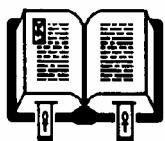


TODAY IS THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

MAY 24, 2009



Scripture Readings for Today

1st Reading: Acts 1:1-11
2nd Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23
Gospel: Mark 16:15-20

Scripture Readings for May 31st

1st Reading: Acts 2:1-11
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13
Gospel: John 20:19-23

Dear Parishioners,

During this month of May, I came across these words written by St. Gemma Galgani, reminding us all of the importance of devotion to the Blessed Mother.

Fr. Tim

“What would have become of me if I had not had her? She has always helped me in my spiritual wants; she has preserved me from countless dangers; she has freed me from the hands of the devil who was ceaselessly coming to molest me, she pleaded my cause with Jesus when I sinned and she soothed Him when I moved Him to anger by my wicked life; she has taught me to know Him and love him, to be good and to please Him. Ah, my dear Mother, I will love thee always and ever.”



THE MASS COUNT FOR MAY 16-17TH

5 PM – 250 7:30 AM – 192 9 AM – 285
10:30 AM – 340 12 PM – 227 Total – 1294

THE COLLECTION FOR MAY 16-17TH

Envelopes \$14,810.00
Loose..... \$1,130.19
Poor Boxes..... \$414.52
Children’s \$31.85
Building fund \$6,988.26



Jesus ascended into heaven, blessing His disciples and promising that they would soon receive the power of the

Holy Spirit. We who have received that promised gift of the Spirit are now empowered to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth.

Children’s Stewardship

Eight-year old A.E. writes on her envelope:
Time: Singing in Cherub Choir
Talent: singing
Treasure: .10¢

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS of Simon Avara and Charles Payne.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS, especially those in hospitals – Bob Meyer and Joseph Maykrantz.

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED for all those recovering from surgeries and illness and for: Frances Amann, Genevieve Randle, Cathy Parsons, Bonnie DeVito, Catherine Teal, Mike Steer Sr., Evana Feeney, Mary Barber, Heather La Martina, Ann Finnel, Dottie Lappe, Concetta Fowler, Sandy Miller, Ruth Crofts, Patty Kuzmak, Mary Van Dusen, Florence Fink, Milton Getka, Margaret Blinke, Jacque Harris, Mr. & Mrs. William Lang.

PRAYERS FOR OUR SERVICE PEOPLE: We ask you to remember the parishioners, family & friends serving in the military: **USMC** – Cpl. Joseph Bytella, LCpl. Sean Fitzpatrick, LCpl Alex Webb, LCpl. John J. Cohee, Jr., Sgt. David Burton; **NAT’L GUARD** – Pfc. Ryan Kamauff, David Parker; **NAVY** – David Roussey, Daniel Gately; **ARMY** – James Lowe, Andy Giotis, Andy Deponai, Timothy Muhl, Sgt. Joshua Callow, Specialist Stephen Grenfell, 1st Lt. Stephen Winter, 1st Lt. Sheldon Broedel.

Mass Intentions



MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 25-31ST

MONDAY 5/25	6:30 a.m. – Ann Marie Brocato 9:00 a.m. – Barbara Davis
TUESDAY 5/26	6:30 a.m. – Ida Comegna 8:00 a.m. – Joan Martin
WED. 5/27	6:30 a.m. – Eleanor Walsh 8:00 a.m. – Bob Wissmann
THURS. 5/28	6:30 a.m. – Joan Baumgardner 8:00 a.m. – Angela Tapino
FRIDAY 5/29	6:30 a.m. – Rita Luebehusen 8:00 a.m. – Dolores Carver
SAT. 5/30	8:00 a.m. – John Henderson 5:00 p.m. – Thomas Dougher
SUNDAY 5/31	7:30 a.m. – Joseph & Eleanor Meyd 9:00 a.m. – For the Parishioners 10:30 a.m. – Elizabeth Deponai 12:00 p.m. – Int. of Bernard Maddox

DAILY READINGS

Monday 5/25	<i>St. Bede, St. Gregory VII & St. Mary Magdalene de 'Pazzi</i> Reading: Acts 19:1-8 Gospel: John 16:29-33
Tuesday 5/26	<i>St Philip Neri</i> Reading: Acts 20:17-27 Gospel: John 17:1-11a
Wednesday 5/27	<i>St. Augustine of Canterbury</i> Reading: Acts 20:28-38 Gospel: John 17:11b-19
Thursday 5/28	<i>Easter Weekday</i> Reading: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 Gospel: John 17:20-26
Friday 5/29	<i>Easter Weekday</i> Reading: Acts 25:13b-21 Gospel: John 21:15-19
Saturday 5/30	<i>Easter Weekday</i> Reading: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 Gospel: John 21:20-25

MEMORIAL DAY – Monday, May 25th, is a National Holiday. Masses will be held at **6:30 AM** and **9:00 AM**. There will be **no 8:00 AM** Mass that day. **The Parish office will be closed.**

FLOWERS on the Blessed Sacrament Altar are in loving memory of Sal Maggio Jr on the anniversary of his death, requested by his family. To donate fresh flowers, please call Doris Mellendick at 410-747-2751.



MONSIGNOR ROCHE SCHOLARSHIPS were awarded to five deserving parish members this year. Congratulations to John Bilenki, Kathryn Flynn, Erin Lloyd, Colleen Ogden, and Michael Wright. Each will receive \$1000.00 per year for their four years of Catholic high school. Kudos also go to the alternates. These students, Julia Cholewczynski, Emma Cusick, Elizabeth Hill, Sarah Schneider and Rachel Soboleski, scored very well in this closely contested competition. The continuation and expansion of this scholarship depends upon the generosity of our benefactors. Donations are invested in insured accounts so to assure future scholarships can be granted. We would like to increase the size and/or number of these awards, but cannot unless we continue to increase the endowment. To contribute to the Msgr. Roche Scholarship, please contact Ralph Lightner at 410-461-9357.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION SUPPER will be held Tuesday, June 9th, at 6:30 PM. All parish volunteers are invited to attend including: Stewardship, Finance, & Haiti Committees, Respect Life, Ushers, Lectors, Cantors, EMHC, Greeters, Religious Ed Teachers and Aides, Sponsor Couple, RCIA Team, Sacristy Ladies, Money Counters, Family Ministry, Choir Members, Children's Liturgy, Men's Club, Youth Group Adult Advisors, Evangelization, NFP instructors, Scout leaders, Soup and Stations volunteers, Loaves and Fishes, Prayer Chain, Crèche Kringle, and ODB volunteers. Please RSVP using the form below.

Volunteer Appreciation Supper Tuesday June 9th 6:30 pm.

I will attend: _____

With my Spouse/Friend: _____

Name: _____

Please drop in the collection basket by May 31st. Or call the Parish office by June 5th.

ST. AGNES SCHOOL NEWS!

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

The Class of 2009 who will graduate on Friday, May 29th at 7:00 pm! We are proud of our graduates and wish them all success in their future endeavors!

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| Taliyah Baker | Keri Lee Holt |
| Corliss Bates | Frantzie Jeannot |
| Bria Baxter | Angela Koerner |
| John Bilenki | Morgan Lewis-Harris |
| Genai Brisbon | Miranda Liberto |
| Jack Brower | Erin Lloyd |
| Dreyan Bundley | Alexandria Lukasavage |
| Julia Cholewczynski | Jason Mannion |
| Dorian Claggett | Jessica Matthews |
| Patrick Daschbach | Tyler McLemore-Brooks |
| Ghelila Debesai | Sarah Milesky |
| Brian Desrosiers | Colleen Ogden |
| Matt Doan | Paige Pacheco |
| Elizabeth Dulaney | Amber Raymond |
| Jeremy Fay | Tyler Randall |
| Kathryn Flynn | Catharine Reynolds |
| Emilie Forest | Lauren Seward |
| Margaret Furletti | Brayaira Simms |
| Elizabeth Grap | Kayla Stewart |
| Nia Green | Rebecca Talley |
| Nicholas Greenway | Ashley Trebes |
| Lauren Guzman | Chris Turner |
| Josh Hampton | Ciara Wake |
| Elizabeth Hill | Caroline Williams |
| Eric Himmelheber | Michael Wright |

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

The 2009 Rick Getz Memorial Scholarship was awarded to St. Agnes School students **John Bilenki and Frantzie Jeannot**. Congratulations to both of these students. This was a well deserved scholarship for both John and Frantzie!

Dates To Remember:

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| 5/25 | Memorial Day—School closed |
| 5/26-5/29 | 6 th /7 th Grades Trimester Tests |
| 5/28 | 8 th Grade Luncheon |
| 5/29 | 8 th Grade Farewell 9:00 am
Graduation Mass & Ceremony 7:00 pm |

Save the Dates:

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| 6/1-6/5 | 12:30 dismissal |
| 6/2 | Kindergarten Closing Program
9:30 am Last day for K. |
| 6/5 | Closing Mass 9:00 am.
Dismissal 10:30 |

THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR MISSING & EXPLOITED CHILDREN marks National Missing Children's day on May 25th by holding the third annual "Take 25" child safety campaign. Families are encouraged to take 25 minutes to talk to their children about safety and abduction prevention. A website for the campaign www.Take25.org lists 25 safety tips that can help save a child's life. Please take the time to talk to your children about these issues.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

For those who did not receive them after the May Procession, report cards will be available in the parish office for two weeks.

Registration has opened for the 2009-2010 Religious Education school year. Registration forms are available in the parish office. Anyone wishing to receive First Holy Communion in 2nd grade or Confirmation in 8th grade must enroll into the Religious Ed class the year prior to the Sacrament year (1st or 7th grade). Please call 410.747.9073.

ST. AGNES YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday, May 24 – No Youth Night

Due to an overwhelming response from youth unable to attend this week's youth night for various reasons, we will not be meeting this Sunday.

Congratulations to all our graduating seniors! You will be in our thoughts and prayers as you begin your college careers!

CARE OF THE SICK

If you or a loved one is unable to attend Mass due to illness, please notify the parish office. Call 410.744.2900 or complete this form and place it in the offertory basket during Mass.

Parishioner to be visited:

Address _____

Phone _____

Your name & telephone: _____

ST. AGNES SCHOOL FUNDRAISER: Before you go to the store, stop by the Food Certificate table after Mass and purchase a \$10, \$20, \$50 or \$100 food certificate to put toward your groceries at Giant or Shoppers. You get dollar for dollar value, and St. Agnes School will receive 5%. -- at no cost to you! Certificates are available in both the School and Parish offices.

ST. AGNES SCHOOL ALL CLASS REUNION is Saturday, June 6. Call Susan Thompson at 410-465-6999 or Sue Bianco at 410-788-3537. For more info visit www.stagnesschool.net and click on Alumni.

CATHOLIC FAMILY EXPO: JUNE 12-13, 2009 at the Church of the Resurrection in Ellicott City. The EXPO provides inspiring and practical talks for Catholics of all ages, a book and exhibitor fair and more. Featured speakers include Archbishop Edwin O'Brien, noted author Dr. Peter Kreeft, parenting expert Dr. Ray Guarendi, and many more. Exhibitors will cover a wide spectrum from Catholic high schools, colleges and ministries to religious gifts and books available for purchase. Mass, Reconciliation, Eucharistic Adoration and a Youth Rally will all be part of this very special event. Please visit www.catholicfamilyexpo.org.

PATAPSCO COUNCIL #1960, KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will offer document destruction at its facility on Saturday, June 13 from 12:00 to 2:00 PM. Pro-Shred, a mobile shredding company- will have its truck at 1010 Frederick Rd., Catonsville to dispose of all of your sensitive documents. There will be no charge for this service, but any donation to the Knight's will be greatly appreciated. Please contact the Knights of Columbus at 410- 744-8754.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING builds strong families! It is medically safe, morally acceptable, and highly effective. Build intimacy and increase communication in your marriage. For more information call Tom & Patty Strunck at 410-696-2269. strunckfamily@cclcentralmd.org.

ROCKING FOR THE ELDERLY – Rock with us to raise funds for the Little Sisters of the Poor and the elderly poor at St. Martin's Home - Saturday, June 13 10 am – 2 pm at 601 Maiden Choice Lane in Catonsville. Reserve your Rocking chair 410.744.9367 ex. 174



RETREAT OPPORTUNITIES: If you are looking for a retreat to attend this spring, check out the website <http://www.bethesdaconf.org/index.php>. One recent participant says "it's a life changing experience and it'll teach you truth that will set you free. After it- all I felt was freedom and peace and so in love with Jesus. For the more we know about Him, the more we can love Him."

CATONSVILLE EMERGENCY FOOD MINISTRY: Volunteers are needed to assist with food donations and answer phones. If you are able to volunteer, please call 410.747.HELP and visit www.catonsvillehelp.org or www.CEFM.org.

THE JEFF CHEEVERS BASKETBALL CAMP will be held at The Cardinal Gibbons School the weeks of July 13-17 (boys) and July 27-July 31 (co-ed). This is a day camp for ages 7-17, emphasizing the fundamentals of the game in a fun-filled environment. For more info, please call Jeff Cheevers at 410.644.1770 ext.126 or visit www.edline.net/pages/CardinalGibbons/sports/Basketball

INSTITUTE OF NOTRE DAME PRESENTS SUMMER 2009 ATHLETIC CAMPS: Girls (grades 5 and up) are invited to participate in the Institute of Notre Dame's Summer Camps for soccer, basketball, field hockey and volleyball. To register, please contact Mr. Jeff Dudley, Athletic Director, at jhdudley@indofmd.org or 410.522.7800 ext. 224. Need more information? Go to <http://www.goindians.org/camps.htm>

TRAVELING? For nationwide Mass times and locations, call 1-410-676-6000, or visit the web at www.masstimes.org.

Pregnant, Need Help? Call the Gabriel Network – 1-800-ANGEL-OK

Suffering Post-Abortion Stress? Call Project Rachel – 1-800-286-4224

MEMORY VERSE

1 JOHN 4:16

God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him.



ARCHDIOCESE OF BALTIMORE

Invitation for Public Comment

In February 2009, Archbishop Edwin O'Brien appointed a Blue Ribbon Committee on Schools to develop a strategic plan for the long-term sustainability of Catholic education in the Archdiocese of Baltimore. The Committee is comprised of some of the most well known and highly respected area leaders -- Catholic and non-Catholic alike -- in education, business, government, and philanthropy. The Committee meets monthly and is expected to present a report to the Archbishop in June 2010.

The Blue Ribbon Committee on Schools is interested in hearing from all those who care about the future of Catholic schools in the Archdiocese. A special page on the Archdiocese website has been established to receive comments.

The Committee invites comments from the public – including students, parents, teachers, principals, pastors, and others.

To submit a comment online, please go to the Blue Ribbon Committee on Schools –Public Comment web page at:

www.archbalt.org/blueribboncommittee/

If you do not have access to the internet, you may mail your written comment to: Public Comment, Blue Ribbon Committee on Schools, Archdiocese of Baltimore, 320 Cathedral Street, Baltimore, MD 21201.

Thank you for interest in our Catholic schools.

NOTE: All comments will be treated as confidential and will not be shared with anyone other than the Blue Ribbon Committee and staff working for the Committee.