

## MEETINGS AND EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF 5/28/2017

Please note the time change for Mass on Saturday, June 3, 2017. Mass will begin at 8 AM  
Congratulations to Colin Joyce who will be making his Confirmation on Saturday, June 3  
Kelly Patterson and Christopher Diliberti will be married at St. Stephen's on Saturday, June 3 at 1 PM

### PRO-LIFE CORNER: 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! This hope extended to the human family by the Gospel is directly contradicted when the same human beings destined for the heights of heaven are attacked by violence, degraded in their dignity, or put to death by things like abortion. 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.

**REFLECTION:** We have a belief that after death we join our ancestors in the community of the living dead.

Although considered dead here on earth, they still live somewhere in a different world. It is similar to our Christian belief. Death is not the end of our earthly existence, but we believe our spirit continues to live, whether in heaven, for those found worthy in the eyes of God, in hell, for those who deserve God's punishment, or in purgatory, between the two. God is a God of the living, not the dead. Before his ascent to heaven, Jesus resurrects from the dead. He is not dead. This is what we are trying to achieve here. We seek to join in that state of life where we share in the fullness of life with God, a life with no end. Jesus has gone ahead to prepare for us a place in his Father's house. Can we not imagine that even here on earth we can be united with the Trinitarian God? Yet this is not the fullness of our union with God. In death we are given hope of resurrection. It is the resurrected life we gain and we share the everlasting life of God. – Rev. Caroli Shao, AJ

**SAVE THE DATES!** The St. Stephen *PLANT SWAP* is Saturday, June 17 from 10 am – 1 pm. Bring your extra plants or gardening items to exchange. The *GARDEN CLEAN UP* and *LIFE SCOUT PROJECT* will be Sunday, June 18 at 12:30 pm. More info to follow!

### CELEBRANT SCHEDULE

MASS TIME:	5:00 PM	8:00 AM	11:00 AM
May 27 & 28	Rev. Franz	Rev. B. Koka	Rev. B. Koka
June 3 & 4	Rev. C. Shao	Rev. C. Shao	Rev. Franz

All Sundays & Holy Days at 9:30 AM: Rev. Bede Kotlinski

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

If you could somehow transport a third-century Christian into your twenty-first-century Sunday Mass, once the initial shock wore off he or she would be more or less at home with the structure of the first part of the liturgy, the Word. The second part might be more difficult to comprehend. The stumbling block would be the book. We have a book, a missal that is set down on the altar with a very precisely prescribed set of words for the priest to say and the people to sing at the Eucharistic Prayer. In the early days of the church, there were no set "formulas" for this prayer. The ancients would have raised eyebrows at our "bookishness" since they preferred to let the prayers roll forth from a gifted leader of prayer. There was a basic shape to the prayer of thanksgiving, and almost general agreement that the words of Christ at the Last Supper ought to be included.

By the second century, Justin Martyr wrote that the presider "gives thanks at some length . . . and when he has finished the prayers and the thanksgiving, all the people present give their assent by saying 'Amen.'" In the world before books, people could memorize long passages of prose and poetry, and so it is easy to see how particular phrases or expressions passed from church to church.

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**CATHOLIC CHARITIES** – All new, increased and additional gifts made in the in-pew envelopes will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$100,000. Donations may also be designated to any of three regional sites that are most in need of support. Your pledged donations remain here, in Northeast Ohio. You designate where the money goes. All of the money raised from this weekend's Appeal will provide help for the *Hungry and the Homeless*, through fundamental needs, such as food, hot meals, shower facilities and clothing. Please consider a generous gift that will transform the lives of the 400,000 who are served each year in Northeast Ohio. Please pray for the success of the Appeal, which provides for essential programs and services in need throughout all eight counties of the Diocese of Cleveland. For more info please visit [www.CatholicCommunity.org/2017Appeal](http://www.CatholicCommunity.org/2017Appeal) Thank you!

**THANK YOU!** We would like to thank everyone who worked so tirelessly organizing and executing the 'Raise The Roof' Fundraiser! All of the volunteers, the donors and the parishioners who supported the event. I think we can all agree that a good time was had by all. We raised over \$20,000.00 towards roof repairs! Well done!

### May 20 & 21 Offertory Contributions

General Collection: \$1,523.12 Children: \$0.98 (5)

Issued: 203 Returned: 60

Utility Fund: \$615.00

Building Preservation Fund: \$50.00

Thank you for each and every contribution!

## *Ascension of the Lord* May 28, 2017

*Please pray for the following:*

Eleonora Kinscher	Victoria Bailey	Burley Blankenship
Theresa Dailey	Agnes Hogan	Noel Walters
Hans Speier	Terry Fleischer	Rose Marie Soeder
Joel Rivera	Ann Miller Kufner	Rosemary Shannon
Wanda Eland	Judith Kenny	Russell Kamps
Margaret Clark	Sidonia Speier	Dr. Frank Young

Please pray for all the families assisted by our Community Kindness Food Pantry

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES	<u>May 27 &amp; 28</u>		
	Saturday 5 PM	Sunday 8 AM	Sunday 11 AM
<b>Lector</b>	Steve McElroy	Barb Rieth	Martin Joyce
<b>Euch.Min:</b>	Candra Krisch	John Rieth	Diane & Paul Beargie
<b>Acolytes:</b>	Terry Shannon	Kevin Kroesen	Colin & Lucas

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES	<u>June 3 &amp; 4</u>		
	Saturday 5 PM	Sunday 8 AM	Sunday 11 AM
<b>Lector</b>	Russell Nieling	Barb Rieth	Friederike Wintersteller
<b>Euch.Min:</b>	Russell Nieling	John Rieth	Diane & Paul Beargie
<b>Acolytes</b>	Terry Shannon	Kevin Kroesen	Augie

### SAINTS/OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 05/28 (o) = Optional

**Sunday:** The Ascension of the Lord;  
World Communications Day

**Monday:** Memorial Day

**Tuesday:** Shavuot (“Weeks”), the Jewish festival of the giving of the Law, begins at sunset

**Wednesday:** The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Thursday:** St. Justin

**Friday:** Ss. Marcellinus and Peter; First Friday

**Saturday:** St. Charles Lwanga and Companions;  
First Saturday

### READ THE BIBLE WITH THE CHURCH (Daily Mass Readings)

**Monday:** Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab;  
Jn 16:29-33

**Tuesday:** Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21;  
Jn 17:1-11a

**Wednesday:** Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16;  
Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lk 1:39-56

**Thursday:** Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11;  
Jn 17:20-26

**Friday:** Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab;  
Jn 21:15-19

**Saturday:** Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7;  
Jn 21:20-25

**Sunday:** Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2a, 24, 35c, 27-28, 29bc-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39  
Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34;  
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

**GARDEN BRICKS ARE ALWAYS AVAILABLE** and make a great Mother’s Day or Father’s Day gift, memorial, or commemoration. How about to mark a graduation or your child’s Baptism or First Communion? Whatever the occasion these memorial bricks create a lasting memory while helping St. Stephen’s. Order forms are available in the back of the Church or call the parish secretary for more info. Thank you!

## THIS WEEK’S CHURCH SERVICES

### Saturday, May 27 Church

**4:15 - 4:45 PM** Reconciliation (Confessions Heard)  
Pray the Holy Rosary

**5:00 PM** (Vigil of the Ascension of the Lord)  
† Helen Ujvari

### Sunday, May 28 Church Ascension of the Lord

**8:00 AM** † Horst Kinscher

**9:00 AM** Reconciliation (Confessions Heard)  
Pray the Holy Rosary

### 9:30 AM Tridentine Latin Mass

(Sunday after the Ascension of the Lord)  
Intention of Alyssa Opincar

### 11:00 AM Sunday Mass

† Maria Lourdes Becerra

### Monday, May 29 Church

**10:00 AM** † Chrisann Blankenship  
† Dawn Tucker  
The Deceased Members of the Smith Family

### Tuesday, May 30

**7:00 AM (Church) Latin Mass** (Feria of Ascension)  
Intention of Father Paul Pietrzyk

**6:30 PM (Chapel)** Deceased Members of this Parish

### Wednesday, May 31 Church

**6:30 PM Latin Mass**  
(Queenhip of the Blessed Virgin Mary)  
† Brendon Blasius

**7:00 - 8:00 PM Holy Hour**

### Thursday, June 1 Church

**6:30 PM Latin Mass** (St. Sngela Merici, Virgin)  
† † Madeline T. & Roland M. Sittley

### Friday, June 2 Church

**6:30 PM Latin Mass** (Feria)  
† Francesvo Salvatore Calco

### Saturday, June 3 Church

**8:00 AM Tridentine Latin Mass** † Clara Moss

**4:15 - 4:45 PM** Reconciliation (Confessions Heard)  
Pray the Holy Rosary

**5:00 PM** (Vigil of Pentecost)  
† † Francis and Grace Riley

### Sunday, June 4 Church

Pentecost Sunday

**8:00 AM** † Maria Lourdes Becerra

**9:00 AM** Reconciliation (Confessions Heard)  
Pray the Holy Rosary

**9:30 AM Tridentine Latin Mass**  
(Pentecost Sunday) Intention of the Boozer Family

**11:00 AM German Sunday Mass**  
† Gerda Juhasz

Call the office at 216.631.5633 to schedule a Mass Intention