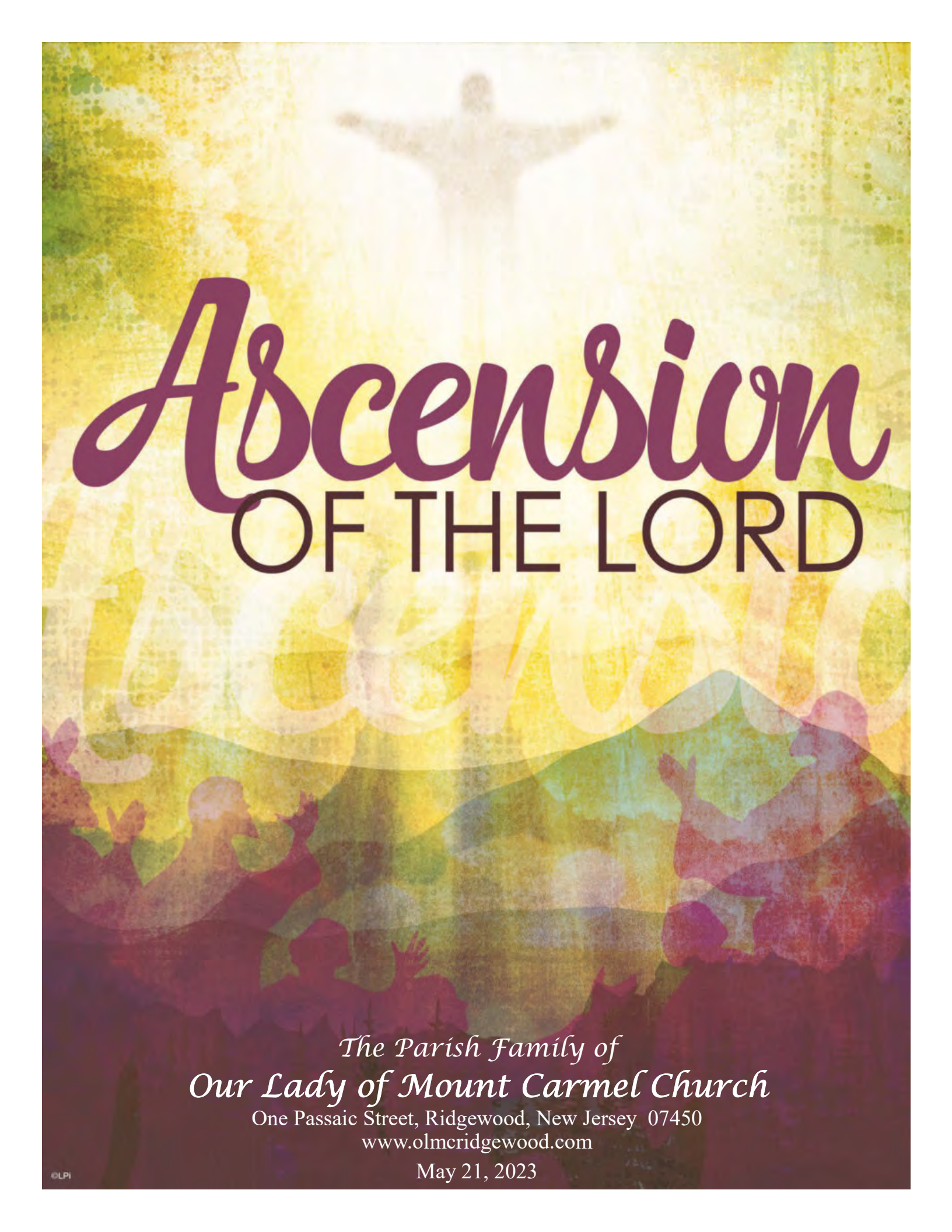


The background of the poster is a textured, painterly composition. At the top, a faint, glowing figure of Jesus with outstretched arms is visible against a bright yellow and white background. Below this, the title 'Ascension OF THE LORD' is prominently displayed. The word 'Ascension' is in a large, flowing, dark purple script font, while 'OF THE LORD' is in a smaller, dark purple, all-caps sans-serif font. The background transitions from the bright top to a darker, more textured area at the bottom, featuring silhouettes of people with their arms raised in prayer or praise, set against a backdrop of rolling hills and a large, faint, circular sun or moon. The overall color palette is dominated by yellows, greens, and purples.

Ascension OF THE LORD

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Dear Friends,

Thoughts that run through a not-so-idle mind:

-Thanksgiving. In my column last week I mentioned two events which brought special joy to my heart, the MOM'S CLOSING MASS and the BAPTISMAL BREAKFAST. You can read why in last week's bulletin which you can find on-line.

This week I am grateful for three more. Over the course of three weeks, 128 of our children came to the altar for the first time to receive Christ into their hearts and lives in a very special way, in His Body and Blood. Even though that number was the smallest in years, it is still a great sign that all of those families believe that Jesus Christ is an important part of their family life, and that His presence with their children as the journey through life holds the promise of great hope for the future. We are all on our own journeys and to know that others, especially young families, are walking with us should be a great sign of encouragement. Let's all just keep walking.

Another reason for thanksgiving was the **Closing Mass** for our Religious Education/Formation programs, **When Families Gather** and **Junior High Youth Ministry**. The church was filled with those children and young people, and at least one parent, to celebrate the ending for the year of instruction and formation. Once again, it is a sign of encouragement that families are committed to the presence of faith in their lives and the lives of their children. Take heart, the journey continues.

The last of the three reasons for thanksgiving was the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation for eight special needs children. Speaking of journeying together, these children received 1st Eucharist together years ago and now these same children have received the gift of the Holy Spirit, together, to assist them in living the fullness of the Christian life. What a great testament to them and to their families. To see the joy in their hearts was a great inspiration and a sure sign that the journey continues. And speaking of Confirmation, 143 more of our youth will continue their journey when they are confirmed June 9 and 10. Please keep them in your prayers.

-Anticipation. This coming Saturday, May 27th, 2023, Deacon Robert Burkot will be ordained a priest and will celebrate his 1st Mass here on Sunday, May 28th, the Solemnity of Pentecost. Deacon Burkot came to Mount Carmel a year ago as an ordained deacon to be immersed in parish life, to function as a deacon, preaching, baptizing, leading prayer and **learning** about the call to ordained ministry. When ordained a priest, he will journey further into that call. I hope he has learned much, from the other deacons who serve here, from the priests who serve here and from all of you, your faith, your holiness, your commitment to Christ as Lord of your hearts. How fitting to celebrate a first Mass on Pentecost, when we are reminded that the Holy Spirit is given to **the whole Church**, not just the

ordained, to carry the message of Jesus as Lord to the whole world. If you are around this Memorial Day weekend, please join us as we celebrate with Fr. Robert, in thanksgiving and praise to God for this gift of faith. A reception will follow in the Parish Center.

-AN INVITATION. You may have seen in the bulletin these last few weeks an invitation to become a Eucharistic Minister, to help distribute Holy Communion at our weekend liturgies. You might remember that before the pandemic there was the option to receive Communion under both forms, the host and the consecrated wine, the Precious Blood. Because of this, we needed 7 Eucharistic Ministers **at each Mass**. By decree of the Cardinal, the availability of the chalice is to be restored at all Masses no later than Pentecost Sunday. But during the long pandemic, 3 years long, some of our Eucharistic Ministers have either moved, “aged” out or passed away which means we are in need of additional ministers if we want to resume the practice of offering the cup. We really could use your help. Please consider offering yourself for this ministry. You do not need to be extraordinarily holy or sinless. Contact information can be found to the right of this column. Thank you for your helpful response.

-A PLEA. Once again I am asking **every household** in the parish to join in support of the **Annual Appeal** and I will continue to ask every weekend until June 30th. Why June 30th? Because **all pledges, not even payments**, made by June 30th will be subject to the parish rebate which means the parish will receive a 50% rebate on those pledges. Pledges made after June 30th will not be subject to the rebate. By making a pledge now you not only help the Archdiocese with its charities, formation/education, vocational and priest retirement works but **you also help the parish** in our own efforts to carry on the work of the Gospel. Check out my video on the **Appeal** which has been returned to the homepage of the parish website and click on the link to make a pledge. Thank you.

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?

The parish **Stewardship of Treasure** in the in-pew collection last week was \$12,797. God bless your generosity and your faithfulness in furthering the work of the Gospel. As always, all parishioners are invited to make use of electronic giving, **WeShare**, as the best and most reliable way to fulfill that mission.

Come and Meet the Homeless Retreat Ministry (aka Ignatian Spirituality Project-ISP)



**BEFORE OR AFTER MASS—THIS WEEKEND
AT THE DOORS OF THE CHURCH**

Your fellow Parishioners offer the gift of Christian community and spiritual nourishment by volunteering to facilitate ISP retreats and spiritual programs for those living on the margins. We would love to share our experience! Come learn what brought us to this ministry and why it has captured our hearts. You may wish to become acquainted with ways to provide support as we plan for a retreat or join our team of facilitators.

These experiences of hope, healing, and transformation offered to those who have experienced homelessness and addiction have become available through the generosity of our parishioners. The total estimated cost for one person to attend a retreat is \$250.

Donations of any size are greatly appreciated and can be made directly to the parish by scanning this QR Code with a mobile phone or going to this web address:

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EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION (EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS) NEEDED

Effective May 27th, we will resume the reception of the Precious Blood at all weekend Masses. We are in need of Eucharistic Ministers (EM’s) for all Masses for both the Precious Blood and the Sacred Host. For those interested, and willing to make a commitment, in becoming an EM on a regular and recurring basis for any of the Masses below, please contact:

Rosemary Rippas—5:30PM Saturday
rippas@verizon.net, 201.652.4929

Bobbie Roshon—8:00AM Sunday
BLR1130@msn.com, 973.979.4497

Kathy Bourn—9:30AM Sunday
kathybourn20@yahoo.com, 201.447.3319

Jim Roth—11:00AM Sunday
jamesjroth@msn.com, 201.314.6971

Jeff Voigt—12:30PM Sunday
meddevconsultant@aol.com, 201.790.1521

Fr. Ron—6:30PM Sunday
ronr@olmcridgewood.com, 201.444.2000 x201



**Sunday, May 28, 2023
12:30PM Mass & Reception
Celebrating Dcn. Robert’s
Ordination to the Priesthood**

All are invited to share in the joyful celebration of Fr. Robert Burkot’s ordination to the priesthood of Jesus Christ by attending his first Mass to be celebrated here at 12:30PM on Sunday, May 28th. A reception will follow in the Parish Center.

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5/15/23	\$50	Michael Kowalski, #1264
5/16/23	\$50	Alexis Kenny, #1486
5/17/23	\$50	Kramer Family, #236
5/18/23	\$50	Pat Allison, #785

FOOD DRIVE & FROZEN CASSEROLE DRIVE THRU DROP OFF THIS WEEKEND 9AM—12NN | SCHOOL BLDG DRIVEWAY

These Food Drives support: Fr. English Food Pantry, Social Services Association, Ridgecrest Senior Living and Healing Meals. Your generosity is greatly appreciated by those served.

Consider helping our efforts by volunteering to be a driver, bringing collected food to one of the pantries.

Food Drive Questions

Glen McCall, gmccall@olmcridgewood.com

Frozen Casserole Questions

Questions? Call/Text Barbara—201.615.9624

HEALING MEALS NEEDED ITEMS

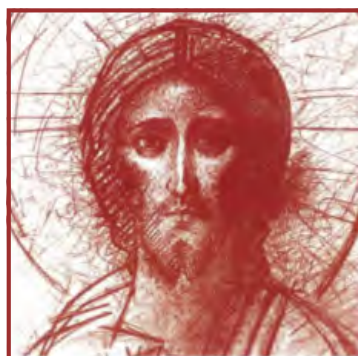
Healing Meals provides fresh, nutritious, cooked meals to families connected with Tomorrow's Children, Emmanuel Cancer Center, St. Joseph's Children's Hospital, Ridgecrest Senior Housing and the Franciscan Community Center in Fairview. Ingredients needed are:

Fresh Carrots/Celery/Onion; Garlic (fresh/jars); Barilla 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



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May 7th-June 4th

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Permanent Diaconate Informational Session TOMORROW—MONDAY, MAY 22—7:00PM Archdiocesan Pastoral Center 171 Clifton Avenue, Newark, NJ

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To answer these questions and many more, Cardinal Joseph Tobin and Msgr. Joseph Chapel are inviting Catholic men and, those married, to bring their wives to attend one of two Permanent Diaconate program informational sessions. The two sessions will be offered both in English and Spanish.

For more information and/or to register, contact:
Msgr. Joseph Chapel, diaconate@standrewcc.com
Dcn. Bob Liwanag, bob.liwanag@olmcridgewood.com



PRAY THE ROSARY THURSDAY EVENINGS OUR LADY'S CHAPEL ~ 7:30PM ALL ARE WELCOME

Join us in praying the rosary, each Thursday evening, in response to Our Blessed Mother's request at Fatima for a devotion to the Rosary for the conversion of Russia and to stop war.

"The Letter"

A Message for Our Earth

St. Catharine's Community Hall—Glen Rock
This Tuesday, May 23rd—7PM

You're invited to an open screening of "The Letter," a moving film that turns its lens on Pope Francis' encyclical, "Laudato si': On Care of Our Common Home," and five individuals who are living this encyclical in different ways. The event is free. There will be a discussion after the film and refreshments will be served.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS SERVING IN THE MILITARY:
Aedan Cannon, Matthew Casale, Edgar Delgado,
James Nardelli, Robert Smith

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Contact Cynthia Torres, cynthiabtorres@yahoo.com

Mark Your Calendar!

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Sign Up Weekend
Saturday & Sunday—June 3 & 4

Current Scheduled Adorers of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament will speak about what it means to be at Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration (PEA). Everyone will be invited to participate and sign up for a specific hour of a day—one hour a week. Adorers will be at all doors of the church to answer any questions and to help sign up those who are interested.

Sunday, June 11th—Feast of Corpus Christi

Everyone is invited to join the procession of the Holy Eucharist around the church property following the 12:30pm Sunday Mass, concluding with Benediction on the front Plaza. A reception will immediately follow in the parish center to celebrate the 22nd anniversary of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration at OLMC.

Saturday, September 16—Annual PEA BBQ

Spiritual Yoga—St. James Yoga Ministry
TODAY—SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2023 | 5PM | MEETING ROOM
 St. James said “What is faith without works?” Our free will donation for sharing the practice of “the prayer of heart and body” will support the Ignatian Spirituality Project (ISP). This ministry enables others to participate in a transformative weekend retreat. Questions? Email Maureen at st.jamesyoga@gmail.com

MONDAY EVENING CONFESSIONS
SUSPENDED MAY 29—SEPTEMBER 4

Tomorrow evening, Monday, May 22, will be the last Monday evening Confession until after Labor Day.
 Saturday Confessions—1PM-2PM
 will continue through the summer.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE ILL MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH

Fred Bruno, Art Carpenter, Maria de la Rosa, Marie Evans, Kay & Bill Forster, Joan D’Gerolamo, Agnes Duffy, Kitty Gill, Frank Gillen, Susan Hart-White, Marc Johnson, Tom Keleher, Claudia LaFrance, Anna Lobascio, Juan Martinez, Cambell McArthur, Gemma Miller, Mark Mongon, Bea O’Rourke, Joseph Pasculli, Margaret Peak, Cathy Ricciuto, Francis Tedaro Ristor, Michael Runz, Donald Schwenker, Don Strittmatter, Larry Switaj, Nickolas John Tedaro, Dennis Tomala, Walter John Zelop, Jr.

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

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun. May 21	10:30AM Children’s Liturgy Training (Library) 1:30PM RCIA (MR) 1:30PM Bell Choir Rehearsal (PC) 4:00PM Spanish Apostolate (PC) 5:00PM Spiritual Yoga (MR)
Mon. May 22	1:00PM Parish Catalyst (PC) 5:00PM Summer Heatt (Gym) 7:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)
Tues. May 23	10:00AM Parish Catalyst (PC) 5:00PM Junior Choir Rehearsal (Church) 6:00PM Summer Heatt (Gym) 7:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW) 7:15PM WCST Team 22 (MR)
Wed. May 24	10:00AM Parish Catalyst (PC) 6:00PM Summer Heatt (Gym) 7:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)
Thurs. May 25	9:15AM AoOL Communion Mass & Bfast (PC) 5:00PM Summer Heatt (Gym) 7:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW) 7:00PM Christ Life (PC) 7:30PM Pray the Rosary (Chapel)
Fri. May 26	5:00PM Summer Heatt (Gym) 7:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)
Sat. May 27	9:00AM Summer Heatt & Men’s B-ball (Gym) 4:00PM Jesus & Me Pentacost Picnic (Lawn) 6:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)

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Note: PLEDGES received by June 30 directly impact the parish’s rebate. Please prayerfully consider pledging now.
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Young Catholic Professionals (YCP) North NJ

Thursday, June 1, 2023—7PM-9PM

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TODAY'S READINGS

Monday, May 22 *Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious*

- + **6:30AM Vincent Tabone**
req The Nadeau Family
- + **8:30AM Margaret & Stan Gordon**
req Patricia & David Hughes
- + **12:00NN Jodi Whitley-Alfieri**
req Mitch & Judy Santlofer

Tuesday, May 23

- + **6:30AM Basil Pizzuto**
req The Morbelli Family
- + **8:30AM Maureen Malley**
req Peter O'Malley
- + **12:00NN Frances & Jacques Hakim**
req Their Family

Wednesday, May 24

- 6:30AM In Thanksgiving to
Mary Help of Christians**
req Eleany Uribe
- + **8:30AM Mae D. Thomas**
req Elizabeth Roker & Family
- + **12:00NN William "Bill" Calvin Marion**
req Dcn. Bob & Tessie Liwanag

Thursday, May 25 *Saint Bede the Venerable, Priest and
Doctor of the Church; Saint Gregory VII, Pope;
Saint Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, Virgin*

- + **6:30AM Frank Barrella, Jr.**
req His Family
- + **8:30AM William J. Sullivan**
req Rose Sullivan
- + **12:00NN Jacques G. Hakim**
req His Family

Friday, May 26 *Saint Philip Neri, Priest*

- + **6:30AM Brendan & Maureen Malley**
req Peter O'Malley
- + **8:30AM Barbara Taffe**
req Ray Kelly
- + **12:00NN Alfonso Aguilar**
req Cesar & Larrie Veloso

Saturday, May 27 *Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop*

- + **8:30AM Julie & Dick Maltezos**
req The Lewis Family
- + **5:30PM Nicholas Pallotta**
req Claude & Mary Jo Guinchard

Sunday, May 28 *Pentecost Sunday*

- 8:00AM For the People of the Parish**
- + **9:30AM Margaret & Stan Gordon**
req Patricia & David Hughes
- + **11:00AM Margaret McCabe**
req Marianne & Margy McCabe
- 12:30PM Special Intention
of Gavin Scott Santlofer**
req Mitch & Judy Santlofer
- + **3:00PM Marleny Cardona Pulgarin**
req Amparo Campos
- + **6:30PM Angelo Francesco**
req Michael Francesco

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 give 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. Matthew 28:16-20

In the two verses preceding this excerpted passage, Jesus has told the women running from the tomb to go tell his disciples to "go to Galilee, and there they will see me." In this passage, they have done as they were told and have gone to an unnamed mountain, perhaps the mountain of the Transfiguration or the mountain of the Sermon on the Mount. Two important things take place in this final meeting with Jesus. First, that the eleven "worshipped, but they doubted." In Matthew, this is the only encounter of the eleven with their Resurrected Lord and so the doubt should not surprise us. But this doubt is overshadowed by their worship. Secondly, citing His power, He commissions them to preach and baptize, bringing the believer into the life of the Trinity, at the same time, promising His presence (Emmanuel—God with us, quoted from Isaiah in the very first chapter of Matthew), until the end of the age. The beginning becomes the end.

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 or less hope than before the pandemic?
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.	5/27	5:30PM	Fr. Frank
Sun.	5/28	8:00AM	Fr. Frank
		9:30AM	Msgr. Sheeran
		11:00AM	Fr. Anthony
		12:30PM	Fr. Robert
		3:00PM	Fr. Hermes
		6:30PM	Fr. Ron

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