

Church of the Ascension

Third Sunday of Easter April 26, 2009



*Then he OPENED their minds
to UNDERSTAND the Scriptures.
And he said to them,
“Thus it is WRITTEN
that the Christ would SUFFER
and RISE from the dead
on the THIRD day.”*

L K 24:45-46

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Parish Mission Statement: Committed to build, strengthen and nurture the Body of Christ

WELCOME

Our community welcomes all who come through our doors to worship and seek spiritual nourishment. As a Stewardship parish we respect and embrace an individual's time, talent and treasure. To join our faith community, please contact the office.

PARISH COMMUNICATION

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PRAYERS WANTED

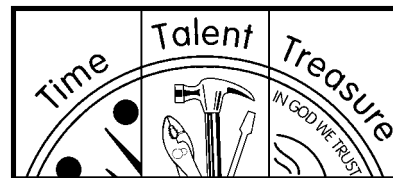
**PRAY FOR THE SICK THAT THEY MAY KNOW
THE HEALING PRESENCE OF CHRIST**

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| James Munn | Lorraine Riddle | George Meshkowitz |
| Astrid Asche | Pam Osborne | Marjorie Lawlor |
| Helen Asher | John Friar | Roger Pranske |
| Chrissy Balich | Nicole Hugo | Jeremy Fiorilli |
| Marie Koshier | Joe Lombardo | Bob Anderson |
| Carol Ryan | Ed Adams | Paula Fitzsimmons |
| Shannon Eastmon | Sharon Bierwalter | Mary Davenport |
| John Bambalas | Muriel Foster | Beth Araujo |

Gregery Wilhelm-Wenzel *and all who care for the sick.*
Please call 480-837-1066 if you wish someone to be placed on the sick list.

STEWARDSHIP

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP



April 19

Attendance	1139
Last week's Collection	\$ 14,714.
Average weekly plate income since July 1, 2008 is	\$ 16,050.
Weekly Budgeted Income	\$ 16,070.

The disciples on the road to Emmaus walked and talked with Jesus all day long, but it was not until they offered Him hospitality and He blessed and broke the bread that they recognized Him. Simple acts of loving kindness still reveal the presence of God in our midst.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY



Please call the office if you wish to add a name to the list.
 480-837-1066

- " Pvt. Michael J. Carroll
- " Pvt. Raymond Cataline
- " Pvt. Blake E. Weeden
- " Cpl. Adam M. Delaney
- " Cpl. Jonathan Strang
- " Cpl. Sean Pickel
- " Cpl. Raymond Riley USMC
- " Col. Doug Turlip, USMC
- " Lt. Col. David Riley USMC
- " PFC, E2 Kallie Koontz
- " PFC Christopher Derby
- " PFC Russell Gilliland
- " C.W.O. Ara Kotchikian
- " C.W.O. Dan White
- " Adm. John Messerschmidt
- " Ens. Michele Rollins
- " HT2 Dustin Cooper
- " MDSP Robby Petrosik
- " M. Sgt. Jeffrey Stepanek Jr
- " UB2 Joseph Fank
- " US Navy Ryan Adlam
- " USMC Steven Kenealy
- " Peter James Tramonte A.F
- " AN Mike Smith

- Capt. Adam Travis
- Capt. Brian Pranske
- Capt. Blaine Peterson
- Capt. Jonathan Keller
- Capt. Bryan Hall
- Capt. Joe Hockmuth
- Lt. Trevor Martin
- Lt. Brad McNally
- Lt. Kyle Frazer
- Lt. Julie Shelley
- 1st Lt. Brent McNally
- 2nd Lt. Kyle Frazer
- 2nd Lt. Anthony Schmit
- Spc. Joey Galvin
- Spc. Jesse Hardin
- Sgt. Jeff Collins
- Sgt. John Campbell
- Sgt. Scott Frazer
- Sgt. Major John Amaral
- Sgt. /Platoon Sgt. Mark Wolovlek
- Sgt. Jeremy Juetten
- Sgt. Thomas Ericksen
- Sgt. Joseph D. Ramirez
- Sgt. William J. MacDonald
- Major Jason Burley
- Major Joseph Stehly, USM
- Terry Blogg
- PFC April Rosales

Mass Intentions for the Week

25-Saturday	5:00pm	♥ Ed & Rosemary Klinger
26-Sunday	8:00am	+ Crispina Bullido
26-Sunday	10:00am	+ Philip Sudore
26-Sunday	5:00pm	People of the Parish
27-Monday	8:00am	+ Dorothy Winter
28-Tuesday	8:00am	+ Norine Pesick
29-Wednesday	8:00am	+ Fred Stapleton
30-Thursday	8:00am	Morning Prayer
01-Friday	8:00am	+ Susan Martinez
02-Saturday	5:00pm	+ Max Monteleone
03-Sunday	8:00am	+ Michael Smith
03-Sunday	10:00am	+ Robert M Wagner
03-Sunday	5:00pm	People of the Parish

Symbols Used in Our Mass Intentions

- + = Deceased loved one
- ♥ = Wedding Anniversary
- * = Living Intention

All bulletin articles should be submitted to mkubes@cox.net by Thursday at 5PM (2 wks prior) to be considered for inclusion in the next weeks' bulletin. THANK YOU

Scripture Reflection Next Week May 3

ALLELUIA! Christ is Risen

READING 1

There is no salvation through anyone else

Acts 4:8-12

Reading 1 Reflection

This reading presents us with a scene from a courtroom drama. An innocent man has been accused of lying and misleading people. However, the truth is that he has cured a paralyzed man simply by praying for him in the name of Jesus Christ. The Jewish leaders refuse to believe him because they have rejected Jesus as the Messiah.

The defendants in the case are Peter and John. They courageously insist that Jesus is the Savior of the entire human race, Jews and Gentiles alike.

READING 2

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God

1 John 3:1-2

Reading 2 Reflection

Others sometimes compare us to our parents by saying that we "look just like your father" or "act just like your mother." However, as this reading points out, we are all children of God. And one day our resemblance to God will be revealed. Meanwhile, the world may not recognize us for who we are because it has not recognized Jesus as the Son of God.

By remaining faithful to our Baptism, we show our resemblance to God. By treating all people as our brothers and sisters, we act like Jesus, our Brother.

GOSPEL

The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep

John 10:11-18

Gospel Reflection

When Jesus wanted to describe himself, he did not compare himself to a magnificent king or a powerful ruler. He said, "I am the good shepherd." And the people of his time knew immediately that he was speaking of a humble caretaker of the flock that depended on him for survival. Some shepherds work only for pay and leave their sheep unprotected. The good shepherd lays down his life to save them. No one forces him to do so. He chooses to give his life for the sheep he knows by name and loves to the end.

The Good Shepherd looks forward to the day when all people will "be one flock." They will recognize his voice and be gathered into his fold.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: What does your parish do for ecumenism and interfaith relations?

Readings for the Week

Presider -Weekend Liturgy*

- Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29
- Tuesday: Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Jn 6:30-35
- Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40
- Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51
- Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59 or, for the memorial, Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Mt 13:54-58
- Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69
- Sunday: Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18



Live as Witnesses to the Risen Lord

May 2-3

- Saturday 5:00PM Fr. Frank
- Sunday 8:00AM Fr. John
- Sunday 10:00AM Fr. John
- Sunday 5:00PM Fr. John

*schedule subject to change

Lord, let your face shine on us

Liturgy & Ministry

ALLELUIA! Christ is Risen

It had been an especially trying day. He had been out of work for over six months, and despite many interviews, he had not been offered any positions. He thought he had qualifications for the positions he had applied, what with a college degree and many years' experience in his field. Still, he continued to be turned down, often with no explanation whatsoever. Depressed, he turned to a particularly good book and read the words of a reassuring friend: "Peace be with you." That afternoon, he received a call from an employer.

Today's Gospel reading is Luke's version of last week's reading from John. Two men have just visited the disciples and told of their encounter with the risen Jesus on their way to Emmaus. Excitedly, they recalled how they did not recognize him, but felt a burning in their hearts as they walked along and listened to him speak. Not until he broke the bread at dinner did they understand in whose presence they were. And as they told their story, Jesus appeared to them all in the room, startling them with his presence so they were unable to recognize him. "Peace be with you," he tells them.

At times in our lives, we are hidden behind locked doors, fearful of the world and what it may have to offer us, or even what it may want to take from us. It is at these times that we must look for the resurrected Jesus and listen for his offer of peace. We celebrate the liturgy in expectation of Christ's return; we pray in hope through the Holy Spirit. When we are fearful, remember the prayer of St. Paul: "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit". (Rom 15:13).

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EUCCHARISTIC LITURGY'S

Daily Masses: Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri - 8:00AM

Weekend Liturgies

Saturday: 5:00PM

Sunday: 8:00AM, 10:00AM and 5:00PM

Holy Days: 7:00PM Vigil Mass (day before)
8:00AM Holy Day

Reconciliation: Saturdays 3:30-4:30PM

Adoration: First Friday of month 8:30AM-5:00PM

St. Dominic's Mission—Rio Verde

Sundays: 10:00AM

Rosemary Palys - Secretary - (480)471-2112

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Celebrated on the fourth Sunday of Jan, Feb, May, July, Sept, and Nov. Call the parish office to enroll in classes prior to the second Sunday of those months.

Marriages: Six month notice

Sick Calls: Immediately Call- (480) 837-1066

PASTORAL MINISTRY TEAM

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Just FAITH A Call to Transform our Hearts and the World

Jack Jezreel, the renowned creator of the JustFaith program, will present an evening workshop on Thursday, May 7, 6:30-9:00 pm at St. Paul's parish in Phoenix. Already in place in over a dozen parishes in the diocese of Phoenix and in hundreds of parishes nationwide, JustFaith asks the profound question, "What does the compassion of Christ look like in the modern world?" Jack Jezreel's presentation is an opportunity to listen to a dynamic and inspiring speaker and to explore new possibilities for your life, your parish, and your heart! Reservations necessary. Registration fee \$10, to the Office of Peace and Justice.

Information: 602-650-4832 or phoyt@cc-az.org.

REFLECTION PRAYER FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE:

Most Loving Parent of us all,
Open our eyes to behold You
In the faces of our sisters and our brothers.
Help us to protect and bless one another.
Life is so fragile.
Grace us with the tenderness to value
Those in need,
Remembering,
We are all in need and we are all homeless
Until at last we dwell in You. Amen.

YOUTH GROUPS

ALLELUIA! Christ is Risen



**MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH
COOL CATHOLIC TEENS**

Sandy Bercel at 837-1066 or
sbercel@diocesephoenix.org

THANK YOU!

I want to thank you for the wonderful experience of working with all of you for The Stations of the Cross. Teens, Parents, & Catechists you all did a fantastic job.

Last Youth Group Meeting for the School Year

Sunday, April 26th 6-7:30pm

Game Night

Please bring your friends.

Pizza & Drinks will be provided!

**Knights of Columbus Scholarship
Announcement**

The Knights of Columbus is offering a \$1,000 scholarship (or two \$500 scholarships) to an eligible Fountain Hills High School senior (or seniors) or an existing Maricopa Community College student. The deadline to turn in the scholarship application is May 9. For full details, please pick up a scholarship application packet in the office. The scholarship recipient must be an active and participating member of Ascension's Catholic community.

High School Youth Group

Jamie Brown 837-1066x17 or Jbrown@diocesephoenix.org

Calling all active and inactive teens 8th grade through 12th grade, to a social gathering on May 3rd, 2009. This event will be held in the hall from 6pm till 8pm. Bring yourself and a friend! We will have sandwiches & ice cream. We would like to meet each of you on this evening.

Up Coming Events: Tuesday, April 28th Youth Group at the Picnic 5pm till 9pm

"Don't be too timid and squeamish about your actions. All life is an experiment. The more experiments you make the better." --Ralph Waldo Emerson

ELEMENTARY RELIGIOUS ED

Ken Blakeman at 837-1066 kblakeman@diocesephoenix.org

RELIGIOUS FORMATION The next regular elementary religious education meeting is May 5, 6:00 – 7:30 pm.

CONFIRMATION/FIRST EUCHARIST The diocese has assigned **Tuesday, May 12, 2009, at 7:00 pm**, as our Confirmation/First Eucharist celebration date.

PARISH PICNIC What started last year as an RE event has grown into the "2nd Annual Parish Picnic" on **Tuesday, April 28th, 5-8 pm at Golden Eagle park!** Please come with your entire family and enjoy the time with all the other parishioners! There will be a jumper thingy for the kids, as well as other activities. See the bulletin for details.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL Our VBS, "Crocodile Dock" is scheduled for Monday, July 13 to Friday, July 17, 2009, from 9:00 am until noon each day. Mark your calendars now and look for more information shortly. We will need adult, middle school and high school volunteers to make this the best year so far!

Catholic IQ - A Question for Fun and Enlightenment

Answer to last week's Question

(b) INRI are the Latin initials for "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews."

This week's Question

During tough economic times, people can ask for the intercession of _____, the patron saint of bankers and money managers. (a)Zacchaeus; (b)Philip Neri; (c) Matthew; (d)Mary Magdalene.

Around our Parish & Community

ALLELUIA! Christ is Risen



**Church of the Ascension
BLOOD DRIVE**

**Sunday, May 17, 2009
7:15 am—12:00 pm
in the parish hall**

**visit www.BloodHero.com
Sponsor Code: ascension
GIVE BLOOD. BE A HERO.**



In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus explains the meaning of the scriptures. Like the disciples, when we offer and receive forgiveness our hearts burn because we encounter the risen Christ within us.

St. Vincent's wants to share with all who were so supportive to their paper drive some statistics of what was collected: paper towels-726 rolls, toilet paper-320 4pks, Kleenex-173 boxes, tooth paste-312 tubes, tooth brushes-650, soap-725 bars, shampoo-159 bottles. Thank you.

NATURE'S LESSONS

Believe one who has tried, you shall find a fuller satisfaction in the woods than in books. The trees and the rocks will teach you that which you cannot hear from the masters.

—St. Bernard of Clairvaux

FAITH COUNSELING CENTER

invites lovers of golf!

Please join us for an afternoon of fun with a shotgun best ball scramble golf tournament!

Starfire Country Club

11500 N. Hayden Rd., Scottsdale

Sunday May 31st at 1:30pm.

\$95 per player (includes golf, cart and an Italian Buffet after golf). Prizes and more!

For more information

please call: 480-951-5343



3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER



Couples Marriage Skills

Learn collaborative marriage skills to enhance both the content and the outcome of your conversations!!! These skills help you take the HIGH ROAD as you handle the issues of life! The next Couple Communication Program will be taught by Ken & Gerry Blakeman, certified instructors, at St. Patrick Catholic Community on May 2 & 9, 2009, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. You will not be sorry you did it!!

Here are some comments:

"I learned that it is easier to come to a solution . . .if it is brought out into the open and discussed in an organized manner. The tools given helped us think outside the box." and another: "I don't listen as well as I thought - nor express myself as well as I thought. I should have done this 10 years ago!" Flyers in the Narthex. Interested? gerry@stpatricksscotsdale.org (480)998-3843 x103

Invitation to visit EUROPEAN CAPITALS of Prague, Budapest & Vienna

The enchanting capital cities of the Czech Republic, Hungary and Austria highlight a travel experience October 5-15, 2009 hosted by Fr. Vernon Meyer of St. Patrick Catholic Community in Scottsdale. Special celebrations of Liturgy throughout the program including Mass at Vienna's St. Stephen's Cathedral.

10 spaces remain. Departure from Phoenix. For details contact Fr. Meyer, 480-998-3843, meyrv52@msn.com. or CrossingBorders, 800-990-6811.