



Making Quality Commitments

Nothing shapes your life more than the commitments you choose to make. Your commitments can develop you or they can destroy you, but either way, they will define you. What you commit to today will shape who you will be in 5, 10, or 15 years from now.

Some people make half-hearted commitments to the Lord. Others do not make any commitment at all because they are afraid too. Others make a full commitment to worldly goals, such as becoming wealthy or famous, and end up disappointed and bitter. Every choice has eternal consequences. So, it is expedient that we choose wisely.

"Since everything around us is going to melt away, what holy, godly lives you should be living!" (2 Peter 3:11). Becoming like Jesus comes from making Christlike commitments. Deciding to live like Christ brings about acting in new ways. You'll need to let go of some old routines, develop some new habits, and intentionally change the way you think.

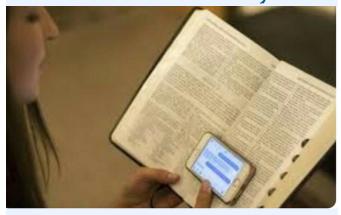
"Continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose" (Philippians 2:12).

One such commitment is to pray each day. This means setting aside quality time to be with the Lord and have a conversation with Him. It is not

how long you do this but the consistency of doing this. Establishing a quiet time with the Lord opens the windows of your soul for Him to have access to your heart and mind. In this way he begins to accomplish his purposes in your life.

-Fr. Dale

St. Thérèse's Trick for Distraction in Prayer



By Philip Koslosky, Aleteia Magazine, May 8, 2023

It can be difficult to focus our attention on God and remain in a conversation with him. However, sometimes these distractions aren't "distractions" at all, they are thoughts introduced by God that are aimed at our spiritual benefit.

For example, here is what St. Thérèse of Lisieux wrote about being distracted during prayer — I also have many [distractions] but as soon as I am aware of them, I pray for those people the thought of whom is diverting my attention, and in this way they reap benefit from my distractions.

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Liturgical Calendar

May 15th St. Isidore

May 18th THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

St. John I - Pope and Martyr

May 20th
St. Bernardine of
Siena - Priest



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Ascension
Monday, May 15th
& *Friday, June 2nd
12 Noon - 7:00 PM

St. Augustine
*June Adoration moved
to Ascension

Our Prayer Intention for May:

That the love of the Sacred Heart touch and move the hearts of those who are alienated or separated from God and the Church.

Your prayers are crucial to becoming a mission-driven active community!

Sometimes God wants to divert our attention and shed light on a struggling friend or family member. They may need our prayers or our charity. This way the distraction is turned in the right way and instead of taking us away from God, it brings us closer to him and his divine plan.

The key is to be attentive when that happens and notice when you have been thinking about someone in your life, or even something you saw on Facebook. In some instances God may want you to be praying for that individual or extending a helpful hand to them.

St. Josemaria Escriva instructs us that, "The closer an apostle is to God, the more universal his desires. His heart expands and takes in everybody and everything in its longing to lay the universe at the feet of Jesus."

So the next time you feel distracted during prayer, offer it to God and open your heart to whatever God wants to communicate to you in that moment.

Happy Mother's Day!

Husbands, give the mother of your children a weekend away with you. Grow more in love than ever on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter



July 14-16, 2023 in ROCKVILLE, MD and Sept. 22-24, 2023 in Herndon, VA

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Prayers for Our Sick

If you have any sick among you for whom you would like us to pray, contact either office to add someone to the prayer list. Names will appear in the next bulletin and be entered into our Book of Prayer in front of the Mary Altar at each church.

This week we are praying for:

Dennis McMenamen, Scott Reimer, Kelly Markov, Maria McAuliffe, Linda Alexandroff, Ron Thomas, Michele Vollmerhausen, Kevin Bennett, Vincent Peraza, Dianne Beattie, Jimmy Malone, Tammy Baskaran, William Lumpkin, John Martin, James Kosar, Elizabeth Cole, Mary Lou Mogenhan, Charlie Borsh, Diane Miller, and Everly Kurek.



Please also pray for all our faithful departed.

May they rest in peace with the Risen Lord Jesus!





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8:15 PM on Zoom.
For ZOOM link and codes, contact Bernie
Taylor (443) 896-4910
or
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ROSARY

Don't use Zoom?

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phone and
pray with us.



Do You Know Someone Who Needs Prayers?

Our Parish Prayer Circle prays for your needs and special intentions.
To place a petition or join those praying, contact Frank Stanitski at 410-796-4582, fspsosjs@verizon.net OR
www.ccasta.org/prayer

What is Walking with Purpose?

Do you attend Mass, but sense God has even more to share with you?

Walking with Purpose is more than a women's Bible study.

It's a place to grow in your relationship with God, enjoy the fellowship and support of other women, and discover what more God has for you.

Check it out at our spring Connect Coffee get-togethers.

Wednesday, May 17th 9:30 – 11:00 am

Wednesday, May 31st 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Both at the Basement Conference Room – Ascension Office



For more information or to RSVP...

cathycarlin@icloud.com or 443-790-4917

New sessions start in September



Senior Luncheon & Bingo

Join us, Friday, June 9th in St. Augustine Hall at 11:00 AM

Bring a brown bag lunch - We will provide drinks, chips, and a dessert.

COFFEE & DONUTS

Sunday, June 11

Join us in Brewer Hall or the St Augustine Burke Wing for coffee and donuts after all Sunday Masses!

Are You Expecting a Baby? Let us know!

We'd love to rejoice with you by sending you our Expectant Parent Gift Bag.

Would you like to be included.

Would you like to be included on our Expectant Parent Prayer List?

Contact Cathy Carlin at <u>cathycarlin@icloud.com</u> or 443-790-4917 for either or both.

Prayers for New Life

Please pray for our expectant parents and their babies

Katie Bowen & Samson Fridrich

Stephany & Anwar Ross

Katie & Robert Hoffmann

Megan & Brody Ruffner

Katie & Sean Deere

Ashley & Joe Broderick

May 19th

May 31st

June 16th

August 10th

September 13th

September 24th

Emily & Adam Baer



November 23rd

Congratulations and blessings to the children who received Jesus in the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time on May 7th!

Please remember that Jesus loves you and to come to the table often to receive His precious gift.

Caroline Fusco Roman Heir Molly Henderson Caroline Kolodziejski Harlow Marron

Arianna Pena

Logan Rose Logan Vela

Julian Ranno

Eloise Hinckley

GEN NOW MISSION TRIP BAKE SALE

OUR NEXT BAKE SALE WILL BE THE WEEKEND OF MAY 20th & 21st After all Masses



This will benefit our Youth Mission Trip.



CCASTA GEN NOW YOUTH MINISTRY

Brewer Hall 4:45 pm - 6:00 pm

May 14th - No Meeting (Mother's Day—Be nice to Mom)

May 20th/21st - Bake Sale for Dinwiddie Mission Trip

May 21st - YM "Don't Sweat the Break Ups" breaking up is hard to do, especially as a teen. A look at the impact of relationships in our lives.

June 4th - FIELD TRIP TO CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY

11:00 AM Mass, lunch in the Café and a tour of the theater "Youth Center"

CCASTA Community Yard Sale

Get rid of the junk, the not-so-valuable valuables, clothes, toys, & stuff!

Saturday, June 3, 2023 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Reserve your space at GREEN VALLEY MARKET parking Lot by May 21st
One space \$25.00, two for \$35.00

Register your table at www.ccasta.org/yard-sale

Proceeds to benefit our youth mission trips. Contact Bob@ccasta.org



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NEXT PICKUP

DATES
Saturdays,
May 20th
and
June 24th



May Devotions



Recitation of the Holy Rosary

Please Join Us at 7:00 PM

May 4th – Ascension Church May 11th – St. Augustine Church May 18th – Ascension May 25th – St. Augustine

> Honor our Blessed Mother during the month of May





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Join us for a Connect Coffee!
Wednesday, May 17 9:30 -11 am
OR
Wednesday, May 31 7-8:30 pm
Both at Ascension Office Basement Conference Room
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Contact Cathy to RSVP or for more info: cathycarlin@icloud.com / 443-790-4917



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CCASTA Gen Now YOUTH MINISTRY PRESENTS

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EVENT: 4:30 - 6:30 PM.

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RSVP EARLY AS SPACE IS LIMITED!

BREWER HALL

Register your performance by May 21st with Bob at youthministry@ccasta.org
All presentations must use appropriate language!

NOT JUST FOR TEENS - kids, adults, families welcome!

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Poor Box: \$576.35

Faith Direct: To be updated





Mass Attendance 1,260



CELEBRANT TIME INTENTION

<u>ASCENSION</u>
Sat. May 13 th
Fr. Dale Picarella4:00 PMSheila Wenck
Sun. May 14 th
Fr. Bill Spacek Mark Wheeley - Intentions
Fr. Bill Spacek *DTA10:30 AM*Mother's Day Novena
* May Procession after the 10:30 am Mass
Tues. May 16 th 9:00 AMMother's Day Novena
Thurs. May 18 th 9:00 AMMother's Day Novena
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Fr. Marty Hammond5:00 PMLeo Neault
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Sun. May 14 th
Fr. Marty Hammond7:30 AMThomas B. O'Neill
Fr. Dale PicarellaWilliam Rowan
Fr. Dale PicarellaLisa Wilson
Fr. Dale PicarellaParishioners
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Mon. May 15 th 7:00 AMMother's Day Novena

Sat. May 20th

Fr. Marty Hammond5:00 PM.....Lucia Canonico

Sun. May 21st

Fr. Bill Spacek7:30 AM.....Francesco Nista

Fr. Dale PicarellaParishioners

Fr. Bill Spacek10:30 AM*.....Stephanie Neville

* May Procession after the 10:30 am Mass

Fr. Dale PicarellaMother's Day Novena

^{**} Masses will continue to be live streamed: Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays at 7:00 AM, Tuesdays & Thursdays at 9:00 AM, and Sundays at 10:30 AM with Fr. Dale Picarella.

Log on to ccasta.org/live-mass to view these Masses.

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Sunday: 8:15 AM

and 10:30 AM

Tues. & Thurs 9:00 AM

Holy Days

12:00 Noon & 7:00 PM

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Saturdays: 3:15 PM

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Reconciliation

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