THRU FRIDAY MASSES WILL BE LIVE STREAMED AT 12:00PM AND SUNDAYS AT 12:00PM

SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS

5:30pm – John F. Clifford

SUNDAY, MAY 24

7:00am – All Parishioners

8:30am – William Curtin

10:00am – Frances & Peter Marconi

11:30am – Edward Frys

1:00pm – Marge Gladkowski

5:30pm – Parish Memorial Society

MONDAY, MAY 25 Memorial Day

7:00am – CNX

9:00am – John Howley

7:15pm – NO Novena

TUESDAY, MAY 26

7:00am –

9:00am –

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

7:00am – Sr. Clara Mona Labapuram

9:00am – Harold "Hack" Gravius

THURSDAY, MAY 28

7:00am –

9:00am – Silvio Zucatti

FRIDAY, MAY 29

7:00am – William Curtin

9:00am –

SATURDAY, MAY 30

9:00am – Ryan Vosler

SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS

5:30pm – Frances Camillieri

SUNDAY, MAY 31

7:00am – All Parishioners

8:30am – All Souls in Purgatory

10:00am – Daniel Greeley & Andrew Statham

11:30am – Sr. Rose O'Rourke

1:00pm – Carmel Curley

5:30pm – Parish Memorial Society



FOR OUR ARMED FORCES & FIRST RESPONDERS OF ALL KINDS, AND OUR DOCTORS & NURSES

We pray for all the men and women serving our country AND especially the sons and daughters, grandchildren and loved ones of our parishioners.

ALTAR MEMORIALS

MAY 24, 2020

Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of WILLIAM CURTIN



Let us pray for our deceased parishioners, and family members and loved ones: Especially: **Anna Luba**

BOOSTER CLUB

WEEK 14- WILLIAM FISHER