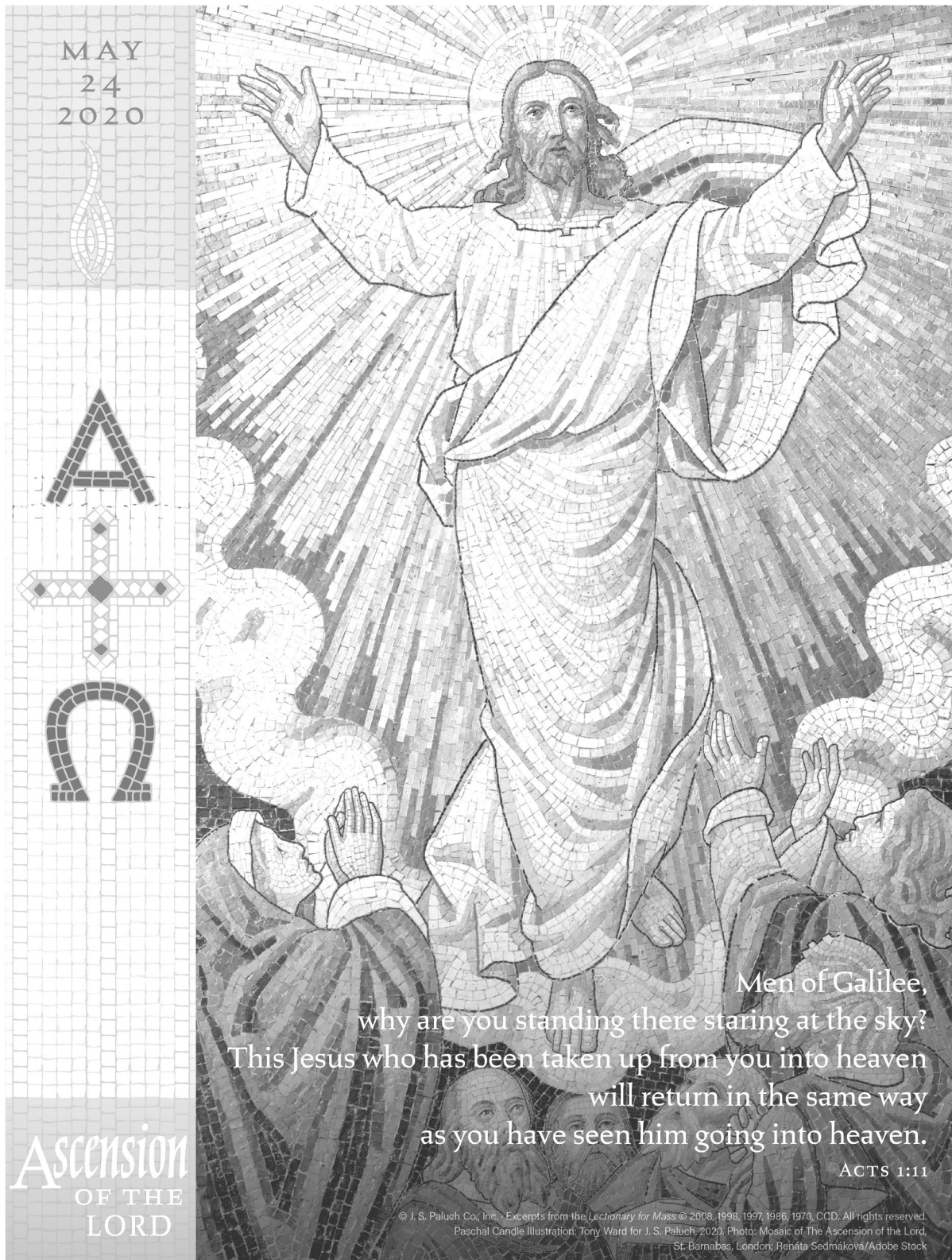


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## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

MAY 24, 2020

Join us for SUNDAY MASS, now steaming live on Youtube, each Sunday at 10:30 AM.

The link can be found on our Parish website:  
[www.stjosephparishfamily.com](http://www.stjosephparishfamily.com)

### Mass Intentions



<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>May 23</b>
5:00 PM	Betty Gaynor
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>May 24</b>
8:00 AM	Jean and Jerome McHale
10:30 AM	Catherine and John Zemanovich
12:00 PM	Rosa Faretra
1:30 PM	Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>May 25</b>
8:00 AM	Souls in purgatory
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>May 26</b>
8:00 AM	Msgr. Donald Endebrock
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>May 27</b>
8:00 AM	Fred and Ruth Gasior
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>May 28</b>
8:00 AM	Vocations to the Priesthood
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>May 29</b>
8:00 AM	Sanctity of all human life
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>May 30</b>
8:30 AM	Sr. Maria Tamayo
5:00 PM	George Sabol
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>May 31</b>
8:00 AM	John Pogorzelski
10:30 AM	Rev. Wilfred Yeo
12:00 PM	Hedwig Moscaritolo
1:30 PM	Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish

Though these Masses will not be said publicly, our Priests will say them privately for the individual intentions.

*"For everything there is a season and  
a time for every purpose under heaven. . ."*

*a time to heal...* for the sick of our Parish and especially for Anthony LaMotta, Joseph Sabol, William Lenahan, Charles Alongi, Angelina Virola, Rachel Rustemeyer

### CANDLE INTENTION

FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 24 - 30

The Saint Joseph Church Sanctuary Lamp burns in loving memory of *Virginia Taglieri*; requested by her Family.



### He Ascended into Heaven and is Seated at the Right Hand of the Father

*As Your disciples gazed at the sky watching Your departure, Lord Jesus, we lift our eyes to Heaven awaiting Your return. From Your throne, seated at the right hand of Your Father in glory, plead for our forgiveness; draw our hearts ever closer to You; and hasten the day when You will bring us at last to the glorious place You are preparing for us in Heaven. We ask this in Your name for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, through all eternity. Amen.*

### Human Life Exalted



Jesus prayed on the night before He died, "Father, give Me the glory I had with You before the world began." How is the glory He has in the Ascension different from the glory He had "before the world began?" It differs only in that now, He has it in a human nature. Our humanity has been taken to the heights of Heaven, fulfilling the destiny God intended for human life from the beginning. Revelation 3:21 declares, "To the one who gains the victory, I will give the right to sit with Me on My throne." God's plan for us is not just that we will gather around the throne or fall down before the throne, but that we will sit with Him on the throne! ... The human nature Jesus brings to glory in the Ascension is the same human nature you and I share, and the same human nature that the babies in the womb share. Celebrating the Ascension in daily life means treating each human life as one destined to sit with Christ on His throne. **-Priests For Life**

*Father and Maker of All, You adorn all creation with splendor and beauty, and fashion human lives in Your image and likeness. Awaken in every heart reverence for the work of Your hands, and renew among Your people a readiness to nurture and sustain Your precious gift of life. Amen.*

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## SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading - Acts 1:1-11

Second Reading - Ephesians 1:17-23

Gospel - Matthew 28:16-20

### He is with Us Always

Today we recall Christ's ascension to His Father in Heaven. Before He left, He promised His disciples that He would be with them always. Indeed, the Lord is with us when we gather in His name, as we listen to the word of God, and as the bread and wine are consecrated. Let us celebrate the assurance that Christ is with us always, now and until the end of time.

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## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33

**Tuesday:** Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a

**Wednesday:** Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19

**Thursday:** Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26

**Friday:** Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19

**Saturday:** Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25

**Sunday:** Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13;  
Jn 20:19-23



### SACRIFICIAL GIVING

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### WEEKLY OFFERING

**May 17, 2020**      \$3117      \$5226 (2019)

*As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace.*

**-1Peter 4:10**

## PRAY AND FAST FOR VOCATIONS

*Father, You call each one of us by name and ask us to follow You. Bless Your Church by raising up dedicated leaders from our families and friends who will serve Your people as Sisters, Priests, Brothers, Deacons, and Lay Ministers. Inspire us as we grow to know You, and open our hearts to hear Your call. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.*

## MEMORIAL DAY

**Monday, May, 25**



*Heavenly Father, on this Memorial Day, we pray for those who courageously laid down their lives for the cause of freedom. May the example of their sacrifice inspire in us the selfless love of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Bless the families of our fallen troops, and fill their homes and their lives with Your strength and peace. In union with people of goodwill of every nation, embolden us to answer the call to work for peace and justice, and thus, seek an end to violence and conflict around the globe.*

*We remember also our brave men and women now serving in our Armed Forces, both at home and abroad. Dear God, send out Your angels to protect them. Help them discharge their duties honorably and well. Please bring them safely home, and bring Your peace and mercy to our troubled world. Amen.*

**Remember in your prayers the members of our Armed Services, especially:** Taylor Setar, daughter of Greg and Terry Setar; Thomas Rapp, grandson of Jeanette Miller; Justin Lurker, grandson of Helen Lurker; Robert Michnowicz, nephew of Helen Lurker; Justin Molarz, grandson of Susan Molarz; Andrew Weaver, grandson of Joanne Halkovich; Darren T. Dreboty, son-in-law of Jacqueline Eak; James Molnar, grandson of Alice Benson; Elizabeth Brito and Lisa Marie Brito, daughters of Ivette Brito; Raymond Torres, son of Deacon and Mrs. Ramon Torres; Laura Roe, daughter of Louis and Maria Pena.

## ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

**Register now for the 2020-2021 School Year!**

**To learn more about enrolling your Student in St. Joseph School, visit [www.sjps.net](http://www.sjps.net) or call 732-541-7111.**

## OUR PREP PROGRAM NEEDS YOUR HELP!

As we prepare for upcoming changes (starting September 2020) in our PREP, we ask that you please consider helping. There is a great need for Catechists, Classroom Aides, and Substitute Catechists. For information, call the PREP Office at 732-969-8767.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The celebration of Fr. McGuffey's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to the Priesthood has been postponed until August, at the earliest. Once Father is able to reschedule the celebration, he will fill you in on the details.

## RESTRICTIONS CONTINUE

For updates visit [www.diometuchen.org/coronavirus](http://www.diometuchen.org/coronavirus) or [www.stjosephparishfamily.com](http://www.stjosephparishfamily.com)



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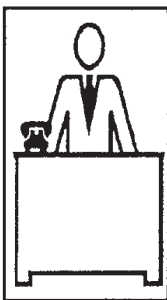
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