




May 16, 2021 The Ascension of Our Lord



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THEY WENT FORTH AND PREACHED EVERYWHERE.
—MK 16:20

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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Worship Aid and Bulletin

Worship Aid for Sunday, May 9 The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Covenant Prayer: Father, you have called us to be a People of the Covenant. You sent your only begotten Son to be our Savior so that we might praise You, proclaim your Word, encounter You in the sacraments, welcome each other, share our faith, bring our sacrifices and be strengthened for your service.

We pray that we might be a source of compassion toward the poor, justice for the oppressed, peace for the troubled, healing for the wounded, and wisdom for the searching.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us that we might live the mystery of your love and fulfill the covenant we celebrate in the Eucharist. Father, we ask this Jesus' name. Amen

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

1. Hail the day that sees him rise Alleluia!
To his throne beyond the skies; Alleluia!
Christ, the Lamb for sinners giv'n, Alleluia!
Enters now the highest heav'n! Alleluia!

2. There for him high triumph waits: Alleluia!
Lift your heads, eternal gates; Alleluia!
He has conquered death and sin; Alleluia!
Take the King of glory in. Alleluia!

3. There with you we shall remain, Alleluia!
Share the glory of your reign, Alleluia!
There your face unclouded view, Alleluia!
Find our heav'n of heav'ns in you. Alleluia!

LLANFAIR/Robert Williams/Charles Wesley/Thomas Cotterill
Text: 77 77 with alleluias; Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt. Music:
Robert Williams, 1781–1821.


Introductory Rites

Opening Prayer

Penitential Rite

Gloria

REFRAIN



Glo-ry! Glo-ry to God in the high-est. Glo-ry! Glo-ry to
God in the high-est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good will.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day he was taken up, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. He presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While meeting with them, he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for “the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

When they had gathered together they asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” He answered them, “It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority. But 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.” When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven.”

The Word of the Lord

R: Thanks be to God

Responsorial: Psalm

47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9



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1. All you peoples, clap your hands,
shout to God with cries of gladness,
For the LORD, the Most High, the awesome,
is the great king over all the earth.
2. God mounts his throne amid shouts of joy;
the LORD, amid trumpet blasts.
Sing praise to God, sing praise;
3. For king of all the earth is God;
sing hymns of praise.
God reigns over the nations,
God sits upon his holy throne.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23

Brothers and sisters: May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him. May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call, what are the riches of glory in his inheritance among the holy ones, and what is the surpassing greatness of his power for us who believe, in accord with the exercise of his great might, which he worked in Christ, raising him from the dead and seating him at his right hand in the heavens, far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion, and every name that is named not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things beneath his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way.

The Word of the Lord

R: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation



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Gospel: Matthew 16:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples: "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned. These signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will drive out demons, they will speak new languages. They will pick up serpents with their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not harm them. They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God. But they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through accompanying signs.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
 the Father almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all things visible and invisible.
 I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
 the Only Begotten Son of God,
 born of the Father before all ages.
 God from God, Light from Light,
 true God from true God,
 begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
 through him all things were made.
 For us men and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven,
 and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
 and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
 he suffered death and was buried,
 and rose again on the third day
 in accordance with the Scriptures.
 He ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory
 to judge the living and the dead
 and his kingdom will have no end.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
 who has spoken through the prophets.
 I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
 I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
 and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Universal Prayer

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Music during the Preparation of the Altar and the Gifts

Instrumental: We Walk By Faith (*SHANTI, Marty Haugen*)

The offertory baskets will not be passed, instead we ask that you give your offering on your way in or on your way out in the contactless drop boxes in the vestibule.

Preface Dialogue
 Preface Acclamation

HOLY

*Belmont Mass
Christopher Walker*

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and
 earth are full of your glory. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Memorial Acclamation

WE PROCLAIM YOUR DEATH

*Belmont Mass
Christopher Walker*

We pro - claim your Death, O Lord, and pro - fess your
 Res - ur - rec - tion un - til you come a - gain.

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The Great Amen

AMEN

Christopher Walker

Musical notation for 'The Great Amen' in G major, 4/4 time. The first line is for the Priest and the second line is for All. The lyrics are: ...for ev - er and ev - er. A - men, a - men.

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Communion Rite

The Lord's Prayer

LAMB OF GOD

Belmont Mass
Christopher Walker

Lamb of God

Musical notation for 'Lamb of God' in G major, 4/4 time. The first line is for Cantor or All and the second line is for (All). The lyrics are: Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us. grant us peace, grant us peace.

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WORTHY IS THE LAMB

Ricky Manalo

Musical notation for 'Worthy is the Lamb' in G major, 3/4 time. The first line is for the Refrain. The lyrics are: Wor - thy is the Lamb that was slain to re - ceive hon - or and glo - ry. Wor - thy are the ones who be - lieve to re - ceive the good - ness of God.

Communion:

Meditation: Hold On To Love
(Jesse Manibusan)



An Act of Spiritual Communion by St. Alphonsus Liguori

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

Concluding Rite

Blessing

Dismissal

Sending Forth: **Crown Him with Many Crowns!** (DIADEMA, George J. Elvey)

Please be patient as you leave and avoid crowding the aisles by using all church exits. Thank you for worshipping with us today, and we are praying for you and your family!

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Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Vigil—4:30 p.m.

Sunday— 8:00 a.m. in the church; 10:45 a.m. In church or in your car *live-streamed at 10:45 a.m. on Facebook and YouTube*

Weekday Mass

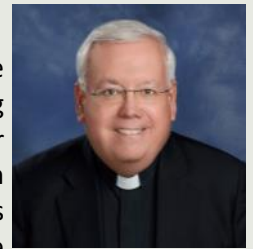
Mon—8 a.m. Eucharistic Service (in the church)
Tues-Sat—8 a.m. (in the church)
live-streamed on Facebook and YouTube

Click here to [Sign up for Mass](#)



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension and we are reminded, having ascended into heaven, Jesus is no longer confined to time and space. The risen Christ now accompanies his followers through the generations and across the earth!



As the risen Christ empowers us today, we are probably not going to pick up poisonous animals or consume toxic drinks [I hope not!], but we can console those who suffer and oppose evil. By letting the power of the risen Lord flow through us, we reveal that Jesus truly is Lord of heaven and earth!

What an exciting May it continues to be for our entire community with infant baptisms, First Eucharists, Confirmation [next Sunday at a special Mass at 2 p.m.] and the beginning of a few weddings this summer, beginning this month.

Let us pray. Lord of heaven and earth, you exercise your saving power through those who have been baptized in your name. Make us holy. Send us to those people and places in need of healing, reconciliation and liberation. Make us living witnesses of your eternal glory, for you live and reign with God, the Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever, Amen!

May the Risen Lord continue to bless you this Easter Season!

Father Mike

JGS offers Sunday Mass and Weekday Masses via livestream, either on our Facebook Page or on our Youtube page. Don't miss out. Like us on Facebook or join our YouTube Channel.



Weekend Mass Intentions for May 15-16, 2021

4:30 PM Vigil	For the repose of the soul of David VanDyke on his birthday, at the request of his family
8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of Dennis Regan at the request of the Knights of the Columbus Calvert Council in North Beach
10:45 AM	For the repose of the soul of Sam Carnucci at the request of John and Barbara Hoff

Mass Intentions for May 17-22, 2021

Mon	5/17	8 AM	<i>Eucharistic Service</i>
Tues	5/18	8 AM	For the holy souls in Purgatory
Wed	5/19	8 AM	For the repose of the soul of John Fleshman, on the anniversary of his death
Thurs	5/20	8 AM	For the repose of the soul of Jack McCaleb at the request of Julie Farrell
Fri	5/21	8 AM	For the repose of the soul of Sharon Stanley, sister of Sandy Haley, at the request of Vicki and Bill Thorne
Sat	5/22	8 AM	In thanksgiving for prayers answered

Ministry Schedule

Mass

Eucharistic Support

Lector

Greeter

Sanitizing Volunteer

Dear Liturgical Ministers: please continue to sign up on MSP
Contact Sheryl Fischer in the church office at receptionist@ccjgs.org

New to JGS?

NEW MEMBERS—Are you new to Jesus the Good Shepherd Catholic Community? WELCOME! The registration form for JGS is available on the JGS website by clicking here: ccjgs.org and scrolling down. We would like to welcome you in person. You and your family are invited to our next New Member gathering Sunday, June 13, 2021 in the Pavilion following the 9:45 Mass. Masks required.



WORLDWIDE MARIAN PRAYER GATHERING – MONDAY, MAY 17 AT NOON, JOIN CARDINAL GREGORY ON EWTN.

The Holy Father, Pope Francis, has asked for this month of May to be dedicated in a special way to pray for an end to the Coronavirus pandemic. In response to the Pope's call, the Pontifical Council for the New Evangelization is organizing a month-long "marathon" of prayer in the principal Sanctuaries of the world.

The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception will take part in the marathon, and has been asked to lead the worldwide recitation of the Rosary on Monday, May 17 with the following special intention: "for world leaders and the heads of international organizations". Cardinal Gregory will lead this service from the Basilica at 12:00 p.m. EDT. EWTN will be broadcasting this prayer service.

Further information about the initiative can be found at the website of the Pontifical Council at www.pcpne.va

MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA - Thank you to everyone who participated in the novena:

A different set of names will be read at daily Mass for 9 days. Beginning on Tuesday, May 4—Sat, May 16, continuing at the Vigil Mass on May 16, and then finishing the Novena Tues-Thurs, May 18-20.

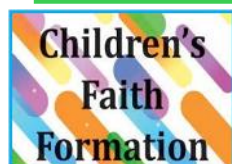


KOC MONTHLY BREAKFASTS WILL RESUME IN AUGUST—The KOC are taking a much needed break from the monthly breakfasts. We look forward to their return in August. We are so thankful that the breakfasts were able to continue throughout the pandemic.



Join us for an in person **Vacation Bible School** from June 21st through June 25th! Participants are welcome from PreK4 through 5th grade. Volunteers are needed from 6th through 12th grade and adults. To register and for more

details [please click here](https://membership.faithdirect.net/events/details/6864) or go to: <https://membership.faithdirect.net/events/details/6864>. Questions about volunteering? Contact Casey Esser at youth@ccjgs.org



REGISTRATION FOR CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION is NOW OPEN for the 2021-2022 year!! [Please click here to register](https://ccjgs.org/childrens-faith-formation) or go to the JGS website for more information: <https://ccjgs.org/childrens-faith-formation>.



DEAR PARISH FAMILY—UPDATE ON THE SUMMER MISSION TRIPS:

Thank you for all the support you have shown the Active Catholic Teens Summer

Mission Trips over the years. For the summer of 2021, we have made the difficult decision to postpone the mission trips for one more year. This decision was based on many factors including participation in ACT during the year, out-of-state travel precautions, and additional testing, quarantine, and vaccine precautions that would be involved in planning this trip.

One of the best things about our mission trips is the relationship we form with the communities we serve. We also want to do what is best for them, to keep them safe as well as our teens. Gathering in large numbers (in Tennessee we typically have around 200 children at our VBS) is just not safe right now.



While we will not travel this year, we are planning to provide material aid (supplies, lesson plans, and possibly videos) to Holy Family parish in Tennessee. Longtime pastor Father Vic Subbs has a team of volunteers locally who would be willing to put on a smaller VBS camp, and we want to support him as much as we can. When we have a list of their needs, we will need your help!

The ACT Teens will be working this year on a Summer Mission on home turf. All the children of our parish are invited to participate in the Summer Mission Vacation Bible School that will take place on campus from June 21 through June 25. We can't wait to serve you! Peace, Casey Esser, Coordinator of Youth Ministry

STAFF DEPARTURE: We regret to announce the departure of our coordinator for Adult Faith Formation, Mrs. Liz Parker. In the relatively short time Liz was in this position, she achieved so much. We are extremely grateful for her knowledge, creativity, pastoral grasp of things, computer skills and most of all her cheerful and constant disposition. She will be missed but we take great comfort that she will remain an active parishioner here at Jesus the Good Shepherd. Our prayers and best wishes go with her! We thank her for all she has done for all of us.

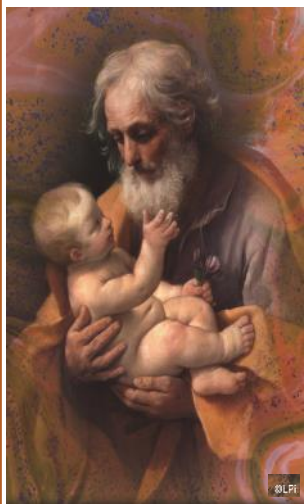


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ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT—Come spend an hour with Jesus. Can you hear his voice? He is calling you. Join us Thursdays from 8:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.. Want to feel closer to Jesus? Adoration is the perfect way! Sign in at the reception desk. Please wear a mask and sit in the available pews.

SUMMER DAY TRIP TO EMMITSBURG, MARYLAND: It has become an annual summer tradition and the date is set: Monday, June 14. Led by Father Mike, come visit the places in north Frederick County just south of Gettysburg, PA that are special to the life of St. Elizabeth Seton, America's first native-born saint. Departure, JGS parking lot, 7 a.m.; return 7 p.m. Time allowed for a nice lunch a la carte and stop at a local farmers' market! Car pools only. To make this trip a "go", only 4 people are needed plus drivers. One must pre-register at church office: Mrs. Laura Cleary, secretary@ccjgs.org or 410-257-3810 ext. 1000. Thank you!



Glorious Patriarch Saint Joseph, whose power makes the impossible possible, come to my aid in these times of anguish and difficulty. Take under your protection the serious and troubling situations that I commend to you, that they may have a happy outcome. My beloved father, all my trust is in you. Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain, and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary, show me that your goodness is as great as your power. Amen.

Readings for the week of May 16, 2021

Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20 **Seventh Sunday of Easter:** Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 [19a]/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19 **Monday:** Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab [33a]/Jn 16:29-33 **Tuesday:** Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 [33a]/Jn 17:1-11a **Wednesday:** Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68: 29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab [33a]/Jn 17:11b-19 **Thursday:** Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Jn 17:20-26 **Friday:** Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab [19a]/Jn 21:15-19 **Saturday: Morning:** Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 [7b]/Jn 21:20-25

Next Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 **Extended Vigil:** Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 52, 53, 55, 56 or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 **Day:** Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15 ©LPi



The sick: Tom Floyd, Riley Bodenhorn, Anita Stuck, Ed Brophy; Greg Bodenhorn; Linda Patterson; John Albright; Ralph Smola; Anthony Wyvill; John Hepp; Artie Mills; Marian DeBruyn, Tammy Pierce, Jay Roque, James Richardson, Sr., Steve Collins; Verna Jurewicz; Rachel Crandall; Louis Johnson; Doreen Dardzinski; Katie Lakie; Elaine Shelby; Mary Ann Harlan; Keith Hanagriff; Tim Connors; Alma Marie Streicker; Frank Santora; Sue Baczynski; Anne Brophy; Duke Dusseau; Buddy Curtis; Bob Adams; Marsha Dunn; Janet Cleary; Pat Conway; Leslie Hill, Bobbie Martin, Chad Martin, Heather and baby Theodore.

For the repose of the soul of Alfredo LoBianco, father of Alex LoBianco; and for Philip Hurry, father of Joann Alu; and Sylvia Proctor, sister of Joan Hopson.

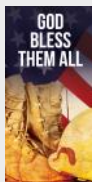
Friends/relatives in need of prayer and for those who have died contact the church office monthly to include them in our bulletin.

PRAYERS FOR THE MILITARY

Staff Sergeant Christopher R. Skirchak; LT Jg Matthew Schwartz; Steve Looney; Billy Looney; Will Jones; Michael Hardy; LT. Alex Scott; Nicholas Majers; David Keffer; James Lanson Weeks; Captain Robert Patterson, USMC; LT Nadila Khan, USN; Ross Noon; Col Phil Noltemeyer; Mathew Cullens; William Ryan Thayer; LT. Col. Brian

Genelin; Michael Parker; Michael Henry Thayer; Gerald Cullens; Noah Pirner; Scott Mega; Capt. Kal Bassma; Mark Smith; Jacob Floyd; Joseph Maso-erok; Christopher Kuczek; Tyler Menoche; Tim Addison; Dylan Rayfield; Joshua Snyder; Brennan McConnell; Ian Torr; Michael Metler; Joey Wyvill

Please contact the church office to have a name added to this list.



Congratulations to the following children who received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 16:

- Samantha Nkwenji
- Mary Grover
- Hanna Hudson
- Eamon Kennedy
- Morgan Lemieux
- Mia Mattera
- Michael White



Due the pandemic, children will receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion at various Masses through out May and June.

Lets pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to bless them now and always.



Spotlight On: CHRISTMAS IN APRIL—coordinator Randy Kozik

What does this ministry do? Repairs and improve houses of low-income homeowners to ensure they and their families can live in warmth, safety, and independence.

What initially drew you to this ministry? As a new Calvert County teacher back in the 80s, I quickly became aware of the economic contrasts of my students with the most glaring being their housing: some with “outhouses”, shallow well pumps, kerosene furnaces or woodburning stoves in the middle of the main room of the house.

What do you love /enjoy most about this ministry? I love seeing the appreciative smiles and sometimes tears of homeowners, the camaraderie and teamwork of volunteers, the witnessing and participation of reaching out to help a neighbor.

The ministry is great for anyone who wants to improve the home and the life of someone in need.

When are volunteer opportunities available? The last Saturday in April is usually the annual workday with 900+ county-wide volunteers and 40+ houses to repair, however with the Covid-19 outbreak and elderly clients, emergency repairs are made throughout the year. This year’s event will likely take place mid-May.

Any age considerations for volunteers? Age 14 and above can volunteer with parental permission. Otherwise, 18 and older.

How can you get involved? Contact me directly rkozik@comcast.net or look for bulletin announcements.

Any next steps? No training needed just willingness to work. We do appreciate the skills and knowledge of plumbers, electricians, carpenters, HVAC, and other building trades!



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT—HAVE YOU TRIED

IT? At the start of Lent 2020, I made a decision that I would participate in adoration of the holy Eucharist. As a life-long Catholic, I had never taken advantage of this opportunity. I have heard many people remark at what a peaceful and prayerful experience it is. But the thought of sitting quietly for an hour (or more!) was frightening. Nonetheless, I made it a goal of mine during that Lenten season to give it a try. Then the pandemic came and shut everything down! Even when we were able to resume some remote activities and virtual adoration was offered, I opted not to participate. During Lent 2021, I re-dedicated myself to this experience. I actually sat for 1 hour in quiet prayer, adoration, and thought! Rather than producing the anxiety that I anticipated, it was calming and peaceful. I think this is going to be a new Lenten tradition for me. If you have never participated in this experience, I encourage you to give it a try.

Peace – Mary, parishioner at JGS



"THEY WILL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS BY OUR LOVE." Over the past year, Covid has offered some unique challenges and opportunities for the Church. One aspect of the Church's ministry that has grown considerably is our digital presence. Our JGS staff has worked hard to keep live masses available and our social media platforms updated. We are grateful for the opportunity to reach so many through the digital world.

As a staff at JGS, we have taken a digital pledge to continue serving the community through these venues, but have taken the pledge a step further to include all of our personal social media accounts as well. Why? We recognize that our identity with Christ is reflected in every aspect of our lives whether on-line or in person, Bringing Christ to others in everything we do, wherever we are, is the challenge we have set before us in 2021. The early Christians did this well. People marveled at their capacity to love. They brought the love of Christ everywhere, in everything they did. What a great reminder and challenge, as we live out our pledge as a community to Love Thy Neighbor.

In 2021, we invite all of our community members to join us in the digital pledge. Together, we will spread the love, joy, peace and hope of Christ both in person and in the digital world. We will be a light for others through our words and actions, revealing who we are and "whose we are". And "they will know we are Christians by our Love".



Update on the 2021 Annual Appeal: We are happy to share that Jesus the Good Shepherd has made 82% of its goal assigned by the Archdiocese. A sincere thank you to all those who have contributed. We are still short about \$17,700 of our goal. To make a pledge/donation, kindly go to adw.org and go to the tab for the 2021 Annual Appeal. A pledge can be made up to 6 months. For example, if one makes a \$250 pledge, that means that a little over \$40 a month goes to the Annual Appeal. Please be generous. Thank you for your consideration of the poor, the marginalized, and for all those services which are provided by the Annual Appeal!



COVID-19 UPDATE

Because we love our neighbor, JGS has overflow seating in the Centre.

Even though our max capacity is 500, given the shape of the venue, and the pews, we could not safely increase our capacity beyond 125 while keeping 6-ft distances. Overflow seating is available in the Centre. We have a large screen with sound. We thank those parishioners who use overflow. If current conditions concern you, please remember that you can participate in Mass by listening on your car radio at both 8:00am and 10:45am on Sunday mornings and receive Holy Communion outside.

Contact Laura Cleary at 410-257-3810 (secretary@ccjgs.org) for Mass Cards/ Intentions; Sponsor Certificates (for Sacraments) or to place bulletin announcements. *Deadline for bulletin items is Thursday at noon, 10 days before the weekend you want your article to appear. Thank you!*

Virtue of Stewardship



Cardinal Hickey Academy

Considering a Catholic education for your child?

Our regional school, Cardinal Hickey Academy, offers diverse course offerings and high standards to children in grades pre-k through 8th grade.

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To register go to ccjgs.org/im-new

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SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY - We rejoice with members who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. Please contact our office at least **six months** in advance; otherwise, dates cannot be guaranteed. Please do not set a date before making Church arrangements first. Dates for weddings will not be arranged before a preliminary meeting.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK AND HOLY COMMUNION: Please contact the church office if you or a family member is homebound, in the hospital, or in a nursing home and would like to receive these sacraments. We will do our best as restrictions allow during the pandemic.

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