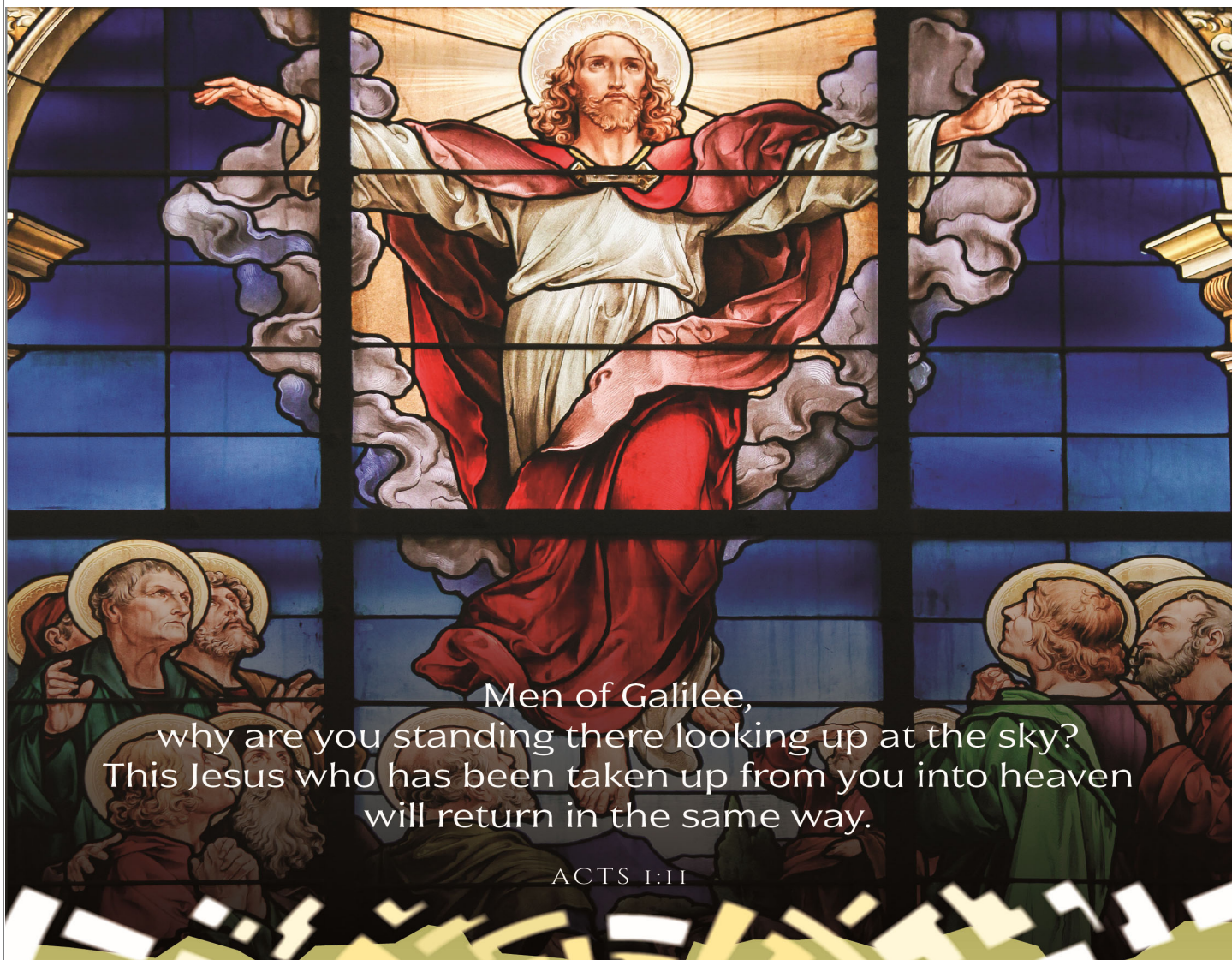


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MASS INTENTIONS**SATURDAY: MAY 15**

5:00 William Alstete, req. The DeCandia Family

SUNDAY: MAY 16

7:30 For the People of St. Therese Parish

9:30 Helen Pankowitz, req. Barbara Higgins

9:30 Florence Wilkin, req. The Wilkin Family

11:30 Rose Nori, req. Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hudick

11:30 Arnold Zipkowitz, req. Louise Karach and Family

MONDAY: MAY 17

8:30 Gloria Maria Gonzalez, req. Carmen and Family

TUESDAY: MAY 18

8:30 Maria Hroncic, req. Her husband, Mario

8:30 Joseph C. Boiardi, req. His wife, Angela and Family

WEDNESDAY: MAY 19

8:30 Joseph Fernandez, req. Pat and Joe Donnelly

THURSDAY: MAY 20

8:30 Anne Keegan, req. The Keegan Family

FRIDAY: MAY 21

8:30 Cecilia Pascual, req. Your 2K Family

SATURDAY: MAY 22

5:00 Alfred Fierro, req. Kevin and Paula Cummings

SUNDAY: MAY 23

7:30 Mary Baca, req. Gloria Pambianchi

9:30 For the People of St. Therese Parish

11:30 Prospero Pangard,
req. Elise Schnieder and Anne Farley

11:30 James Pawelczyk, req. Madeline and Al Diasparra

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Danny Angelucci

Richard C. Barretta

Anne Diggins

Janet De Felice

Lillian Elliott

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Mary Foley

Kyle Geran

Pat Geran

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Lea Ann Nicolich

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Quinn Rosa

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Vincent Tripodi

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SERVING IN THE MILITARY

As a family, we pray for our parishioners
and their relatives who are currently
on active duty in the military.

Austin Cardo U.S. Army

Gavin John U.S. Marines

Matt John U.S. Marines

Mario Medina U.S. Marines

Andy Naso U.S. Army

Christopher D. Smith U.S. Army

MASS SCHEDULE**Daily** 8:30AM**Saturday** 5:00 PM**Sunday** 7:30AM

9:30AM

11:30AM

Holy Days 7:30 PM Vigil

8:30AM

12:00 PM

Reconciliation

Saturday

3:30-4PM

or by appointment

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REST IN PEACE

We pray for our loved ones
who have died, especially

Bruce R. Henry

may they be at
peace with God.

DINNER PROGRAM TO FEED THE HOMELESS

We still have some open slots!

Please visit www.stthereseccresskill.org for more details plus the list of Food/Items needed and to sign up!

Wednesday, May 19th
Drop Off 8AM-2PM
Outside the doors of the Church

*For was hungry and you gave me food,
 I was thirsty and you gave me drink...*

Matthew 25:35

SPECIAL NEEDS MASS

Everyone is welcome to our
 Inclusive Family Mass.

This mass is adapted for individuals with special needs and gifts, their families and friends.

This Sunday - May 16th at 1:30PM
 visit stthereseccresskill.org to view live-stream

For additional resources please visit:
rcan.org/disabilities
www.facebook.com/InclusiveMinistryRCAN

CONGRATULATIONS

St. Therese is proud to recognize the following members of our parish family who will be graduating from the

Academy of the Holy Angels

Claire Dodds - NHS
 Victoria Herera
 Olivia Polise
 Csilla-Justine Ramos



The Academy of the Holy Angels
Graduation Activities - Class of 2021

Livestream Baccalaureate Liturgy and Awards Ceremony
 Thursday, June 3, 2021 at 9AM

Graduation Ceremony
 Friday, June 4, 2021 at 10AM
 Rain Date: Monday, June 7, 2021



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Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Over 40% of dioceses United States and its territories are

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Ascension of Our Lord

"Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God."

1 JOHN 4:15

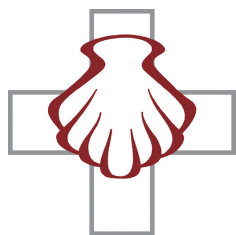
How strong is your faith? When you have an opportunity to either defend or clarify a question about our Catholic faith, do you do it? Or, do you remain silent so that others don't think you are weird? Pray for the courage to be strong in all circumstances and to joyfully share your witness with others.

David Baranowski

5 GIFTS for VIRGIN MARY

- 1 A CLEAN HEART**
 Make a good confession around the time of the Birthday of Mary. Offer the "Immaculate one" a clean heart.
- 2 TO INVOKE HER**
 Have her in your heart constantly, as a little child does with his mother.
- 3 IMITATE HER VIRTUES**
 Mary has many virtues, but the most important one we should imitate is **charity**.
- 4 READ SOME MARIAN BOOKS**
 Great Marian books can help you grow in love for Virgin Mary.
- 5 PRAY THE ROSARY**
 Ask Mary to intercede for the world and for your own intentions.





Carter Benjamin Marchese
was baptized at
St. Therese on May 9th.
Please pray for Carter
and his family as we
welcome him into our
Parish Community.



Virtual Lectio Divina

Come join Br. Benito for weekly, virtual
Lectio Divina **Thursdays** from 7:00 - 8:00PM.



Lectio Divina is a form of prayer in
which we can learn to become more
aware of the presence of God in everyone
and everything. It is an ancient practice of
reflection and sharing on the scriptures.

To register and receive the virtual ZOOM invite,
please email Gina Marie at
gloiacono@stthereseccresskill.org

the **2021** **Annual Appeal** **Catholic Stewardship in Action**

The 2021 Annual Appeal is well underway. We have \$48,275 already pledged. This is approximately 74% of our goal of \$65,563. The outpouring of support from many parishioners like you helps sustain the important ministries across the Archdiocese of Newark. If you have yet to give, please pick up a pledge form at the back of the church or at the parish office. You can also visit www.rcan.org/sharing. Your gift will truly make a difference!

Thank you for your prayers and support.

3 Things that the Blessed Virgin Mother shows us about being a disciple

1. We must allow Christ to dwell within

Mary is the mother of God. She gives birth to Jesus. We too must allow Christ to dwell within. When we receive Jesus, He comes to dwell within *us too*. Our task is to allow that divine fire within to overwhelm us and to well up within us and teach us how to better receive and listen to Him.

2. We must surrender to the work of the Holy Spirit

St. Paul's letter to the Galatians discusses adopted sonship. Through grace, we share in Jesus' relationship with the Father. The Blessed Virgin Mary shows us what this means from a creaturely standpoint. Let us consider the moments from her life when she surrenders to the Holy Spirit and allows that reality to take hold of her heart. How can we follow her example? Through our own prayer and through her intercession.

"Mary took all these things and pondered them in her heart."

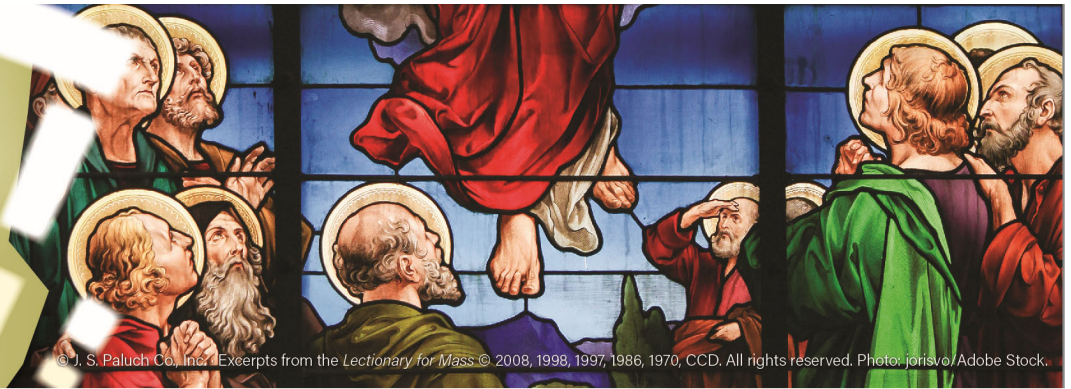
3. We must be a contemplative

Meditating on Christ's life, we must take that mentality to heart and again follow Mary's example. We get so busy with the world, so consumed with the cares of life, that we don't take time to reflect on Christ and His work in our life.

We don't slow down and quiet down to pray, including with Our Lady. Let's make time, a plan, and a commitment to do this in our own lives.

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THE CENTRAL MYSTERIES

Throughout the season of Easter, we ponder the mysteries that are central to our faith in Jesus Christ. We reflect on Jesus' life, ministry, passion, death, and resurrection and consider the meaning of Christ's life and love. Today we celebrate Jesus' ascension and wonder with the apostles what we are to do and how we are to live as a result. As disciples, we are called to put our faith into action, grow to be more like the Lord, be united with other believers in community, and bring others to Christ through the way we live our lives. In so doing, we will live a life worthy of our call in Christ, a life of unity in the Spirit, of hope and peace.

WHY ARE YOU LOOKING AT THE SKY?

"Why are you standing there looking at the sky?" We can only imagine the apostles' astonishment, not only at Jesus' ascension, but at the message from the men in white garments who appeared at that very moment. Jesus had been crucified and died, rose from the dead and spent time with them, teaching them to understand how he had fulfilled all that had been written about the Messiah, and suddenly, he was taken up to heaven. Surely they would have wondered what was happening and what the meaning of Jesus' ascension was. We wonder with them. What does Jesus' ascension call us to be or do? We rely on the testimony of those who were with Jesus to grasp the mystery of his life, death, resurrection, and ascension. Their witness calls us to believe in Jesus, grow in relationship with him, and live as his disciples in the world.

YOU HAVE SEEN AND HEARD, NOW GO DO

It isn't enough to say we believe in Jesus. We are called to live as members of Christ's body and share the joy of faith with others. We do this by discerning and fulfilling our vocation, the ways in which God calls each of us to live. Often when we think of vocation, the first thing that comes to mind is the priesthood. But each of us experience vocational calls, to our state in life and to the ways in which we live, work, and serve. Each of us has been given different gifts and are called according to our gifts. We are equipped with talents and skills through which we may contribute to bringing the mercy, compassion, truth, goodness, and beauty of God's love to the world. What are your particular gifts and talents? How may you be called to use them to bring Christ's love to others, leading them to see and hear the Good News of Jesus Christ?

TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 1:1-11
Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9
Ephesians 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]
Mark 16:15-20

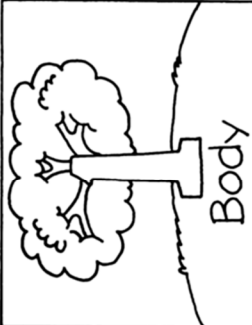
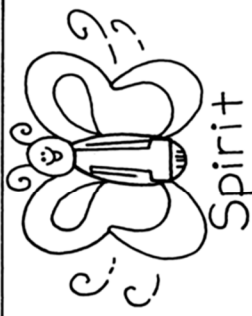
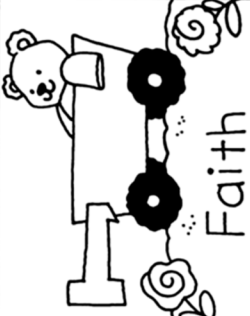
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Paul uses a certain number several times in his letter to the Ephesians (4:4-6). That number is hidden in each picture that goes with the word below it.

When you find each number, color it a dark color. Then read the phrases that tell what Paul says we all have.

 Body	 Spirit
 Hope	 Faith
 God	

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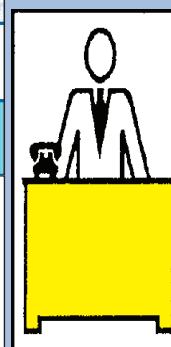
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