



THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF
Ascension & St. Augustine



Baptism in the Holy Spirit

“To share baptism in the Holy Spirit with everyone in the Church. It is the grace you have received. Share it! Don’t keep it to yourselves!” (Pope Francis to CHARIS and the whole Charismatic Renewal, 8th June 2019).

What is the baptism in the Holy Spirit? Is it a sacrament? No! Baptism in the Holy Spirit is related to the sacraments of initiation: baptism, confirmation and eucharist.

*“The baptism in the Spirit has turned out to be a simple and powerful means to renew the life of millions of believers in almost all Christian Churches.” Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa O.F.M.Cap.
– First Lenten Sermon at the Pontifical House 2021*

The phrase ‘Baptism in the Spirit’ comes from Jesus himself. On referring to the approaching Pentecost, before ascending to heaven, he said to his apostles: ‘John baptized with water, but in a few days, you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ (Acts 1:5) It is a renewal, a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit, with fresh awareness not only of Baptism and Confirmation, but also of the entire Christian life, of the sacrament of marriage for married people, of their ordination for priests, of their religious profession for consecrated people. A person prepares for the baptism in the Spirit by participating in instruction meetings where they can come into living and joyful contact with the main truths and realities of faith: God’s love, sin, salvation, the new life and transformation in Christ, charisms, the fruits of the Spirit. The most frequent important fruit is

the discovery of what it means to have a personal relationship with Jesus risen and alive. In the Catholic understanding, the Baptism in the Spirit is not the end of a journey, but a starting point to mature as Christians and as committed members of the Church. *“The secret is to say, ‘Come, Holy Spirit’, with your whole heart, knowing that such an invitation will not remain unheard. To say it with an ‘expectant faith’ leaving the Spirit free to come in the way and with the manifestations he decides, not in the way we think he should come and manifest himself.” (Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa)*

Begin with an earnest desire for more of God’s love, presence, and strength in our life: *“Come, Holy Spirit.”*

-Fr. Dale

Congratulations! Awards & New Members!



L-R: Grand Knight, Paul Peyla; new Knight, Jeremy Haas; new Knight, Brendan Wolf; District Warden, Nathaniel Tablante; District Deputy, Frank Attard.

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“Receive, live, and share Christ!” - from the

Liturgical Calendar

May 22nd

St. Rita of Cascia
Religious

May 25th

St. Bede the
Venerable - Priest
and Doctor of the
Church

St. Gregory VII -
Pope

St. Mary Magdalene
de' Pazzi - Virgin

May 26th

St. Philip Neri- Priest

May 27th

St. Augustine of
Canterbury - Bishop



Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament

Ascension

*Friday, June 2nd
Monday, June 19th
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!

At the Maryland State Convention of the Knights of Columbus on Saturday, May 6th, Grand Knight Paul Peyla had the distinct privilege of accepting several awards on behalf of the CCASTA St. John Neumann Council. They won the following awards (based on council size.)

1st Place - Special Needs Program (Tootsie Roll Drive)

1st Place - Community Activities

1st Place - Family Activities

3rd Place - Life Activities

3rd Place - Highest Total Increase in Council Growth

3rd Place - General Excellence Award - for performance across all Faith in Action Programs (Faith, Family, Community, and Life) and recognition of our Council's participation in the Faith in Action Program

These awards are an indicator of how much love our Council is pouring into our parish, families, and community. We could not have received this recognition without the support of our pastor and parishioners, and we are grateful for them.



May Devotion

Honor our Blessed Mother at our last

Recitation of the Holy Hosary

Thursday, May 25th

St. Augustine Church at 7:00 PM

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:

Brenda Whitts, Dennis McMenamen, Scott Reimer, Kelly Markov, Maria McAuliffe, Linda Alexandroff, Ron Thomas, Michele Vollmerhausen, 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, especially

Martin Ciepiela

May he rest in peace with the Risen Lord Jesus!



Embrace Grace Baby Shower



Our sincere thanks to everyone who helped make our Embrace Grace Baby Shower a success with your prayers, gifts, food, decorating skills, and love poured out on our beautiful moms. You have made a difference in the lives of these families.

We could not have done this without you!

Thank you!!



**TUESDAY EVENING
ROSARY**

Every Tuesday at
8:15 PM on Zoom.
For ZOOM link and
codes, contact Bernie
Taylor (443) 896-4910
or
berniecocotaylor57@
gmail.com

Don't use Zoom?
Not a problem!
You can call on your
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 31st 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Basement Conference Room – Ascension Office



For more information or to RSVP cathycarlin@icloud.com or 443-790-4917

New sessions start in September

Congratulations to Jacob Lawrence

On Sunday, May 7, 2023, the CCASTA Sodality has presented its 1st annual *Faithful Service Award* to **Jacob Lawrence** for his many years of service as an altar server. He will be leaving this fall to attend college. Jacob was presented with a certificate and \$100. We thank him for his dedication.

CLOTHING DRIVE

The St. Vincent de Paul Ministry is holding a gently-used-clothing distribution event on Saturday, June 3rd beginning at 10:00 am at Ducketts Lane Elementary. We ask that you drop off your "gently used" clothing and shoes for children and adults in the bin on the St. John Neumann porch from May 21st - June 2nd. Parishioners are also invited to purchase new underwear (child and adult sizes) diapers (all sizes), wipes, and laundry detergent.

Additionally we need Spanish-speaking volunteers. If you are interested in helping, please contact Dawn Weglein at 410-796-0972 dweglein@esfcu.org. *Thank you in advance!*

SUMMER SERVICE WEEKS DRIVER/CHAPERONES NEEDED

July 24-28 & August 7-11

VIRTUS and Driving Record cleared

We will assist with getting these items done.

Two adults per vehicle needed.

Contact bob@ccasta.org for more information.

Deadline is June 12th

Congratulations and blessings to the children who received Jesus in the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time on May 13th & 14th.

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

Delilah Bartlett

David Borsh

Nicholas Feehely

Kali Mata

Ella Sisson

Michael Schmidt

William Schmidt



Our Daily Bread
Casserole
Collections

Combined
Ascension &
St. Augustine
collection.

Please deliver your casseroles to the St. Augustine campus back parking lot the last Saturday of each month between 9:00 AM & 10:00 AM.

If you have any questions, please contact
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NEXT PICKUP
DATES
Saturdays,
June 24th
and
July 29th

CCASTA GEN NOW YOUTH MINISTRY PRESENTS A FAMILY-FRIENDLY EVENT



IT'S OPEN MIC NIGHT!

Saturday, June 10th in Brewer Hall from 4:30 - 6:30 PM

This event is free, concessions will be available for purchase. Register your performance of music, poetry, comedy or other by May 21st.

Email youthministry@ccasta.org



CCASTA GEN NOW YOUTH MINISTRY

Brewer Hall 4:45 pm - 6:00 pm

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 postponed and changed to Gen Now Youth Ministry meeting, "VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME."

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

Today, May 21st is the last day to reserve your space at GREEN VALLEY MARKET parking Lot

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

Catholic Community of Ascension and St. Augustine
Celebrates the
Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
with our Enthronement Renewal



**You are invited to join Father Dale in
Celebrating the Feast of the Sacred Heart**

Friday, June 16
Ascension Church
1527 Potomac Avenue, Halethorpe, MD
6:50 PM Enthronement Renewal
7:00 PM Mass

CCASTA PRESENTS

PENTECOST FESTIVAL OF PRAISE

FRIDAY, JUNE 2ND

SAINT AUGUSTINE

5976 OLD WASHINGTON ROAD
ELKRIDGE, MD 21075

Join us for an evening of dynamic worship
before the Blessed Sacrament beginning at
7PM

ADORATION | PRAISE | WORSHIP

Mass Celebrants & Intentions

Stewardship & Finances

May
13th - 14th

Offertory:
\$5,933.00

Offertory Loose:
\$4,319.00

Online Giving:
(May 8th - May 14th)
\$2,068.64

Poor Box:
\$577.24

Faith Direct:
\$16,333.84



Mass
Attendance
1,396



CELEBRANT

TIME

INTENTION

ASCENSION

Sat. May 20th

Fr. Dale Picarella4:00 PM.....Mother's Day Novena

Sun. May 21st

Fr. Marty Hammond8:15 AM..... Ann Logan Finnerty

Fr. Dale Picarella10:30 AM.....Mother's Day Novena

Tues. May 23rd

.....9:00 AM.....Giacomo & Guiseppena Restivo

Thurs. May 25th

.....9:00 AM.....Mrs. Ann Merges

Sat. May 27th

Fr. Dale Picarella4:00 PM.....Francis X. Hammett

Sun. May 28th

Fr. Bill Spacek8:15 AM.....The Vogl Family: Mary, Albert,
& Michael - Deceased; Albert J. Vogl - Intentions

Fr. Bill Spacek10:30 AM.....David Sutliff

ST. AUGUSTINE

Sat. May 20th

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

Sun. May 21st

Fr. Bill Spacek7:30 AM.....Mother's Day Novena

Fr. Dale Picarella9:00 AM.....Parishioners

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

* *May Procession after the 10:30 am Mass*

Fr. Dale Picarella12:15 PM.....Mother's Day Novena

Mon. May 22nd

.....7:00 AM.....Mother's Day Novena

Wed. May 24th

.....7:00 AM.....Irene Fabian

Fri. May 26th

.....7:00 AM.....Shirley Lauer

Sat. May 27th

Fr. Marty Hammond5:00 PM.....Tyler Martin

Sun. May 28th

Fr. Marty Hammond7:30 AM.....Elizabeth M. Gerstung

Fr. Dale Picarella9:00 AM.....William Rowan

Fr. Dale Picarella10:30 AM.....Margaret Pirozzoli

Fr. Dale Picarella12:15 PM.....Parishioners

** 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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MASSES

Saturday: 4:00 PM
Sunday: 8:15 AM
and 10:30 AM
Tues. & Thurs 9:00 AM

Holy Days

12:00 Noon & 7:00 PM

Reconciliation

Saturdays: 3:15 PM

St. Augustine Church

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Mass Schedule: ext. 4
Holy Day Masses: ext. 5

MASSES

Saturdays: 5:00 PM
Sundays: 7:30 AM
9:00 AM, 10:30 AM
and 12:15 PM
Mon, Wed, Fri: 7:00 AM

Holy Days

Vigil: 7:00 PM
6:30 AM

Reconciliation

Saturday at 4:15 PM

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