

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD SUNDAY

MAY 28, 2017

He was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight.

— Acts 1:9

SHARE THE HOPE

The readings for today’s celebration of the Ascension of the Lord once again remind us that as Christians we are people of hope. In the second reading Saint Paul eloquently exhorts the Ephesians to enlighten their hearts so that they will know the hope and glory that come from being people who place their trust in the Lord Jesus. In the story of the Ascension, recounted in the first reading, the Lord Jesus assures the disciples that the Holy Spirit’s power will come upon them. Finally, in the Gospel, the Lord lets the disciples know that their mission is to spread the hope of the gospel to all the nations. This wonderful feast keeps our eyes focused on the hope in which we were grounded on the day of our baptism.

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Jesus tells the disciples that they will be witnesses to the ends of the earth (*Acts 1:1-11*).

Psalm — God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord (*Psalm 47*).

Second Reading — May the Father of glory give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation (*Ephesians 1:17-23*).

Gospel — Jesus instructs the Eleven to baptize and teach people of all nations (*Matthew 28:16-20*).

OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week’s Collection	\$2,168.00	\$1,591.00
Number of Families contributing	90	66
Total Pledge for 2017	\$175,815.00	\$188,514.00
Pledged to Date (21 Weeks)	\$69,455.00	\$74,773.00
Received to Date	\$68,702.56	\$58,772.20
Envelopes Outstanding	(\$742.44)	\$16,000.80

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2017
\$246.00	\$6,501.00

Thirty-three ladies made a contribution last week.

BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL WEEKLY REPORT

2017 Parish Goal	\$25,705.00
Amount Received to Date	\$5,607.41
Amount Outstanding	\$20,097.59

Nine people made a B.A.A. contribution last week.

HALL RENOVATION FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2017
\$110.00	\$5,831.00

Six people made a Hall Fund contribution last week.

PARKING LOT totaled \$9.00.

20 **CHILDREN** contributed \$69.00.

POOR BOX totaled \$43.00.

The **ATTENDANCE** for last Saturday 4:00 P.M. Mass was 180, 7:00 P.M. Mass was 90 and Sunday 10:00 A.M. Mass was 110.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Bela Karolyi was a gymnastics coach for Rumania in the days of Communism and the Iron Curtain. He developed such Olympic stars as gold-medalist Nadia Comenici. His international fame won him special government favors, including such things as a Mercedes — unheard of in Communist countries.

Then in 1981 he decided to turn his back on Communism and seek a free life in the West. When the “zero hour” for leaving came, Bela did not look back at his state favors, his Mercedes, and his celebrity status. He simply walked straight ahead, carrying only a small suitcase.

Bela Karolyi is a perfect image of the kind of follower Jesus had in mind. How closely do I mirror that image?

Strong lives are motivated by dynamic purposes.

“Anyone who...keeps looking back is of no use for the Kingdom of God.” —LUKE 9:62

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. the Wife and Family of Jimmy Sherlock in loving memory of him on the 3rd Anniversary of his death;
2. Jim Patrick and Sloan in Thanks for Detroit on his 2nd Birthday;
3. the Wife and Daughters of Jim Carroll in loving memory of him on his 77th Birthday;
4. the Family of James and Bridget Riley in loving memory of them on the Anniversary of their deaths;
5. and a Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

CONGRATULATIONS 8TH GRADE GRADUATES

Congratulations to the following children on their graduation from 8th Grade:

<i>Jacob Dalton Carroll</i>	<i>Edward Colin Riley</i>
<i>Pete William Carroll</i>	<i>Jim Patrick Riley</i>
<i>Patrick Presley Carroll</i>	<i>Conner Sherlock</i>
<i>Tommy McGuire</i>	<i>Jim Ewan Sherlock</i>
<i>Brett Pole McNally</i>	<i>Jim Landon Sherlock</i>
<i>Fame O’Hara</i>	<i>Johnny Sherlock</i>

CONGRATULATIONS KINDERGARTEN GRADUATES

Congratulations to the following children on their graduation from Kindergarten:

<i>Autumn Carroll</i>	<i>Bella Riley</i>
<i>Carlisle Carroll</i>	<i>Georgia Riley</i>
<i>Corbin Carroll</i>	<i>Majesty Riley</i>
<i>Dayne Thomas Carroll</i>	<i>Patrick Brando Riley</i>
<i>Elite Carroll</i>	<i>Radiance Riley</i>
<i>Faro Thomas Carroll</i>	<i>Caleb Sherlock</i>
<i>Jim Richmon Carroll</i>	<i>Easton Sherlock</i>
<i>John Daley Carroll</i>	<i>Embassy Sherlock</i>
<i>Kade Carroll</i>	<i>Emerson Sherlock</i>
<i>Starlet Carroll</i>	<i>Evan Sherlock</i>
<i>Thomas Joseph Carroll</i>	<i>Gunner Sherlock</i>
<i>Gryphen Gorman</i>	<i>Hyland Sherlock</i>
<i>Elin Mack</i>	<i>Kody Sherlock</i>
<i>Aiden Christopher O’Hara</i>	<i>Marlo Sherlock</i>
<i>Zealynd O’Hara</i>	<i>Rafe Thomas Sherlcok</i>

CONGRATULATIONS to Ireland Carroll, Nolan Carroll, Barrett Cash McNalley and Mike Thomas O'Hara for making the All-A Honor Roll; Tommy Faro Carroll, Tom Glavine Gorman, Stetson McNalley, Jim Murphy Riley, Katsyn Riley, Royal Riley, Royalty Dempsey Riley, and Thomas Clayton Sherlock for making the A-B Honor Roll.

Congratulations to Christopher Touch Carroll for receiving a Physical Education Award, Greatest Effort Award and Turtley Awesome Award; Ireland Carroll for receiving a Math Award, Reading Award, Physical Education Award and Turtley Awesome Award; Nolan Carroll for receiving a Physical Education Award, Timely Turtle Award and Turtley Awesome Award; Tommy Faro Carroll for receiving a Math Award and Turtley Awesome Award; Tom Glavine Gorman for receiving a Turtley Awesome Award; Barret Cash McNalley for receiving a Math Award, Reading Award and Turtley Awesome Award; Steton McNalley for receiving a Multiplication Master Award, Math Award, Safety Patrol Award and Timely Turtle Award; Mike Thomas O'Hara for receiving a Reading Award and Turtley Awesome Award; Jim Murphy Riley for receiving a Turtley Awesome Award; Katsyn Riley for receiving a Multiplication Master Award, Timely Turtle Award and Good Behavior Award; Royal Riley for receiving a Physical Education Award and Turtley Awesome Award; Royalty Dempsey Riley for receiving a Turtley Awesome Award; Johnny Ringo Sherlock for receiving an Art Award, Greatest Effort Award, Reading Award and Turtley Awesome Award; Maverick Sherlock receiving a Highest Score in Reading for the Year Award.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED The Church Office will be closed this Monday, May 29th in observance of Memorial Day.

SPECIAL COLLECTION The second collection this weekend will be for *Catholic Communications Campaign*. Please be generous.

THANK YOU to a member for donation in honor of St. Gerard; a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite for the needy; and three member for their donations in thanks to St. Expedite.

SUMMER ADORATION Adoration Monday thru Thursday will end this Thursday, June 1st. Summer Adoration on Mondays and Thursdays will begin Monday, June 5th.

JOKE OF THE WEEK A man sitting on his back porch was crying. His wife came out and asked, "What are you crying about?" The man sniffled and asked his wife, "Remember when we were just dating and your dad told me I would have to marry you or spend the next 20 years in prison?" The wife said, "Yes, but why are you crying?" The man said, "I would have gotten out of prison today."

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord; World Communications Day
Monday: Memorial Day
Wednesday: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday: For the suffering souls.
Tuesday: In loving memory of Little Bibbie on her 83rd Birthday.
Wednesday: In loving memory of Pete Jr. on the 10th Anniversary of his death and in honor of the Holy Souls and St. Joseph.
Thursday: In thanks for Detroit O'Hara on his 2nd birthday.
Friday: For the suffering souls.

READERS

Sat. May 27th, 4:00 P.M. Karen & Cathy Lisa Butts	Sat. May 27th, 7:00 P.M. Jay & Apple's Mary Regina
Sun. May 28th, 10:00 A.M.	Theresa Maria & Jimmy Joseph
Sat. June 3rd, 4:00 P.M. Apple's Christina & Dayna	Sun. June 4th, 10:00 A.M. Mary Cat & Jimmy Joseph

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday	Stephanie Boo
Tuesday	Natalie
Wednesday	Kara
Thursday	Cathy Lisa Butts
Friday	Karen

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 P.M. Front Front Left Left Cup Front Right Right Cup Sick	May 27th Bridget Ann Rose Marie Catherine Ann Rose Melissa Ann T. Bunk's Ann
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Sunday 10:00 A.M.

May 28th Pete Man's Nora Rose Marie	June 4th Pete Man's Nora Rose Marie
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EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

Monday	Mary Cat
Tuesday	Pete Man's Nora
Wednesday	Ann T.
Thursday	Rose Marie
Friday	Bridget Ann

HAPPINESS

HAPPINESS IS NOT DETERMINED BY WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND YOU, BUT RATHER WHAT'S HAPPENING INSIDE YOU.

LIFE IS A GIFT OF GOD

**Life is BEST for those ENJOYING it.
 DIFFICULT for those COMPARING it.
 WORST for those CRITICIZING it.
 Your own attitude defines your life.**

~~~~~PRAYER CORNER~~~~~

HELP US TO REMAIN CLOSE TO YOU

Lord Jesus, we ask You now to help us remain with You always, to be close to You with all the ardor of our hearts, to take up joyfully the mission You entrust to us and that is to continue Your presence and spread the good news of Your resurrection. Amen.