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THE ASCENSION OF THE *Lord*

JUNE 2, 2019

As Jesus blessed
his disciples he parted
from them and was
taken up to heaven.

Luke 24:51



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The Acts of the Apostles and Luke's Gospel use the same word, witnesses, to describe the disciples' role in the new world order. In our culture, a witness can be passive, a mere onlooker, or more active, a formal expert who provides sworn testimony in a trial. The Greek word for witness is *martyr*. That raises the stakes for the disciples. They watch Jesus float into the air, after which an angel plainly appears to them and promises them that Jesus will come again. They see this happen. Immediately before ascending, Jesus makes a promise to them: "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses . . . to the ends of the earth." Their mission is not a superficial task to confirm the idle rumor that Jesus really floated in mid-air. No, they must be willing to swear—even with their lives—that Jesus is the Christ who accepted an agonizing crucifixion on our behalf, rose from the dead, ascended into heaven, and promised to come again to offer final salvation.

TRUTH MATTERS

Why would anyone be willing to die for that story? Why would anyone accept martyrdom just to make sure no one fiddles with the facts of Jesus' life? Tradition tells us, in fact, that all but one of the Twelve died as martyrs. These witnesses knew that Jesus' story is sacred, unique, and powerful—and that we have to get it right. We have to understand that Jesus is God, and that he actually conquered sin for us by dying on a cross. No other story can give us the kind of hope that Jesus' Good News does. And the story is true. Countless witnesses have died to transmit the saving legacy of Jesus Christ. We have inherited the truth. Every day, we take our place in the story, bringing hope to a needy world.

Today's Readings: Acts 1:1–11; Ps 47:2–3, 6–7, 8–9; Eph 1:17–23 or
Heb 9:24–28; 10:19–23; Lk 24:46–53

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Masses for the Week

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JUN 1 **SATURDAY**
 4:00 P.M. **Betty L. Lewis†**
 (Richard C. Lewis)

JUN 2 **SUNDAY**
 8:00 A.M. **Doc & Opal Romanoski†**
 (Romanoski Family)
 10:00 A.M. **Living and Deceased members of**
 the Curia Family
 (Curia Family)

JUN 3 **MONDAY**
 8:00 A.M. **Don McCormick†**
 (John Fitzsimmons)

JUN 4 **TUESDAY**
 NO MASS

JUN 5 **WEDNESDAY**
 NO MASS

JUN 6 **THURDAY**
 NO MASS

JUN 7 **FRIDAY**
 8:00 A.M. **Mike Baker†**
 (Chuck & Mary Taskalines)

JUN 8 **SATURDAY**
 4:00 P.M. **Mike Gunto†**
 (Cynthia Gunto)

JUN 9 **SUNDAY**
 8:00 A.M. **Frank Halley†**
 (Mary Ann Henderson)
 10:00 A.M. **Gregory "Shad" Fromhart†**
 (Wayne & Linda Bero)



Rosary weekdays after 8 a.m. Mass

Pope Francis @Pontifex



In our lives there are crosses, there are difficult moments. But in these difficult moments we feel the Holy Spirit help us to go forward and to overcome the difficulties.

Rev. That Son Ngoc Nguyen, pastor

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS):

Sat. 3:30 p.m., or any other time upon request.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

By appointment. Contact the parish office at least six months before the date of the marriage.

Pre-Cana is required.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

By appointment. The Diocese requires instructions beforehand for the parents.

Contact the parish office.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (P.S.R.):

Sundays during the school term at 9:00 a.m. to 9:50 a.m. for Grades 1-12.

REGISTRATION AND CHURCH SUPPORT:

Parishioners should be properly registered at the Parish Office

WEEKLY SCHEDULES

Lectors/ Eucharistic Ministers:

6/8 4:00 p.m. Dave Evans/L. Magnone

6/9 8:00 a.m. C. Frame/S. Kent

6/9 10:00 a.m. Paula Whitwam/J. Kuskey

Altar Servers:

6/8 4:00 p.m. Frizzell

6/9 8:00 a.m. Laberdee

6/9 10:00 a.m. Swift

Gift Bearers:

6/8 4:00 p.m. John & Loretta Niemiec

6/9 8:00 a.m. Mark Hitt

6/9 10:00 a.m. Carolyn Gordon

Sacristy Cleaners: Week of June 3rd

Linda & Butch Miller

Greeters:

6/8 4:00 p.m. Phil & Loretta Remke

6/9 8:00 a.m. Lottie Durbin

6/9 10:00 a.m. Susan Board & Rosemary Patrone

Bingo June 7, 2019

Raffle: Mark Hitt

Kitchen: Daunel Gump

COLLECTION: May 19, 2019

Envelopes - \$ 2,732.00

Loose Offering - \$730.00

Building Repairs - \$ 125.00

Xavier Hall - \$ 35.00

Memorial Offerings - \$100.00

Pennies for God - \$ 5.84

Attendance - 342

Second Collection June 9th-Peter's Pence

The Peter's Pence Collection enables the Holy Father to respond with emergency financial assistance to requests to aid the neediest throughout the world-those who suffer as a result of war, oppression, and natural disasters. It likewise provides the faithful with a tangible opportunity to not only empower the weak, defenseless, and voiceless, but also sustain those who suffer.

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Weekends: Saturday - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday - 8:00 a.m./10:00 a.m.

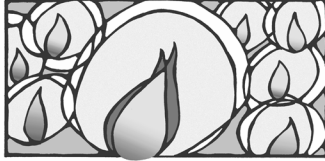
Weekdays: Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m.

Holy Day Mass Schedule:

8:00 am, 7:00 p.m.

**PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS,
FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS:**

Prayer Request: Mary Jura, Carolyn Harris, Sidney Sberna, Rebecca Blatt, Donna Colucci, Nile Cassandra, Peggy Mysliwicz, Zelma Imhof, Patty Kleinedler, Joe Church, Maggie Yeater, Bobby Kleinedler; **Homebound:** Semon & Phyllis Prado, Doris Murphy, Bob Tetric, Rachel Kerekes; **Nursing Home:** Gary Dobbs, Patricia Schmidt, Helen Remke, Thelma Gitlin, Barbara Meyer, Elizabeth Potts, Marilyn Neidhardt, Helen Cuchta, Ron Jaworski.



Pentecost Sunday-June 9th

Next Sunday is the Feast of Pentecost, the birthday of the Church. In honor of this joyous occasion, we invite you to wear red to Mass. Traditionally wearing red signifies the presence of the Holy Spirit and our unity in Christ.

Join us for cookies and punch after our 10:00 liturgy.



**Father's Day is Sunday,
June 16**

Spiritual Bouquet cards are in the vestibule. Please return them in the collection basket or to the office by Thursday, June 13.

Eucharistic Minister Gathering

Eucharistic ministers are invited to a luncheon, prayer, and sharing of our ministry on Wednesday, June 12 at noon in the parish hall. Please call the office if you plan to attend.

**Summer Festival at Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Ukrainian Catholic Church**

June 7 & 8 from 6p.m. until 11 p.m.
4136 Jacob St. Wheeling

50/50 Raffle, bingo, and other games of chance
Children's games
Cabbage and noodles, pierogi, kielbasa, cabbage rolls, hot sausage, funnel cakes, pizza
baked goods

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Jun. 9-14 - Praying Pelicans Youth Mission
Jun. 18 - Mass at Moundview Nursing Home
Jun. 23 - **Mandatory** meeting for Parents of children planning to receive sacraments of First Communion or Confirmation next year.
Jun. 23-28 - Praying Pelicans Youth Mission
Jul. 22 - Parish Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Aug. 25 - Parish Picnic

Serving Through Foster Care

There are hundreds of foster children in our community. What can you do to help?

- ⇒ Become a foster parent. Training sessions are available to become a licensed foster family
- ⇒ Donate items to foster children such as diapers, wipes, car seats, backpacks, etc.
- ⇒ Learn more by calling, stopping by, or visiting www.nyap.org

National Youth Advocate Program
1031 National Road, Rear
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304-243-1865

Parish Summer Youth Trip

Each Summer Father That Son and chaperones escort parish youth on a wild, fun-and-prayer filled overnight adventure. This year's trip is being planned for the last week in June to Snowshoe in Pocahontas County. Please call Father or the parish office if you are interested. Everyone is welcome but spaces are limited!

(Deadline for sign-up is June 9)

Attention Parish Volunteers

The Diocese of Wheeling Charleston requires compliance with the Safe Environment Program for volunteers who have either direct or indirect contact with children. Please contact the parish office to find out how you can fulfill these requirements or if you have any questions.



Office of Safe Environment

To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, contact local law enforcement, or contact WV Child Protective Services: 800-352-6513. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese, contact this diocesan number: 888-434-6237.



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