

Church of the Nativity



Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00pm

Confession available at 4:15pm

Sunday: 8:00am, 10:15am, 12Noon

Daily Mass in the Church

Monday-Saturday, 12:10pm

Masses are LIVE on Facebook & our website

Sunday: 10:15am

A Stewardship Parish

May 16, 2021

315 Prospect Street ♦ Midland Park ♦ NJ ♦ 07432

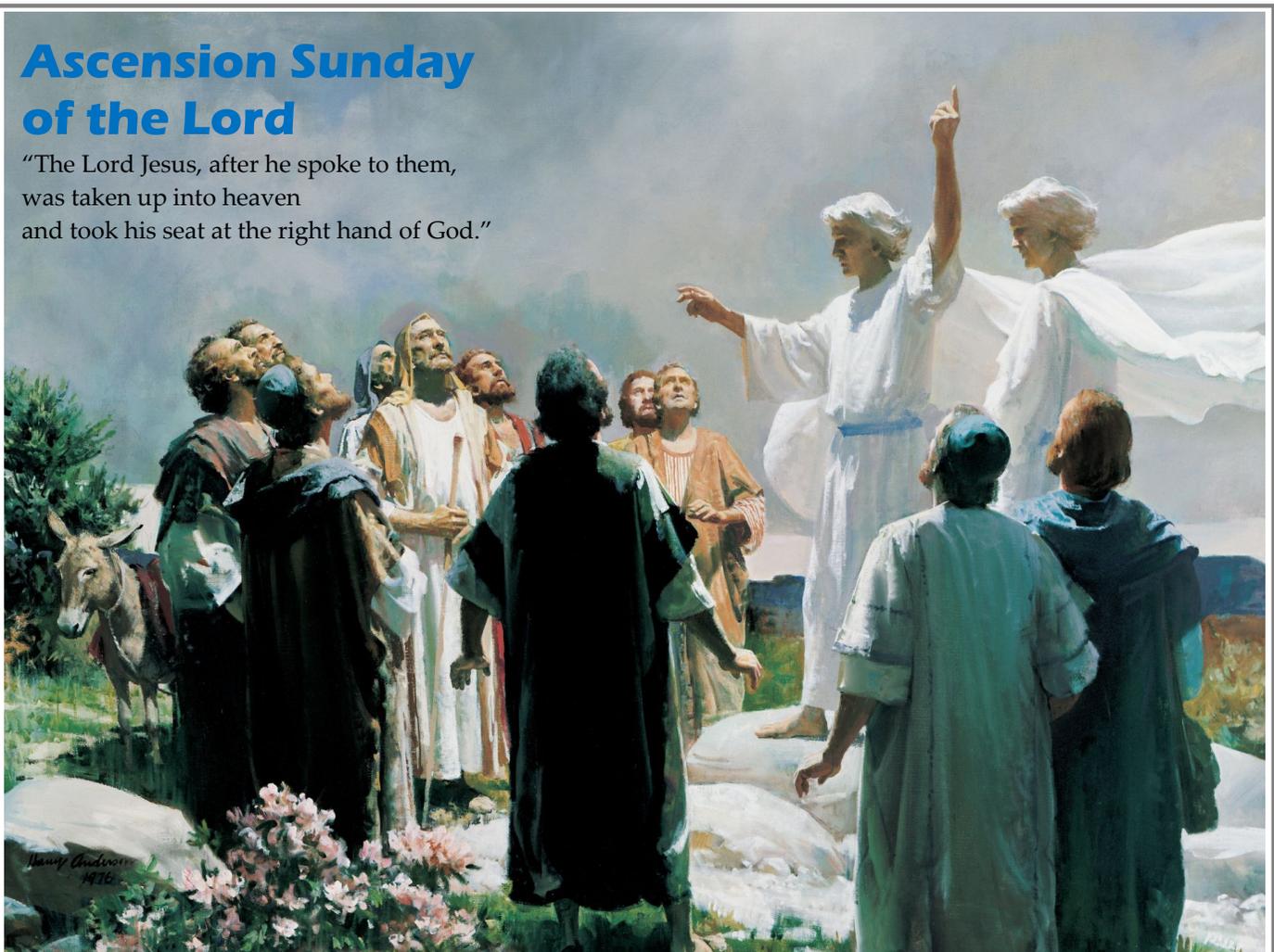
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Ascension Sunday of the Lord

“The Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them,
was taken up into heaven
and took his seat at the right hand of God.”



MASS Intentions

Time	Mass Intention	Mass Requested By
Sunday	May 16th	The Ascension of the Lord
8:00 Mass	Janice Fracassini	Phil & Karen Fracassini
10:15 Mass	Marsha Holst	Carl & Jackie Holst
12:00 Mass	Martha Troncone	Bill Troncone
Monday, May 17th 12:10PM	Lena Campos Jerry & Rosemary Dobson	Bill Troncone Stan & Claire Laikowski
Tuesday, May 18th 12:10PM	Rosemary Donoghue	The Donoghue Family
Wednesday May 19th 12:10PM	Kevin Yali	Daisy Yali
Thursday May 20th 12:10PM	Robert Redzinak	William & Eugenia Taylor
Friday May 21st 12:10PM	Ana Maria Gonzalez	Consuelo Budleman
Saturday	May 22nd	
12:10PM	Tom Major	The Patterson Family
5:00PM	Kenny Johnson	The Mullady Family
Sunday	May 23rd	Pentecost Sunday
8:00 Mass	Pearl Komsa	Phil & Karen Fracassini
10:15 Mass	Carl & Jackie Holst	(14th Wedding Anniversary)
12:00 Mass	Wladyslaw Latanyszyn	Staff of Nativity Church



Congratulations! First Communiuons 2021



Congratulations to this year's Confirmation Class



the 2021
Annual Appeal
Catholic Stewardship in Action

Stewardship Challenge:

- Reflect on the gifts you have received from God and, through prayer and discernment, and make a decision on an appropriate gift of time, talent, and treasure.

- For a fixed period of time, make an offering of 10% of your net income to advance God's purposes (eg. 90 days, 6 months or a year).
- Give half this sum in support of your parish. (If you already do this or more, great - please don't stop!)
- If there are any remaining funds, consider supporting worthwhile religious, educational, and charitable causes.
- If you currently do not support the [Annual Appeal](#), prayerfully consider a gift of 1% of your net income in support of the programs and ministries of your local (diocesan) Church.

Please remember the sick who have asked for our prayers

Helen Moser, Patti Hill, Rosemary Maso, Terry DeSimone, Jesica Tasca, Marion LaFemmina, Doug Gianelli

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Please remember in your prayers the recently deceased

Marion LaFemina, Dan Bardzell, Patricia Ferrone, Ralph Lombardi, Colette Mitchell Elizabeth Eide, Maria, Martinez, Fr. Pius Sammut, John Mohlmann, Fr. Pius Sammut, Cloris Leachman, Vincent Gallagher, Tom Kennedy, Anne Palumbo, Alex Trebeck, Penny Mollica,

Next Sunday is Pentecost
Remember to
Wear Something Red!

*A Word
from the
Pastor*



Ascension of the Lord

Father Hanly's homily for **Ascension of the Lord**, was delivered before the Commissioning of the Ministers of the Word.

Readings for Ascension of the Lord, Year B

- First Reading: Acts 1:1-11
- Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9
- Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23 and Gospel: Mark 16:15-20

You're all probably wondering why there's a very long procession today with twenty extra people. They all look familiar to those who come here a lot.

We have with us today all the English language readers of the parish, from both sides of the parish: from St Margaret's, of course, and from, I always forget the name of that chapel, Christ the King chapel. It's because I call it the St Paul's Hospital chapel. But it isn't. It's Christ the King chapel. And for those of you who have never been there, you should go there, because it's the most beautiful church in all Hong Kong.

Anyhow, they're gathered here today. They come once a year and it's because they belong to a special ministry, the Ministry of the Word. And this ministry invites all those who would like to participate in the church's liturgy here by becoming a Minister of the Word.

It means that these young people, and all those young men and women, they are all reading the scriptures during all the liturgies, not only mass and the sacraments, but also in the paraliturgies all through the year.

They are coming to be commissioned. Each year we commission them and we make an installation of the ministers, which means that they will continue to follow this ministry as faithful servers in the Kingdom of God.

Today's gospel, I suppose, I will only mention one little story that comes from, I just I read it before I came over here, because we are going to have the installation right away.

But the story goes that Jesus goes up to heaven and he meets Gabriel the angel.

And Gabriel says, "What are you doing up here?"

And he said, "Well, I came back a little early."

And Gabriel said, "Why?"

"Well," he said, "they crucified me."

And then Gabriel says to him, "That means that your mission failed."

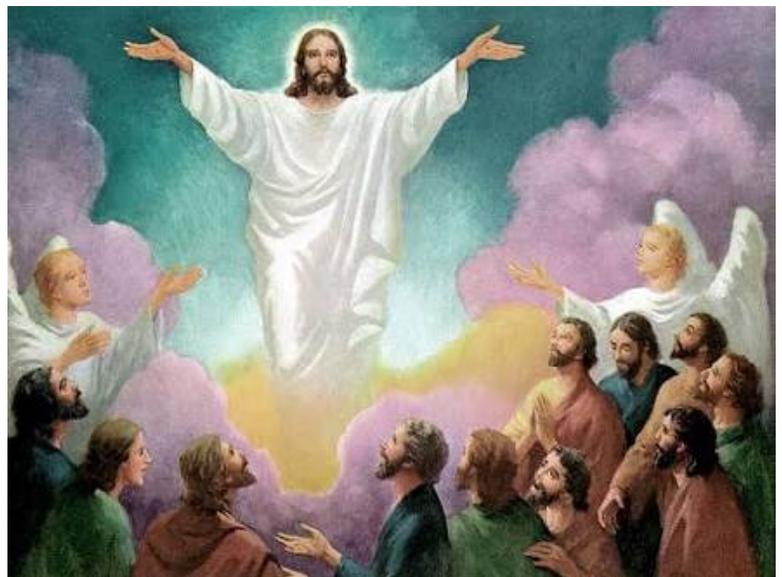
And he said, "No," he said, "I entrusted my disciples to carry on the mission for me."

And then Gabriel, being a little cynical, says, "Suppose they fail?"

And Jesus looks and he says, "I've got no other plans."

So, today, we are going to commission, in one way,

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**CHILDREN'S
CATECHETICAL MINISTRY**

May 9, 2021

**THIS SEMESTER, ARCHDIOCESAN REQUIRMENTS
WE ARE VIRTUAL!!**

Religious Education Program for Grades K-8:

Re-registration letters will be mailed to all families presently enrolled. **Re-registration** may be done either by mail or in person. **Beginning JULY 5**, NEW registration will be taken at the Religious Education Office during office hours.

To complete registration for our Parish Catechetical Program, a family:

Must be registered members of the parish
Present a certificate of Baptism for the children and Registration fee

To ensure that we make adequate provision for all planning to attend in the summer or fall, we ask that **ALL NEW REGISTRATION be completed by August 6, 2021.**

Please relay this information to prospective new registrants who might not receive this bulletin, especially those planning to enroll first graders who have not been in our kindergarten this year. Thank you!

For our Junior High Students (Gr. 7 – 8) Service Project Forms are due back at the beginning of next school year.

We are grateful to the catechists, assistants, students, and parents for all they have done to make this year meaningful to so many.

FIRST COMMUNION 2021

Congratulations to the children who are received Jesus for the First time!! We like to express our thanks:

To the parents, and priests who helped to bring the children to the Table of the Lord.

To their catechist Miss Jessica Alhanouch and Fr. Jason Mantich. To the Nativity Rosary Society for donating the First Communion Rosaries and Missals.

To the Nativity Music ministry under the direction of Alex Birchwale. . To the Religious Education Staff and Volunteers for their efforts to make this day beautiful for our parish and First Communion Children.

Crowning of Mary, Our Mother and Queen - On Saturday May 15, after the 5:00PM Mass, the children who received First Holy Communion, will be crowning our Mother Mary. Please join us to celebrate this catholic tradition with the children! All are invited.

**Sanctuary Light
Memorials**
Week of May 10, 2021

The Sanctuary Light in the Church
is burning in memory of
Dan Bardzell
By: Ed & Loraine Gibney

The Sanctuary Light in the Chapel
is burning in memory of
John & Susie Klybus
By: Anna Brancatella & Fr. George

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN WORKSHOP

All NEW parish volunteers – in any capacity – must attend this training workshop and have a criminal background check done. Workshops are being offered at Nativity and neighboring parishes throughout Bergen County.

Next workshops at Nativity are scheduled for:

**Monday May 17, 2021 @ 7:00 PM
in the McGrath Room**

Please register online only visiting
www.virtus.org.

Next workshops at Nativity are scheduled for:

Capacity is limited. No walk-ins.

Face masks and social distancing regulations will be enforced.

Also, you may attend a workshop at our neighboring parishes if their dates are better for your schedule.

**The Church is
OPEN EVERY DAY
10:00AM to 2:00PM**

**For Personal Prayer and Reflection
Confession is Always Available**

The Church of the Nativity Prayer Chain is accepting prayer requests. Please call the rectory with your request.



Ascension Homily Continued from page 3

and draw attention to the fact that the gospel is now preached not by Jesus, not by the Holy Spirit, not by anyone but human beings like you and I who dedicate themselves to become instruments of the Holy Spirit, and instruments of the Word of God, and instruments of the healing and salvation of mankind.

The unfortunate thing about the Resurrection is most people feel that when Jesus goes up there, he stays there.

But we Christians know that Jesus has never really left us.

If the person of Jesus that the disciples grew to know so well enters into eternal life and glory, the coming of the Holy Spirit wakens them up on Pentecost to know that the Risen Lord is with us.

And we are his hands and we are his feet and we are his voice. And we, when we forgive each other and love each other and care for each other and reach out to each other, we are continuing the mission of Jesus in the world.

And now, I think, we'll begin the commissioning and the installation of the Ministers of the Word.

The installation has just a few parts. It begins with a short allocution. This is the portrait of the Minister of the Word written by Aelred Rosser who has turned out, through his many years of service, many, many, many, many Ministers of the Word throughout the world.

That is followed by a prayer. And then there's the presentation of the sacred textbook which we have this time in English and in Chinese, the Word of God in English and Chinese, and we present them to each minister individually.

And then we finish with a Prayer of the Faithful which is directed towards today, directed towards the spread of the Word of God throughout the world.

So we'll begin by asking all of our ministers here today to rise and...

Week of May 17, 2021

The Bread and Wine in the Church are offered in memory of

Marion LaFemina

By: Nativity Knits



The Rosary Society last Thursday met for the May Crowning at the statue of *Our Lady of the Highway* on our back road. Thanks to all who came out!



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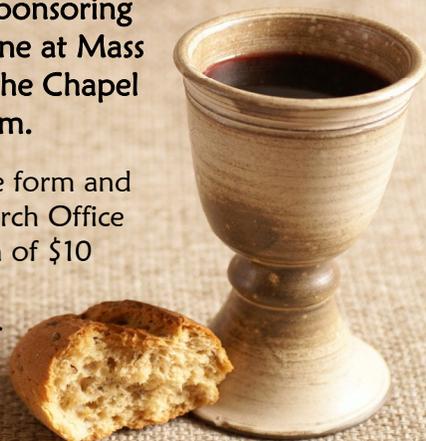


PICKUP WEDNESDAY MAY 19TH / 5-7PM
MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT (280 GOODWIN)

Second Collection
This Week
The Parish Assessment

You can have a loved one fondly remembered by sponsoring the Bread and Wine at Mass in the Church or the Chapel in memory of them.

Please complete the form and return it to the Church Office with your donation of \$10 for a Bread & Wine offering for a week.



(Please check one)

- Church Bread & Wine
- Chapel Bread & Wine

Week starting, Monday _____

Your Name _____

Phone _____

This offering is in memory / honor of:
(Please circle one)

Pro Life Corner

A Tribute to Mothers on Mother's Day ...Everyday!

This past Sunday was Mother's Day, and we express our heartfelt thanks to our mothers for their unconditional love and guidance. President Theodore Roosevelt once said, "The mother is the one supreme asset of national life; she is more important by far than the successful statesman, or business man, or artist, or scientist." Today, mothers continue to play a vital part of our national character. On Mother's Day, we honor the women whose steadfast love and wisdom have made America a great nation. Motherhood is a rewarding and often difficult job. A mother is a child's first teacher and af-



Pray the Rosary LIVE every Friday at 3:00PM on our website and Facebook.

Join us and be one of our weekly **Rosary Prayer Warriors**

Call the rectory and speak with Fr. Jason

Watch Us Online!!

www.nativitynj.org

Facebook

Vimeo.com Coming soon!

Youtube.com Coming soon!

Each and every Daily Mass

And Sunday 10:15AM full of music and singing!

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We ask that you continue to remember Nativity throughout the these months with your prayers and contributions.

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On-Line Giving Program

<https://www.myowngiving.com/Default.aspx?cid=624>

This is especially convenient for you with your busy activities and vacations which keep us so busy & away from home.

fects a child's life like few others can. Loving and selfless mothers can inspire their children to love themselves and others, work hard, make healthy choices, serve causes greater than self, and achieve their dreams. Mothers who protect, teach, and nurture their children with all their hearts strengthen their families and help build a better future for our country.

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