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JUNE 1, 2025

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily

7:00 am Church ₹

Saturday

8:30 am Church 🔋

Confession to follow

4:00 pm (vigil) Memorial Hall

Sunday

7:30 am Church
9:00 am (Family) Memorial Hall*
10:30 am Church ?
12:00 pm (Spanish) Church
5:00 pm Church



CHURCH HOURS

Monday - Friday

6:45 am - 4:00 pm

Saturday

8:00 am - 9:30 am

Sunday

7:00 am - 1:00 pm and 4:45 pm to 6:00 pm

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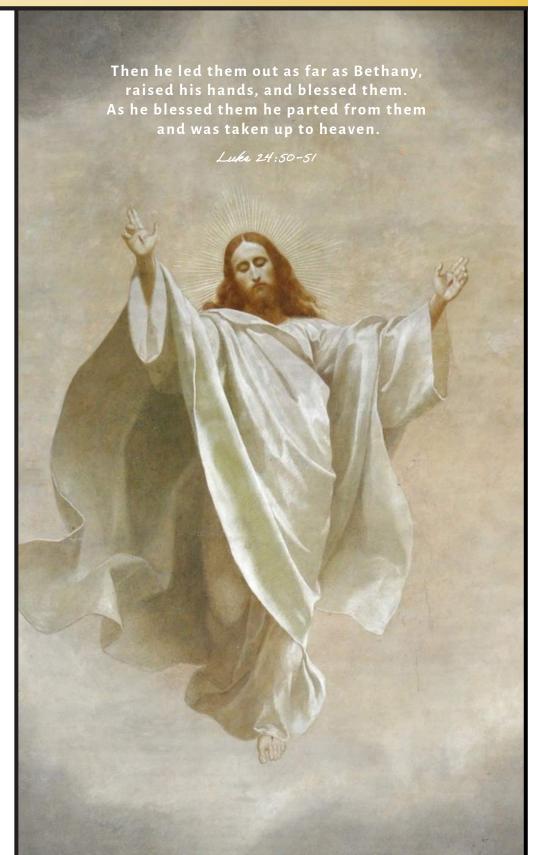
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To request a Mass intention, please visit st-teresa.org/mass-intentions.

Due to an early print deadline, recently added names may not be included.

Saturday, May 31	8:30 AM	† James Fazzari Bonnie Sheppard † Michelina Ferrandino † Elisa Carluccio † Joseph J Oakes III † Rev Msgr Peter A Cheplic † John Corra † Sister Bernadette Marie † Mary Patricia Hoherchak
	4:00 PM	† John Harrigan
Sunday, June 1	7:30 AM	† Dario Basilone
	9:00 AM	† Tom and Sophie Callaghan
	10:30 AM	† Marie Piraneo
	12:00 PM	† Robert J Meyer
	5:00 PM	† Yvette Lipari
Monday, June 2	7:00 AM	† Joseph Oakes
Tuesday, June 3	7:00 AM	† Christopher Westdyk
Wednesday, June 4	7:00 AM	† Dr Andres B Lao Jr
Thursday, June 5	7:00 AM	† Nicolina Natale
Friday, June 6	7:00 AM	† Maria Mezzacappa
Saturday, June 7	8:30 AM	† Dr Rogener Lacerna † Mrs Gail Lacerna † Lonn Mullen † Evelyn M Tolve † Patricia Votey † James P Stanek † Lorenzo Fuschetto † Alica Moore
	4:00 PM	† Joseph J Oakes III
Sunday, June 8	7:30 AM	† Dario Basilone
	9:00 AM	People of the parish
	10:30 AM	† Joanne Gristina
	12:00 PM	Daniel Solondz
	5:00 PM	† Edward T Tokar, Sr





"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." (REVELATIONS 22:13)

This is a reminder of how we should live our lives 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – putting God first in all that we do. Not only when I am at Mass and parish activities, but when I am in the world, at work, or at school. Living gratefully and generously is an intentional lifestyle. Every decision you make either moves you closer to God or farther away. Choose wisely!

"Yo soy el Alfa y la Omega, el primero y el último, el principio y el fin." (Apocalipsis 22:13)

Eso es un recordatorio de cómo debemos vivir nuestras vidas las 24 horas del dia, 7 días a la semana - poniendo a Dios en primer lugar en todo lo que hacemos. No solo cuando estamos en Misa y en las actividades parroquiales, sino cuando estoy en el mundo, en el trabajo o en la escuela. Vivir una vida agradecida y generosa es un estilo de vida intencional. Cada decisión que usted toma lo acerca más a Dios o lo aparta de Él. ¡Escoja sabiamente!



May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.



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Fr Thiago Ibiapina –

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CHRIST CALLS HIS
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COMMUNITIES AND
ENGAGE THE WORLD
with courage, humility.

with courage, humility, and love. In our time, marked by war, ecological crisis, and rapid cultural shifts, Christians are being summoned to take up a global responsibility that reflects the very heart of Jesus.

The world is fragmented, but the Gospel remains a unifying word. Jesus tells us, "Love one another as I have loved you. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples" (John 13:34–35). In this spirit, we are invited to become instruments of dialogue, especially with those of different faiths and worldviews. Interfaith dialogue is not about diluting our beliefs but about opening our hearts. It is about recognizing the image of God in every person and building bridges where walls exist. True Christian love never hides; it reaches out.

Alongside this mission of dialogue, we face the urgent cry of creation. The ecological devastation of our planet is not just a scientific concern; it is a moral and spiritual crisis. Scripture reminds us that "The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it" (Genesis 2:15). To be Christian

today is to be a
steward of creation,
to care for our typical
home with reverence
and responsibility.
Environmental action is
not a political trend; it is
discipleship in action.

We are also called to extend
Christ's healing ministry in
the face of global suffering.
Whether through pandemics,
hunger, or inadequate healthcare,

millions cry out for compassion. To

advocate for access to health care, to support the sick and vulnerable, is to touch the wounds of Christ in the poor.
We remember that Jesus healed not only to cure, but to restore

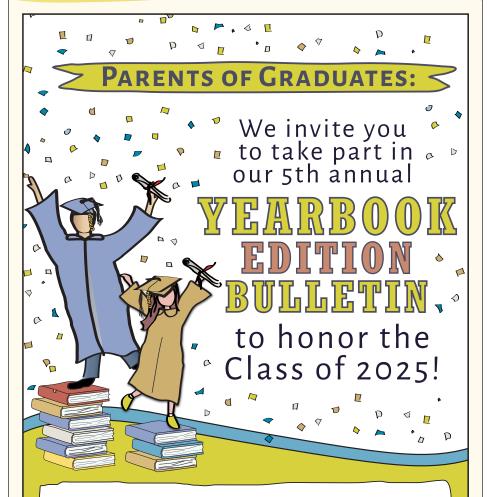
Now more than ever, Christians must be a people of engagement, not retreat. We must speak with clarity, act with mercy, and listen with humility. The Gospel does not ask us to fear the world, but to transform it through love.

dignity and communion.

Let us pray for the grace to take up this mission. May we, like Jesus, be present in the public square not to dominate, but to serve. And may our presence be a testimony of hope in a world longing for light.

Fr Thiago Rodrigues Ibiapina completed his M Div & STB from St Mary Seminary, Baltimore and was ordained to the priesthood on June 18, 2022. He holds a Licentia in Philosophy and a Bachelor in Philosophy both completed in Brazil; as well as his MA from Clark University. He is currently an Associate Pastor in Massachusetts at Saint John Guardian of Our Lady in Clinton and Immaculate Conception Church in Lancaster, as well as a Philosophy Professor and Theology Adjunct Professor. Fr Thiago offers online and in person seminars, parish missions and retreats for the laity and consecrated life.





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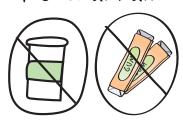
This special edition bulletin will be published to coincide with the GRADUATES' BLESSING MASS Sunday, June 15 at the 10:30 Mass.







A friendly reminder that coffee and other beverages, food, gum etc are not permitted in Church or Memorial Hall.



Thank you for your cooperation.

[Divine] Art History The Ascension of the Lord







LEFT: The Ascension of Christ, Hans Süss von Kulmbach, German, 1513 TOP: The Ascension, Giotto, 14th century

BOTTOM: The Ascension of Christ, Peter Paul Rubens, 1751

REFLECTION: THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

VIA MY CATHOLIC LIFE

HE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD commemorates the fortieth day after the Resurrection when Jesus ascended body and soul into Heaven and took His seat at the right hand of His Father. The Ascension is believed to have occurred less than a mile east of the Old City of Jerusalem. The event is found in the Gospels and Acts (Mark 16:19–20; Luke 24:50–53; Acts 1:6–12) and is alluded to in John 6:62; Ephesians 4:7–10; 1 Timothy 3:16; and 1 Peter 3:21–22.

The Ascension marks the completion of Jesus' earthly mission. He first united His divine nature with human nature through the Incarnation at the moment of the Annunciation. Saint Thomas Aquinas teaches that from that moment on, Jesus, the Son of God, experienced three types of knowledge. First, being God, He had beatific knowledge, that is, a direct knowledge of His, the Father's, and the Holy Spirit's essence. Second, He had the perfection of infused knowledge, that is, a bestowal of all truths given to the angels in Heaven, especially those truths necessary for the completion of His divine

mission. Third, He began to acquire learned knowledge, or experiential knowledge. This was the form of knowledge attained through His human nature from the senses and His human reason.

As Jesus fulfilled His mission, His learned knowledge continued to grow until it was perfected in human form. It was never imperfect in the sense of sin, but only in the sense of growth through human experience and human love. He experienced all things, allowed the perfection of His beatific and infused knowledge to guide His human experiences, and brought those human experiences and knowledge to perfection. His free embrace of the Cross manifested the perfection of divine love in human form, and His Resurrection brought that perfect unity of human and divine love to a new and transformed resurrected state of human existence. Today we commemorate that Jesus took His perfected human nature into the Beatific Vision, enabling humanity itself to follow.



Come and see! In celebration of the Jubilee of Hope

There will be a Catholic Charismatic Praise and Worship service at St Helen's Catholic Church in Westfield, on Pentecost Sunday June 8, 2025 at 3:30 PM.

Msgr Tom Nydegger, Guest Speaker

Join us in celebrating a Charismatic Worship to be led by BLD NEWARK (Open in Spirit to God) and feel the exuberance and joy!

Light refreshments and fellowship after the service.

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Giving Back!



We were pleased to support the great efforts of the Summit EMS Volunteer Squad with a check from the parish for \$1,000. The squad assists the parish in times of medical emergencies and we are grateful for their service to the parish and community.

MINISTRY Board

BOY SCOUT TROOP 67







Boy Scout Troop 67 once again laid flags at the headstones of our veterans in the cemetery in advance of Memorial Day. We thank the Scouts for their good work in this important recognition, God Bless America.

GREENFAITH MINISTRY

Congraulations to Donna Goggin Patel

Chair of the Summit Environmental Commission for Union County, on being named Sustainable New Jersey's Sustainability Hero for the month of May!

You can read the profile on Donna here: https://www.sustainablejersey.com/news/sustainability-heroes/



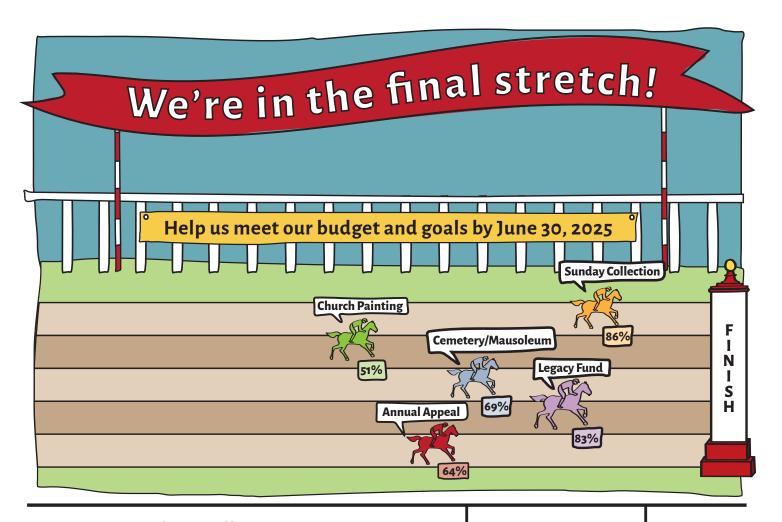
COMMUNITY Announcements

ANNUAL MEN OF SAINT JOSEPH GATHERING | SATURDAY, JUNE 7

All men are invited to join the Men of Saint Joseph for the Annual Men's Gathering at the Shrine of Saint Joseph in Stirling. This mini-retreat begins with Mass at 8:00 am in the Chapel, followed by breakfast and a presentation by Fr Mariusz Koch, CFR, titled "The Holy Spirit: The Power and Love of God." in the Auditorium. The program should end at approximately noon.

The Men of Saint Joseph is a group of men from area parishes, who regularly meet via Zoom from 7 am to 8 am on Tuesday mornings. We share a desire to grow in our relationship with Christ and the Church. We discuss topics such as prayer, the Church, family, leisure, evangelization, and the Catholic spiritual life. Each meeting features a brief presentation by a guest speaker followed by small group discussions. Many participants appreciate the spiritual content, noting the "quality of the speakers" and "thought-provoking presentations by clergy and scholars."

To reserve your spot at the Annual Gathering, visit www.shrineofsaintjoseph.com/menofsaintjoseph. For questions, contact Terry Dwyer at terence.j.dwyer@gmail.com.



<u>1</u>	Sunday Collection As the Archdiocese contemplates the new pathways of We Are His Witnesses, it is important for our parish to have a balanced budget.	BUDGET ACTUAL DEFICIT	1,350,000 1,167,161 (182,839)	select 'sunday Offering' from the dropdown.
<u>~~2</u>	Church Painting Join your fellow parishioners to contribute to beautify our spiritual home.	BUDGET ACTUAL DEFICIT	120,000 61,469 (58,531)	Select ⁽ Charch Painting ² from the dropdown.
3	Cemetery/Mausoleum Now is the time to think about your eternal home. Visit our mausoleum office for information.	BUDGET ACTUAL DEFICIT	128,750 88,253 (40,498)	Select 'Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund' from the dropdown.
A 4	Legacy Fund Help us with the projects that are most important to the parish, 100% of donations are retained by St Teresa of Avila.	BUDGET ACTUAL DEFICIT	325,000 269,080 (55,920)	Select ⁽ Legacy Fund' from the dropdown.
5	Annual Appeal If we reach our goal, the parish saves \$33,000 for the next budget and at the same time helps others.	GOAL PLEDGED SHORTFALL	172,050 110,782 (61,268)	Select 'St Teresa of Avila in Summit 2025' from the dropdown.



Contributions to the Annual Appeal may be made by visiting rcan.org/sharing or by scanning the QR code.



Are We Known by Our Love?

This Week's Readings at Mass

- ► Acts 7:55-60 Stephen's martyrdom
- Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20 Blessed are those who follow the Lamb
- ▶ John 17:20-26 Prayer for all believers

As we near the end of the Easter Season and prepare for Pentecost next week, the Church proclaims the story of the first Christian martyr, Stephen. Immediately before the passage read from Acts of the Apostles today, some Jews falsely accused Stephen of claiming that Jesus wanted to overturn their religious laws and customs. Although Stephen proved that he was steeped in the Jewish tradition and education, the crowd did not want to hear Stephen's critique that they were not living up to God's laws. The mob rushed upon him and stoned him. As he died, he spoke words similar to Jesus at his death "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit" and "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." The author Luke pointedly writes that Saul (later to become Paul) was a witness to the stoning, apparently in an approving role.

The Gospel passage today is part of a lengthy prayer that Jesus addresses aloud to his Father while the disciples are gathered around him at the Last Supper. Not only is it a prayer for the disciples, but it

is a prayer for us and for all those believers who came before us and will come after us: "also for those who will believe in me through their word." Jesus speaks again of the union between him and the Father "as you, Father, are in me and I in you" and prays in hope that we will also experience this union with him and each other. When there



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"Father, they are your gift to me. I wish that where I am they also may be with me."

Sheepish Question:

How has Jesus lifted up my life with his this week?

is infighting among parishioners, between Catholic "factions," or among Christian denominations, this prayer for union can help us to reset. It challenges us to consider if we are working toward unity rather than division.

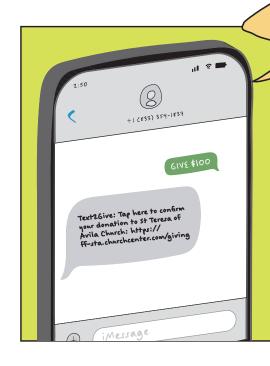
Like the previous Sunday Gospel readings, Jesus reminds his friends before his departure that they are to love one another as he loved them. Their love for each other will make God's love known to the world. The Christian song "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" inspired by this section in John's Gospel summarizes the message well.

Questions of the Week

Think about those who have passed on their faith to you so that you believed through their words. Whom do you have to thank for this?

Do you think outsiders might know you are Christian by your love? Why or why not?

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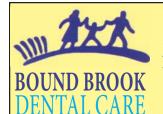


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