

**Reflection for Today**

Today we celebrate the feast of the Ascension of the Lord. This feast commemorates the end of Jesus’ earthly ministry, and is intimately tied in with another feast we will celebrate on the next Sunday: Pentecost. In the Ascension, something of the earth—the fullness of Jesus’ humanity—moves into the heavenly sphere. The *Catechism* says this: “[it is] the irreversible entry of his humanity into divine glory, symbolized by the cloud and by heaven, where he is seated from that time forward at God’s right hand.” (CCC 659) At Pentecost, a bit of that heavenly sphere—the Holy Spirit—descends into our earthly existence, manifesting the fullness of the triune God into creation. In these events, we have a glimpse of the perfect reconciliation between creator and creation.

In the last moments of Jesus’ earthly ministry, he offers assurance to his followers that they will not be lost without his physically present. He promises that they will have the power to publicly profess faith in him as Lord. Immediately before ascending, Jesus tells his disciples to wait for the promise of the Father to be fulfilled: *You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.*

God has kept his promise. Let us hold up our end of the bargain, keeping our hearts open to the workings of the Holy Spirit in our lives and in our world.

**Ascension of the Lord**

*Shouts of Joy God of majesty,  
you raised Jesus to life after suffering death on the  
cross,  
and seated him in glory at your right hand.  
Confirm within your Church the gift of faith  
and may the mystery of the Ascension  
give us hope in the coming of Christ  
whose reign establishes justice and peace.  
Send your Holy Spirit upon us and  
enliven us to share the Gospel.  
Break open our hearts with your Word  
and give us strength and wisdom to build up your  
Kingdom.  
Open our eyes to see your glory all around us,  
so that with shouts of joy we forever sing your  
praises.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**Schedule of Masses**

**Monday - May 14-Feast of St. Matthias, Apostle**  
**9:00 am** (Polish)  
**+Za Pielgrzymów z Parafii św Gabriela z Burlington I sw Stan. Kostki z Hamilton, Ont**  
 (Teresa Gozdzikowska)

**Tuesday – May 15**  
**No Mass**

**Wednesday – May 16**  
**6:30 pm** *Rosary & Litany of Loreto*  
**7:00 pm** **+Geraldine Lorbetskie**  
 (Ernie & Bernadette Dudack)

**Thursday –May 17**  
**9:00 am** **+ Alex Ostroskie**  
 (Edward & Frances Yantha)

**Friday – May 18**  
*Adoration from 3 pm to 7 pm*  
**7:00 pm** **+Edward Pecarskie** (Ursula Pecarskie)

**Saturday - May 19**  
**5:00 pm** **For all of our Parishioners**

**Sunday - May 20—Pentecost Sunday**  
**8:00 am** **Intentions for Delmar & Christine Recoskie’s 25th Wedding Anniversary**  
 (Clemence & Rose Stamplecoskie)  
**10:00 am** **+Stefania Kolokowska** (Son & Family)

***In your prayers remember:***



- \* Our sick and hospitalized
- \* Our elderly parishioners.
- \* All those at the manor, lodge and homebound.
- \* Our deceased friends & relatives

***Thought for this Week***

*Mary, because she is the divine mother, is the creature that most copies God; she is the one who most shows us who he is.*  
 -Chiara Lubich



## Ministry Assignments next Sunday

	Sat, May 19 5:00 p.m.	Sun, May 20 8:00 a.m.	Sun, May 20 10:00 a.m.
<b>Rosary</b>	Rita Coulas	Drenda Lapenskie	Bronis Lorbetskie
<b>Altar Servers</b>		John Platt	Emilia Sadecki Janisa Visutskie
<b>Lector</b>	Ed Chippior	Len Gignac	Jerzy Kozicki
<b>E.M.</b>	Delmar Recoskie	Ray Smaglinskie	Kazimiera Ganko
<b>Ushers</b>	Stanley Golka Justin Recoskie Carl Lorbetskie Michael Brotton	Dominic Coulas Clarence Stamplecoskie Dominic Burchat Xavier Hudder	Joanna Ropego Stanley Dombroskie Brian Kuiack Gerard Blank
<b>Altar Committee</b>	Fri, May 18th to Fri, May 25th—Audrey Y. & Drenda L.		



## Announcements

Parishioners are invited to join us for **Rosary and Litany on Wed at 6:30 pm** and **Adoration on Fri beginning at 3 pm.**

**The month of May** is both named for and dedicated to **Mary, The Mother of God.** During this month we will pray the Litany of Loreto after each Mass.

Our deepest sympathy to family and friends of Silas Kuiack, formerly of Wilno, who passed away.

May God's blessing be bestowed to all mothers as we celebrate **Mother's Day on Sun, May 13th.**

Wszystkim mamom z okazji dorocznego swieta skladamy najserdeczniejsze zyczenia: obfitosci Bozego bogoslawnienstwa na codzienne doswiadczenia, daru zdrowia, radosci, opieki Matki Najswietszej i nieustajacej zyczliwosci ze strony wlasnych dzieci. Szczesc Boze wszystkim mamom. Sto lat!



**Initiation** for new Rosary Society members on **Fri, May 18th** following evening Mass. Members are asked to please check at back and/or front corner of the church for your envelope for annual dues. Payment can be dropped off in collection basket.

You are invited to Our Lady of Perpetual Help **Parish Supper, Braeside on Sun, May 27th** from 2-6 pm.

Members of the Knights of Columbus will be at the back of the Church offering **ProLife roses and pins** for a small donation after each of the Masses the weekend of **May 19 -20th.** Proceeds will be used for the ProLife Cause. Thank you for your support.

**World Communications Day (May 13)** Today Catholics are invited to reflect upon the media of social communications (films, radio, television, newspapers, audiovisuals) and how these influence our lives. The media can promote values that lead to a more fully human society. The Church's ministry is twofold. The media can be used to help promote the Gospel. At the same time, as receivers of the materials presented by the media, the faithful have a duty to support and promote worthwhile presentations on media and reject those which promote values contrary to spiritual growth.

**Pope's Pastoral Works (May 26)** - This collection provides an opportunity for Catholics to make a financial offering to assist the Holy Father. One-third of the funds collected is for what is traditionally known as Peter's Peace: donations used by the Pope for his charitable contributions to those most in need. Two-thirds of the collection is to support the Holy Father in administering the Holy See and serving the Universal Church.

**Madawaska Valley Hospice Palliative Care** is offering a **FREE 6-week Grief Support** for anyone who has experienced the death of a special person. On **Thurs, May 17th**, the group will meet from 1-3 pm at the Ashgrove Inn-Fireside Room. Please call 613-756-3045 ext 350 for more information and to register.