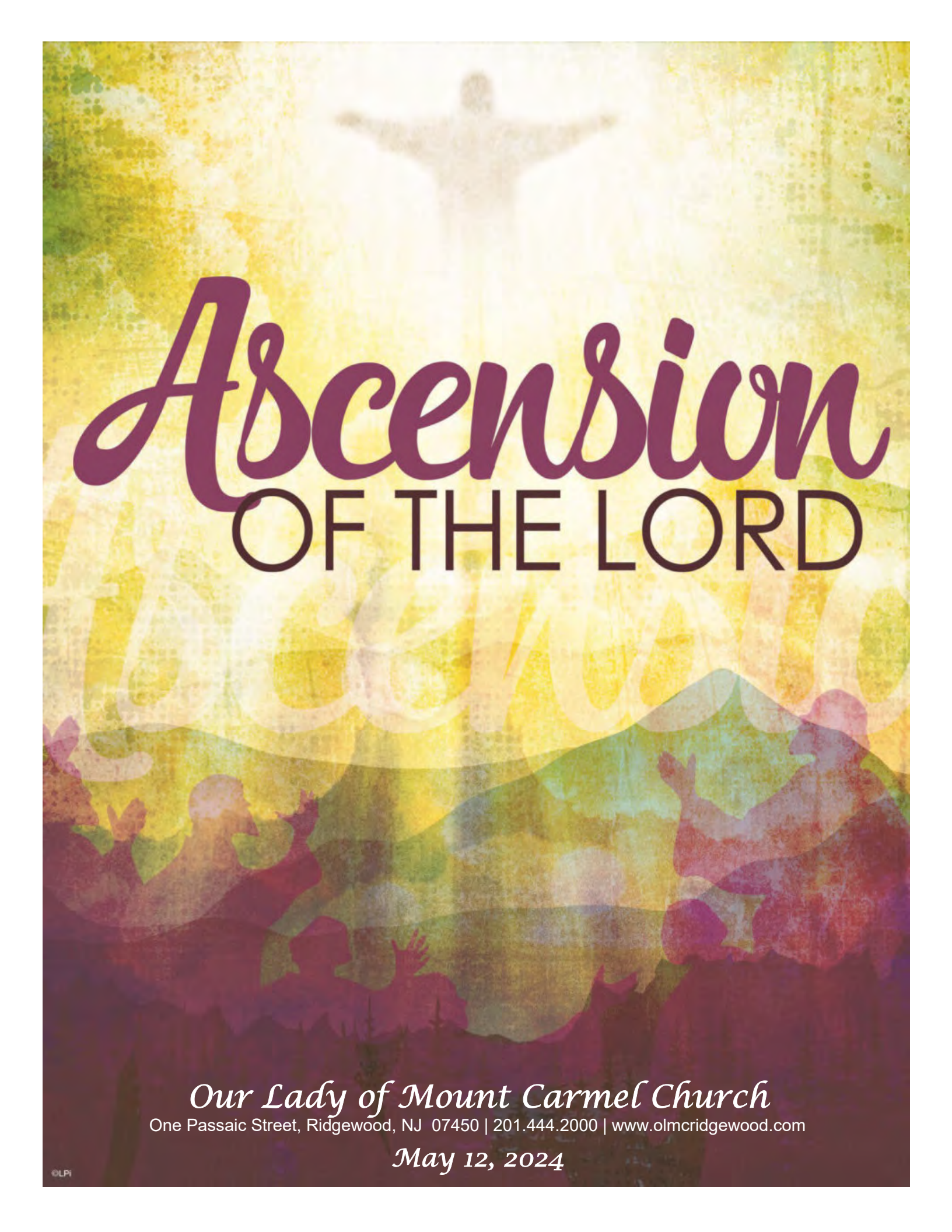


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Ascension OF THE LORD

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Dear Friends,

-Today is Mother's Day, a day we set aside to recognize and honor all mothers and the deep love they have for and share with their children and their families. You know in recognition of the special place our mothers hold in our hearts we have given a carnation to all the mothers who come to Mass this weekend. This year, we thought we would do something different but it comes from the same place, from hearts filled with love and gratitude. As a change we are giving to all our moms, a pen (which we always seem to give to the dads; maybe this year we'll give them the carnations) with a special prayer attached. I'd like to suggest that before your meal today, whether at a barbeque, at home, or at a restaurant, one child be chosen to recite the prayer while all of the children stretch out their arms in a sign of blessing for their mom and may the blessing be the real gift and sign of gratitude for all the moms who make up our parish family. Here is another reflection on the day we celebrate today.

A Mother's Love

There are times when only a Mother's love can understand our tears, can soothe our sadness and calm all our fears.

There are times when only a Mother's love can share the joy we feel when something we have dreamed about quite suddenly is real

There are times when only a Mother's faith can help us on life's way and inspire in us the confidence we need from day to day.

For a Mother's heart and a Mother's faith and a Mother's steadfast love were fashioned by the Angels and sent from God above.

(Doherty)

Happy Mother's Day—MOMs.

-Last Sunday I had the opportunity to catch *School House Rock Jr.*, a production of the Theatre Arts Club at the Academy of Our Lady. What a great job the kids did, talented, enthusiastic, up-lifting. But I wasn't surprised. I had seen a number of productions over the years, *Beauty and the Beast, Jr.*, *Peter Pan, Jr.*, *Mary Poppins, Jr* (the Jr. refers to the fact that it's not the full show, only highlights). The music, the sets, the acting—all amazing. A big shout-out to the kids, performers and stage crew, and all the adults involved. If you haven't had the opportunity to visit the school and inquire about the value of a faith-based, Catholic education and environment, which develops the whole child, I invite you to contact the school. You might be surprised by all that the school offers.

-Another plug for the **Annual Appeal**. Remember the old

saying about getting “two birds with one stone.” I’d like to turn that around to say, you support “two causes with one gift.” If you pledge now, you help the larger church (the Archdiocese) to carry on its mission, especially helping those parishes where resources are limited, and you help us here at Mount Carmel, where the size of our community is always a challenge to reach as many as we can with the message of God’s love and the community to share and spread that love. You can use the QR Code in the Annual Appeal notice to the right of this column to make a pledge or go to the link on the homepage of our website.

God Bless,
Fr. Ron

STEWARDSHIP

“May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call, what are the riches of glory in his inheritance among the holy ones, and what is the surpassing greatness of his power for us who believe.” St. Paul, in today’s 2nd Reading, calls us to recognize the hope, the riches and the greatness of believing. Today’s readings remind us that the real riches of life and the real greatness and the lasting hope comes from the power and grace of Christ. The Christian Steward understands this and places his/her gifts of **Time, Talent and Treasure** in Jesus’ hands. Do you?

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CATHOLIC COLLEGE NIGHT THIS THURSDAY

May 16—6PM-8PM
OLMC Parish Center
Use Passaic Street Entrance

This is an open invitation to all high school students and their parents to attend our 6th Annual Catholic College Night.

Over 30 Catholic colleges and universities from across the country have confirmed their attendance. For a full listing of the schools attending please visit the parish website.

If your alma mater is missing from the list, please call or email them and find out why they have not confirmed to be here!

ATTENTION NOTRE DAME COMMUNITY

If you are a current student, an alum, or a parent of a current student at Notre Dame University, please contact parishioner, Susie Schilling, at 816-916-8697 or SchillingND@yahoo.com regarding assistance for an ND table at Catholic College Night.

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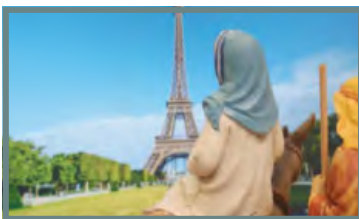
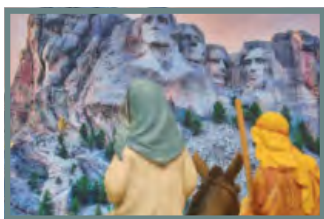
THE TRAVELS OF MARY & JOSEPH LAST ADVENT?

We followed Mary, Joseph, and their donkey Bo, as they traveled through Advent, eventually reaching Bethlehem on Christmas Day. Now, they are wondering if they can join you on vacation. They will then share their vacation photos during "*Travels with Mary and Joseph*" over the next two Advent seasons.

This coming Advent, they'll share their travels to 24 different states! During Advent of 2025 they'll share their travels to 24 different countries!

So, if you're traveling to a different state or country this year and would like to take our three travelers with you, please email Glen McCall to make "travel arrangements!"

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FR. ENGLISH PANTRY—FROZEN TRAY MINISTRY

PANS/RECIPES AVAILABLE AT ALL MASSES THIS WEEKEND

FROZEN CASSEROLE DROP OFF—NEXT SATURDAY, MAY 18TH

(AT OUR MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE—9AM-12NN)

Please help us provide frozen casseroles to the Fr. English Food Pantry this month. Easy recipe options are provided with pans and lids. Casseroles must be **FROZEN**. These casseroles make it possible for a family to sit around the dinner table and enjoy a prepared meal. Thank you for your generosity!

Questions? Call/Text Barbara—201.615.9624

YOUTH MINISTRY MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE

SATURDAY—MAY 18TH—9AM-12NN

SCHOOL BUILDING DRIVEWAY

FR. ENGLISH: Anything high in protein!! Bagged or Canned Beans (Black & Kidney), Chick Peas, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Nuts, Canned Meats (Chicken, Spam, Hams), Tuna, Oatmeal, Cereal, Granola Bars, Pop Tarts, Complete Pancake Mix, Syrup, Juice (Apple, Tomato, V8), Jiffy or Similar Muffin Mix, Coffee, Tea, Saltine Crackers, Raisins, Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Shelf Stable Milk, Canned Veggies,

SOCIAL SERVICES: Cereal, Oatmeal, Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Peanut Butter & Jelly, 100% Fruit Juice, Hearty Soups, Canned Veggies, Canned Tuna/Chicken/Ham, Rice, Shelf Stable Milk, Cleaning Products, Laundry Detergent

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HEALING MEALS: Fresh Carrots/Celery/Onion; Garlic (fresh/jars); Lasagna Noodles; Whole Wheat Flour; Olive Oil, Pasta Sauce (cans/jars); Canned Diced Tomatoes; Marinara Sauce; Canned Cannellini Beans; Dark Brown Sugar; Molasses; Quart Size Freezer Bags; Latex-Free Gloves

Questions? Contact Glen McCall, gmccall@olmcridgewood.com

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS SERVING IN THE MILITARY:

Timothy Bombace, Aedan Cannon, Edgar Delgado,
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**PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
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Happy Mother's Day

All mothers are especially invited to participate in Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration. Spend some quiet time with Jesus regularly—at least 15 minutes a day and, if possible, bring your children for a minute. Kneel in front of Jesus and say “I love you, Jesus.” This practice will bring your children closer to Jesus physically and spiritually. Just a little time of focus on Jesus in their formative years can mean a big difference in their adult life. The chapel is open 24 hours a day. Come at any time. You will be surprised how much you will accomplish, even more, if you have given up some time for Jesus.

The best gift we can give our children is the GIFT OF FAITH IN GOD. With this, our children will be able to handle the best and worst of life with dignity and integrity.

A mother, by nature, has a nurturing character. She feels fulfilled when caring most especially for her children. Let us ask the Blessed Mother, WOMAN OF THE EUCHARIST, to help us bring our children closer to Jesus.

SCHEDULED ADORERS URGENTLY NEEDED

Sundays: 2-3PM, 7-8PM; Saturdays: 3-4PM

Contact Cynthia—551.574.1063, cynthiabtorres@yahoo.com

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun. May 12	9:30AM May Crowning at the 9:30AM Mass 1:00PM Bell Choir Rehearsal (PCB) 1:30PM RCIA (MR) 4:00PM Spanish Coffee (PC) 4:30PM Spanish>English Class (Library) 7:30PM Nally Confirmation Group (YCA)
Mon. May 13	7:00PM Religious Ed Closing Mass (Church)
Tue. May 14	3:45PM Jr. High Grades 7 & 8 Makeup (PC) 5:00PM Choir Rehearsal (Church) 7:00PM ChristLife: Following Christ (PC) 7:30PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)
Wed. May 15	10:30AM Jr. High Grade 7 Registration (PC) 3:45PM Jr. High Grades 7 & 8 Makeup (PC) 7:00PM Spanish Choir Rehearsal (Church) 7:15PM WCST Team 23 (MR) 7:30PM Jr. High Grade 7 Registration (PC) 7:30PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)
Thurs. May 16	10:30AM Sunday Scripture Reflection (SMR) 6:00PM NCW 3 rd Community (NCW-A) 6:00PM Catholic College Night (PC)
Sat. May 18	7:30AM Men's Cornerstone (MR) 8:30AM ChristLife Retreat (PC) 9:00AM Youth Group Food Drive (Pking Lot) 9:30AM Spanish Bible Study (NCW) 6:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)

**THIRD THURSDAY MEN'S BREAKFAST
THIS WEEK—MAY16, 2024**

Join us for breakfast this coming Thursday, immediately following the 6:30AM daily Mass. Time permitting, one of our priests will join us. For more information or to be added to our monthly reminder email, contact:

Rich Scalione, 201.444.2585 or nwbma@yahoo.com

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Parishioners may call the Rectory with the name of a family member who is sick to have them included in our prayers.

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US!
PRAY THE ROSARY
THURSDAY EVENINGS—7:30PM
OUR LADY'S CHAPEL
(DAILY MASS CHAPEL)**



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



TODAY'S READINGS

Monday, May 13 *Our Lady of Fatima*
+ **6:30AM Richard Ferreri**
req Lillian & Vincent Romeo
+ **8:30AM Patricia Engel**
req Her Husband & Children
+ **12:00NN Dominga, Emigdio & Fr. Jose Lapeña**
req The Veloso Family

Tuesday, May 14 *Saint Matthias, Apostle*
+ **6:30AM John Leggett**
req Russ & Carole Forenza
+ **8:30AM Griselle Dinella**
req Ann & Mike Tobin
+ **12:00NN Arnold Aguas**
req The Coralde Family

Wednesday, May 15 *Saint Isidore*
+ **6:30AM Jack Long**
req Lori Bulwin
+ **8:30AM Sidonia & Joseph Skrivaneck**
req Linda Bullaro & Family
+ **12:00NN Vincent McCarthy**
req Kay McCarthy

Thursday, May 16
+ **6:30AM Joan McCool**
req Joanne & Bob Delaney
+ **8:30AM Brendan Malley**
req Peter O'Malley
+ **12:00NN Veder Ardila**
req His Family

Friday, May 17
+ **6:30AM Gilberto Badillo**
req His Family
+ **8:30AM Margaret & Frank Boyle**
req Jean & John Boyle
+ **12:00NN Charlie Lanski**
req Gloria

Saturday, May 18 *Saint John I, Pope and Martyr*
+ **8:30AM Charles Tlucek**
req His Family
+ **5:30PM Herme Santos**
req Terry Sanabria & Ron Reedy

Sunday, May 19 *Pentecost Sunday*
+ **8:00AM T. J. DiPiano**
req The DiPiano Family
9:30AM For the People of the Parish
+ **11:00AM The Anastasia Family**
req Adele Bergen
+ **12:30PM Rosana Chacara**
req Patricia Engel
+ **3:00PM Dario Bedoya**
req The Bedoya Family
+ **6:30PM Stephanie & John Kolodziejski**
req Maria Kolodziejski

1. Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

Luke begins his second work with a review of his Gospel account of what Jesus said and did before returning to his heavenly Father. Especially important here is the instruction Jesus gives the apostles, with the Lord's particular emphasis on what his Father's word has revealed about the Kingdom of God and his own mission to bring that Kingdom to fulfillment. Their task is to witness to the Lord and to carry on as his faithful servants, in the power of the Holy Spirit.

2. Ephesians 1:17-23

Paul prays that the heavenly Father gives readers the wisdom to appreciate all the gifts granted them in faith. This Jesus, who had walked among them, has been raised from the dead and is now seated at the right hand of the Father—with authority over all creation.

3. Mark 16:15-20

Mark's account of the Ascension is part of what is called the "longer ending," not part of the original Gospel of Mark and not composed by him, but added later, sometime around the second century. The actual account of the Ascension is described only briefly. Jesus was taken up into heaven and took his seat (of honor and glory) at the right hand of God. Before it, the disciples are commissioned to proclaim the Gospel and after it they faithfully obeyed that commissioning, which was successfully accomplished through the Risen Christ working with them and confirming their message.

REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK

1. Have you ever felt that Jesus was "commissioning" you for a special work?
2. Paul speaks about "the hope that belongs to his call." Called as a Christian do you live in hope today? More hope since the decline of the pandemic? Less hope since all the disturbances all over the world, including on our college campuses?
3. Do you feel in your heart the same joy in living the Gospel as the disciples did. Why? Why not?

NEXT WEEKEND'S PRESIDERS

(always subject to change)

Sat. 5/18	5:30PM	Fr. Jakov
Sun. 5/19	8:00AM	Fr. Frank
	9:30AM	Fr. Ron
	11:00AM	Fr. Jakov
	12:30PM	Fr. Ron
	3:00PM	Fr. Jakov
	6:30PM	Fr. Frank

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