

SAINT PAUL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Ascension of the Lord

WORD OF GOD FOR A SUNDAY:

No one is outside God's acceptance, for God is love. We will abide in God's love if we keep the command Jesus gives us, to love one another.

THE READINGS:

Acts 1:1-11

"Why do you stand here looking up at the skies?" With this question, the two men dressed in white enunciated the significance of Jesus' ascension and the consequences thereof for those to whom Jesus entrusted the continuance of his mission.

Ephesians 1:17-23

The church is identified as Christ's body, saying that the church is nothing less than the fullness of him who fills the universe in all its parts. Until the risen, ascended and glorified Christ comes again, it is the privilege and responsibility of the church, who is his body, to make him known, to carry his good news to every part of the universe and to minister as the hands and feet, the eyes and ears, and the very heart and mind of Jesus Christ to all.

Luke 24:46-53

Luke described the mission of the church as an intended part of God's preordained plan of salvation and, as such, a mission that would be powered by the Holy Spirit.

Offertory Collection	May 16, 2004	\$762.00
	Air Conditioning	\$545.00

Lectors for next weekend's Masses are: 5 p.m. – Linda Michel, 9 a.m. – Jacob Scmitt.

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit from May 15th – May 29th in memory of Raymond Grygo by the MacKenzie Family.

Eternal rest grant to Joseph Palko and all the souls of the faithful departed.

Feast days for the saints for this week are: St. Bede, St. Gregory VII, and St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi – 5/25, St. Philip Neri – 5/26, St. Augustine of Canterbury – 5/27.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday,	May 22,	5:00 PM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE (living & deceased)
Sunday,	May 23,	9:00 AM (rip) Lawrence Kozubal by M/M Paul Allen
Monday,	May 24,	8:00 AM For all Mothers, Grandmothers, & Godmothers (living & deceased)
Tuesday,	May 25,	8:00 AM For all Mothers, Grandmothers, & Godmothers (living & deceased)
Wednesday,	May 26,	8:00 AM For all Mothers, Grandmothers, & Godmothers (living & deceased)
Thursday,	May 27,	8:00 AM For all Mothers, Grandmothers, & Godmothers (living & deceased)
Friday,	May 28,	8:00 AM For all Mothers, Grandmothers, & Godmothers (living & deceased)
Saturday,	May 29,	5:00 PM (rip) Rose M. Gott by Ruth Press
Sunday,	May 30,	9:00 AM (rip) Alice May Garneski by the Patterson Family

The next **available dates** for **Mass Intentions** are July 9, 14, and 15, 2004. **Mass stipends** are **\$10**.

Annual Catholic Appeal – To date, with the fourth week, our parish has pledged \$9095.00 toward our goal of \$8300. We ask that all fill out a pledge card even if you are not going to make a pledge – please mark "No Gift" so that the follow-up phone calls don't have to be made. Our parish will receive 50% of the amount **collected** over the goal. Thank you for your generosity and cooperation with this year's Annual Catholic Appeal. God Bless.

Catholic Forum – Tune in to Catholic Forum each Sunday morning at 10:05 on AM 1150 WDEL or www.wdel.com. Next Sunday, May 30th, hear Fr. Stanislao Esposito from St. Mary Magdalen Parish and Fr. James Lentini from St. Ann Parish in Wilmington reflect on their first year as priests. Catholic Forum is a production of the Diocese of Wilmington's Office of Communications.

Vocations - Jesus reminds His disciples that they are witnesses to His death and resurrection as well as to the forgiveness of sins. Priests, deacons, sisters and brothers bear witness to these saving mysteries by their ministry in service to God's people. Are you interested in finding out what opportunities exist for you to serve in this great venture? Call Fr. Joe Cocucci, Diocesan Director of Vocations, at (302) 573-3113.

American Legion Post #13 - Memorial Day Services will be held on Monday, May 31st. Ceremonies will be held at Veteran's Point at 10:30 a.m. In the event of rain, ceremonies will take place in the Delaware City Fire Hall. A light lunch will be held at the fire hall following the ceremony.

The **45th Annual Memorial Day Field Mass** will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, May 31st in All Saints Cemetery located at 6001 Kirkwood Highway. Immediately before Mass, there will be a brief military tribute. Protection from the weather and seating will be provided, however, those wishing to do so may bring their own folding lawn chairs. Remembering those who have died defending our freedom and praying for the safety of those now serving our country is a most appropriate way to begin the summer season.

Catholic Charities is offering **Stepping Stones to a New Life**, a program for people who are divorced or separated. The 6-week program will begin on Tuesday, June 8th, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at a cost of \$35. The course is designed to help people get back on track after a divorce or separation. For more information or to register, call Mary Jo McGonegal at the Family Life Bureau at 655-9624, ext. 219.