

The Ascension of the Lord (7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter - C)     June 1/2, 2019  
**JUNE – Month of the Sacred Heart**

**FIRST READING** (Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11) The opening verses of Acts of the Apostles offers details of the teaching of Jesus about the sending of the Spirit. Even at this moment, the disciples are still fixed on the centrality of Israel. The expansion of their mission is documented in detail throughout the book. This is followed by the story of the Ascension and the detail of the angels is evocative of Luke’s Resurrection narrative.

In his introduction to the second volume of his work, Luke again begins by addressing the man who sponsored his work. He then picks up where his Gospel account left off, only with a slightly different chronology concerning Jesus’s return to the heavenly realm. In Acts of the Apostles, this takes place after “forty days,” that Biblically significant number. His point: the Apostles experienced the presence of the Risen Christ with them over an extended period of time. His parting words to them: “wait” for the promised Holy Spirit; later described as “power” (the Greek word is *dynami*s). The Holy Spirit is the “power” they will need to be his witnesses, not only to the Jews, but to the Gentiles as well.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** (Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9) Returning to heaven, Jesus is enthroned at the right hand of his heavenly Father. Today’s Psalm breaks forth in a joyful hymn of praise. This hymn of praise celebrates God’s enthronement. At its center is the belief that God is king. It may have been used in a rite in the Temple in which the ark was carried and then placed within the Temple. The language evokes the language of the Feast of Tabernacles.

**SECOND READING** (Ephesians 1:17-23 or Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23) The Letter to the Hebrews speaks of Jesus’s passage through death into life and his return to the heavenly realm as his entrance, as supreme high priest, into the heavenly tabernacle. Throughout the letter, Hebrews develops the theme of Jesus’s sacrificial offering of himself and, indeed far surpassing, the priesthood and sacrificial rites of the Law of Moses. Jesus’s self-sacrifice is a once-and-for-all sacrifice. What this means for us is confidence and hope, a point especially emphasized in the second part of the reading. We can and should be confident: Christ has opened the way for us.

Note that the Second Reading from Year A may also be used today. Saint Paul prays that the Christian community at Ephesus may receive “a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge” (Ephesians 1:17). Knowledge and understanding will lead to hope in Christ, who has been raised and now sits at the Father’s right hand. Christ has ascended but is still very present to them. As St. Paul emphasizes, the Church herself is “the fullness of the one who fill all things” (Ephesians 1:23). The kind of knowledge of God of which Paul speaks is not some sort of abstract or philosophical knowledge. Rather, it is knowledge of the person of Jesus Christ through whom God is revealed. The entire passage witnesses to the fact that it is God who is revealed in Christ and to whom Christ has returned in glory. As in the psalm, we encounter the theme of enthronement.

**GOSPEL** (Luke 24:46-53) The Gospel according to Luke closes with the appearance of Jesus. He reiterates the instructions that they have been given to preach his message. He promises them the Spirit, which will give them “power from on high.” The final scene is that of the Lord’s Ascension. This will be the first scene of the Acts of the Apostles. Note that they return to Jerusalem, the city from which they fled crestfallen. This will be the place where the first major Christian community develops.



**Readings: 7<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter**

Su	6/2	Acts 7:55-60 • Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9 • Rev 22:12-14, 16-17, 20 • John 17:20-26
M	6/3	Acts 19:1-8 • Ps 68:2-7 • John 16:29-33
Tu	6/4	Acts 20:17-27 • Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 • John 17:1-11
W	6/5	Acts 20:28-38 • Ps 68:29-30, 33-36 • John 17:11-19
Th	6/6	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 • Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11 • John 17:20-26
F	6/7	Acts 25:13-21 • Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-206 • John 21:15-19
Sa	6/8	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 • Ps 11:4-5, 7 • John 21:20-25

**Anniversaries June 2<sup>nd</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>**

6/3 Maurice & Virginia Mears, Marge & Gerald Pinkowski  
6/5 Greg & Mimi Cherry  
6/8 Peter & Andrea Francowiak

**Birthdays June 2<sup>nd</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>**

6/2 Scott Luckenbaugh  
6/3 Sarah Alley, Dan Freidhof  
6/4 Antonio Rodriguez Garces  
6/5 Ciria Martinez, Steve Pugh  
6/7 Sally Orr  
6/10 Jesus Benitez, Owen Bona, Brittany Price  
6/11 Tammy Hughes, Nancy Morales

**FOOD DRIVE for Matthew 25:40**

Help fill Matthew’s Food Pantry!!!  
Place donations in the grocery buggy  
in the foyer.

**SHARE WHAT YOU CAN**

**Pope Francis’ Monthly Prayer Intention**

Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to answer the Holy Father’s request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention each month. Only one intention is offered per month, whether universal or related to evangelization.

**June**

**Evangelization – Priests**

That priests, through the modesty and humility of their lives, commit themselves actively to a solidarity with those who are the most poor.

**Funerals**

When planning a funeral for a loved one, please call the pastor before making any arrangements with the funeral home regarding the date and time of visitation, the funeral Mass or service at the funeral home.

**Hospitality Committee**

Holy Angels will provide a funeral luncheon if the family of the deceased requests one. The Hospitality Committee consists of several women from the parish who volunteer to host the luncheons. Someone from the committee will be calling on you for food and help when the need arises.

# HOLY ANGELS CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Rev. Patrick Hirtz*

**JUNE**  
**Month of the Sacred Heart**

*“God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.”  
–Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9*



**June 2, 2019 — The Ascension of the Lord (7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter - C)**

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**Office Hours >>>**

M/W/Th 8:00am – 5:00pm  
Friday 8:00am – 3:00pm  
Office Closed on Tuesdays

**Parish Staff >>>**

**Pastor**  
Rev. Patrick Hirtz  
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**Deacon**  
Rev. Mr. William Winston (Deacon Bill)  
Coordinator of Social Ministries

**Office Manager**  
Pete Hinkel

**Administrative Assistant**  
Cathi Cychol Shea

**Music Director**  
Sarah Jean

**Nursery**  
Therese Cohen

**Maintenance**  
Richard Spence

**Parish Religious Education (PRE)**  
Carrie Beld, Director (cell: 731-882-9151)  
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Office Hours: Sunday 8:45a.m.--10:45 a.m.

**Youth Group Minister**  
Sarah Alley

**Mission Statement**

Holy Angels is a Catholic community of faith joining past, present, and future members on a journey with Christ to the Father. Through worship, stewardship, evangelization, and works of charity, we strive to more perfectly image God, who is love.

**Mass Schedule**

**Sat Vigil: 5:00pm**

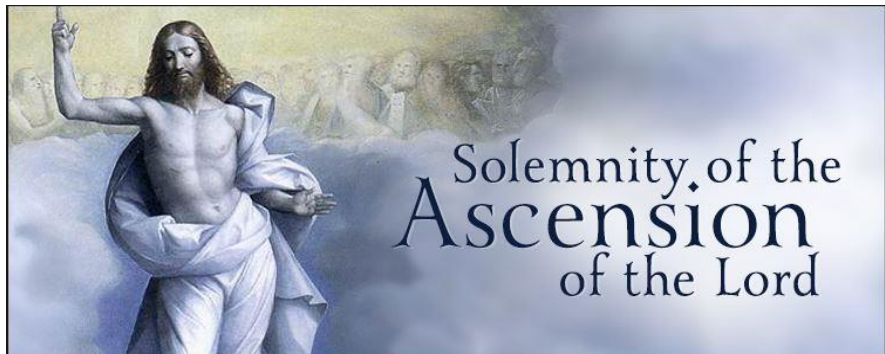
**Sun: 8:00am & 10:45am**

**Daily Mass: M, W, F at 12 noon; Th at 9:00am**

**First Saturday ONLY is at 8:00am**

**(Holydays: See special announcement in bulletin)**

**Penance - Sat: 4:00-4:30pm; Sun: Between Masses by appointment**



He was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight  
(Acts: 1-9)

We welcome any visitors, including those who may not be of our Catholic faith. We pray that our celebration of the sacred liturgy today was a meaningful one for you. If you are a new member in the parish, complete a census form and return it to the church office. Census forms can be found in the foyer. To date we have 226 families and 664 members.



MASS INTENTIONS: Week of June 2<sup>nd</sup> – June 8<sup>th</sup>

Sanctuary Candle  
Bread & Wine  
Flowers

6/1	Sa	8:00am 5:00pm	<b>First Saturday</b> Repose of the soul of Bernard Carmer Repose of the soul of Benny Moore by Sue Ann Cloar
6/2	Su	8:00am 10:45am	<b>THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD</b> (from 5/30/19) Repose of the soul of John McGrail by the McGrail Family People of Holy Angels, living and deceased
6/3	M	12 Noon	In honor of Sarah Alley by Dot Alley (Bday)
6/5	W	12 Noon	Special Intentions of Joan Fisher by Donna Emery
6/6	Th	9:00am	Health Intentions of Frances Zabruskas by Dot Alley
6/7	F	12 Noon	First Friday Honor of Mary Case by Dot Alley (Bday)


MEETINGS & SCHEDULED EVENTS

6/5	W	7:00pm	Hispanic Retreat Planning Meeting
6/7	F	12 noon	First Friday Mass/Devotion
6/12	W	7:30-8:30pm	Exposition ending w/ OLPH Novena & Benediction
6/16	Su		Father’s Day LifeBeat Baby Bottle Campaign ends
6/23	Su	6:00pm	Knights of Columbus meeting in the Conference Room

**June is the Month of the Sacred Heart** On the Friday following the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (June 23<sup>rd</sup>), we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (June 28<sup>th</sup>). Because this solemnity usually falls in June, this month is also known as the “Month of the Sacred Heart.” Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is all about pondering Christ’s love and meditating on Christ’s suffering.

**Our Deepest Sympathy** We would like to express our sincere condolences to CeLina Craig Sumara on the passing of her mother. Shirley Marbury Lemons, 82 of Gates, Tennessee passed away Saturday, May 25, 2019 at Baptist Hospital Memphis. May she know the comfort of the Lord. Services were held at the First Baptist Church in Ripley, Tennessee.

**Parish Prayer List** Please add Alison Hansborough Isom (friend of Sue Ann Cloar) to your prayer list.

**2019 GRADUATING SENIORS**

**Abbey Alley** – Graduating with honors from Dyersburg High School as a Trojan Scholar and Tennessee Scholar; a Gold Cord Summa Cum Laude (4.0) and member of Beta and Trojan Torch; plans to attend Rhodes College in Memphis to study education and choir.

**Reed Bona** – Graduating from Dyersburg High School; plans to attend Monmouth College in Illinois and major in business with a minor in music. Signed as member of the Track Team. Received Deans and Leadership Scholarship, Music Scholarship, Stockdale Fellows, SOFIA Honors Program.

**William Huthance Dedman** – Graduating from Dyersburg Highschool; plans to attend the University of Mississippi in Oxford where he will be majoring in political science.

**Cloe West** – Graduating from Jackson State as a PTA; plans on taking her state board exams in July 2019.

**Anay Portillo** – Graduating with honors from the University of Memphis with a Bachelor of Science in Education. She is looking forward to completing her Master’s Degree in January 2020. Anay is currently engaged to Jonathan Williamson.

Collection Report for 05/26/19		
Reg Coll		\$1,509.27
Online donations		\$425.00
Total Reg Collection		\$1,934.27
<b>Budget</b>	<b>\$3,516.00</b>	<b>-\$1,581.73</b>
Reg Disbursements		\$5,315.04
Votive Candle		\$36.00
Father's Day		\$130.00
Thanksgiving		\$7.00
PRE Tuidion		\$40.00
PRE Scholarship		\$7.00
B/M Collection		\$0.00
B/M Disbursements		\$0.00

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collections for June**  
6/2 Building Maintenance  
6/2 Catholic Communications Campaign  
6/30 Peter’s Pence

**2019-2020 PRE Registration**  
  
Get your children registered for the  
2019-2020 school year  
**BEFORE** the final registration deadline  
on Sunday, July 21, 2019.  
Tuition is \$40 for the first child  
and \$10 for each remaining child.

**Attendance**  
**(226 families / 664 parishioners)**  
5/26 94-35-79..... 208

**Alb Care Volunteers**  
June – Cathy Bona  
**Altar Linen Care Volunteers**  
June – Carri Stegeman

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

**Men of Holy Angels...**  
Have you thought about becoming a brother in the Knights of Columbus? Want to learn more about the Knights? Visit our web page [www.holyangelscc.com](http://www.holyangelscc.com) and learn more. You can even join online!

**Why wait... Do it today!!!**

**MEETING**  
Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00pm in the Conference Room

**The Ascension of the Lord** The distinct celebration of the Ascension of the Lord was unknown in the first three and a half centuries. The chronology of dating the Ascension to forty days after Lent exists only in the Acts of the Apostles. In the Gospel according to Luke, the Ascension appears to have taken place much earlier, even on Easter Day. The original ending to Mark’s account of the Gospel did not include the Ascension at all and it can only be inferred from Matthew’s conclusion. When fourth-century Egeria mentions a celebration forty days after Easter in Bethlehem, it may have been for the Holy Innocents. But by the fifth century the observance seems to be universally accepted.

Being clothed with power from on high foretells the coming of the Holy Spirit to fill the disciples with power to proclaim the Gospel at Pentecost. The image of being clothed also evokes a new start and a new look, a new way of being perceived. As the Holy Spirit filled the disciples, they seemed remarkably different to the people around them. Their divine mission shone through them and they matured in their identity as Christians to take charge of their evangelizing mission. As Jesus ascends to heaven, the disciples are filled with joy in anticipation of this heavenly gift.

Every Mass ends with our being sent forth on a mission. Help your child listen for this sending forth. What words are used? How can we live out this mission? Discuss how that liturgy prepares us for this important undertaking. Talk about how we’re fed, body and soul, on the Word and how the Eucharist strengthens us for this task. Do we burst forth from our spiritual revival at Mass, on fire with desire to spread the Good News and prepare for Christ’s return? Can everyone see that we’re on a mission?

**June 2 — Catholic Communication Campaign** The Catholic Communications Campaign (CCC) follows the Holy Father’s direction that we make good use of our digital presence in the world by making it easy to access the important ideas of the Catholic faith online and through television, radio and print media. Please be generous in this week’s collection and support this important work. Remember that half of your donation stays in our diocese to support our communication needs.

**Father’s Day Remembrance Envelope & Spiritual Bouquet Card** Remember to submit your Father’s Day Envelope listing your father and any other significant man who has enlivened your heart and soul so it will be on the altar for Father’s Day, Sunday, June 16th. By submitting your envelope, you will provide them with the priceless gift of prayer for their particular needs. You will be asking God to shower his love and blessing on them and to strengthen them and reward them for their love and care for you. The envelopes will be on the altar the entire month of June.

**LifeBeat Baby Bottle Campaign** The 2019 campaign began on Mother’s Day, Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup> and runs through Father’s Day, Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is asked to take a baby bottle and pray for the baby's first name on the bottle and fill the bottle up with money for LifeBeat. All bottles will be taken up on Father's Day and given back to LifeBeat. It is a two-fold blessing: our babies and their families will be prayed for and money will be collected to help us reach out to more clients.

**RUMMAGE SALE**

**Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> from 7:00am to 2:00pm**  
The hallway classroom doors are open for you to drop off your donations!

**PRE Teacher Needed** We are looking for a 7<sup>th</sup> grade PRE teacher for the 2019-2020 school year; if interested, please see Carrie Beld for further information.

**SACRAMENTS**  
**Baptism** - A preparation class is required of the parents requesting Baptism for their first child. Parents and godparents are encouraged to attend the class before the baby’s birth.  
**Confirmation** - Confirmation is celebrated in the spring with students who are at least in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade and have completed the requirements for the preparation process in our PRE program.  
**Matrimony** - Couples planning to marry should contact the Pastor at least 5 months prior to the proposed date so all parish and diocesan requirements may be completed.  
**Holy Orders** - If you feel called to a vocation in the priesthood or religious life, please contact the pastor.  
**Anointing of the Sick** - If you wish to receive this sacrament, contact the pastor. If there is an emergency situation, an immediate family member should contact the pastor.

**Nursery**  
The nursery is located in the classroom next to the kitchen in the parish hall. The nursery is open to children birth to 4 years.

**Notify the Parish of a Seriously Ill Family Member**  
If a family member has been admitted to the hospital or is ill at home and wants it to be announced at the Masses so our parish community can pray for their intentions, please contact the parish office and let us know. We will only do this with the permission of the sick person or a member of his/her family.

**Bulletin Announcement Deadline**  
Announcements for the bulletin must be received in writing by 12 noon on Monday to be printed in the following Sunday’s bulletin.

The Catholic Diocese of Memphis in Tennessee encourages all victims, or parents of minors who are victims of sexual abuse by a bishop, priest, deacon or diocesan employee or agent, to report such abuse by phoning any of the following numbers:  
**Tennessee Child Abuse Hotline**  
1-877-237-0004  
**Victim Assistance Coordinator**  
901-652-4066  
**Dir. of Child and Youth Protection**  
901-359-2027  
All reports will be treated in a confidential manner. The Diocese of Memphis offers a program of psychological and spiritual assistance to abused victims in need.  
(2/14/2019)

**FORMED** – To sign up FREE of charge as a parishioner of Holy Angels Church, go to [www.holyangelscc.formed.org](http://www.holyangelscc.formed.org), click on the “REGISTER NOW” button and establish an account. After doing so, you’ll have access to a wealth of material to grow in your faith. Please take advantage of this opportunity to benefit yourselves and others.