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Solemnity – The Ascension of Our Lord

A Festival Thought

This Easter season of joyous celebration now draws towards its close as we salute Jesus' return to the Father's glory. But what is the joy that marks this time? It is part and parcel of the journey from death to life.

About Today's Bible Readings

ACTS 1:1-11

Even as Jesus departs, he promises the sending of the Spirit. He will not leave us orphans.

Responsorial Psalm: 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

EPHESIANS 1:17-23

In Jesus' resurrection and glorification, God has tipped his hand. The power at work in Jesus is also at work in us.

LUKE 24:46-53

In returning to the Father, Jesus leaves us neither lonely nor idle. In the power of the Spirit, he commissions his church to complete the task of redemption.

ENTRANCE RITE Luke 24:51-53

V. As He blessed them He parted from them and was taken up to heaven. Alleluia.

R. They did Him homage and then returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple praising God. Alleluia.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

ALLELUIA Psalm 47:6

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. God mounts his throne amid shouts of joy; the Lord, amid trumpet blasts

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 24:46-53

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

You are witnesses of these things.

And behold I am sending the promise of my Father upon you; but stay in the city

until you are clothed with power from on high.”

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, raised his hands, and blessed them.

As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven.

They did him homage and then returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple praising God.

This is the Gospel of the Lord!

Worship Services

TODAY – May 29th
Solemnity
Ascension of Our Lord
10:00 AM – HOLY MASS

SUNDAY – June 1st
Seventh Sunday of Easter
8:00 AM – HOLY MASS
9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

SUNDAY – June 8th
Solemnity
Pentecost

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS
9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

SUNDAY – June 15th
Solemnity
Holy Trinity
“Father’s Day”

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS
9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

SUNDAY – June 22nd
Solemnity – The Body
and Blood of Christ
“Corpus Christi”

9:00 AM – HOLY MASS
ONE MASS ONLY!

Exposition of the Most Blessed
Sacrament and Festival
Procession to the four Altars
with readings.

INVITE A FRIEND

Many people say that they would attend church if invited by a close friend. Please reach out to your friends, especially those that do not regularly attend church services. Tell them about how wonderful our Parish is. Tell them about how welcoming and inclusive we can be. Always speak highly of our Parish when talking to outsiders and try to get them to be insiders.

INTENTIONS:

Our prayers are needed: For the increase in men called to the priesthood and diaconate of the Polish National Catholic Church; For the health and growth of our Parish; For all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish, our families and friends, especially Debra Caldwell, Sharon Fitzwater, Isabella Mularczyk, Edward Czechowski, Patrice Czechowski, Donna Schalata, Tom Schalata, Bill and Bernice Biroscak, Geri Piotrowski, Janet Katinowsky, Julia Urban, Sandy Pfennig, Janice Elaine Casperson, Barbara Waszk, Jackie Weinhold, Jane and John Aldershoff, Father Senior Ed Ratajack, Eileen McCoury, Janet Kelly, Laura Alfano, Scott Gaydos, Donald Barth, Kenneth Cerminara, John Freeman, Sr., Eleanor Kaczmarczyk, Mary Ann Bezek, Michael Lucas, Damon Grossman, Gwen Grossman, Lukas Grossman, Aaron Grossman, Tom Beck, Jeannine Dresh, Violet Hart, Nancy Ziolkowski, David and Judy Wunderlich, Tammy Bolich, Berne Bloom, Marilyn Seiders, Peggy Smith and family, Todd Shaffer, Father Carmen Bolock, Frederick Smith, Judy Mawson, Amber Irving, Paul Edling, Cheryl Weinhold, Dwayne Schwarz, Joe Bezek, Bud Hoffman, John Halecky III, Leina Jean Meier, Brenda Hoffa, Teri Hettinger, Dan Chujko, John DeHart, Bob Price, Joseph Dowd and Judi Mawson. For the repose of the souls of Joe Gimont and William Kutenits. **Our Father....**

If there are any changes to this list, please let Fr. Sr. Donald know!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today, May 29th; The Book Club will meet for dinner at 6:00 PM at Mom Chaffe's Restaurant located at 148 Tulpehocken Avenue in West Reading. Dinner expenses will be the responsibility of the attendee. The next book chosen to be read was “The Prayer Box” by Lisa Wingate. This will be read over the summer with discussions picking up at the next meeting to be scheduled in September.

Sunday, June 8th; Picnic Planning Meeting after the 9:30 AM Mass. All are encouraged to attend to help plan for the Annual Picnic.

Sunday, June 22nd; Regular Monthly Meeting of the Parish Committee in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 AM.

If there are any other events not listed here, please let Fr. Sr. Donald know!

PIEROGI MAKING

The Picnic Committee has established tentative dates for pierogi-making. They continue as follows: May 30-31 (Cheese); June 20-21 (Potato) – Sauerkraut- to be determined. Sign Up Sheet for Pierogi Making is on the table in the vestibule. Please take a moment and see if you are available to help. Thank you and God bless. And thanks to all who have helped.

POLISH AMERICAN HERITAGE ASSOC. GOLF TOURNAMNET

The Polish American Heritage Assoc. will be holding their 16th annual Polish Open Golf Tournament on Saturday, June 21, 2025, at the Manor Golf Club, 153 Bran Rd., Sinking Spring. For questions, call Marilyn at 610-779-5523. Deadline for reservations is June 11, 2025. Please see the flyers on the table in the vestibule for more information.

