

Church of the Ascension

Forth Sunday of Easter May 3, 2009



"I have OTHER sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must LEAD, and they will HEAR my voice, and there will be ONE flock, one shepherd. This is why the Father LOVES me, because I lay DOWN my life in order to take it UP again."

J N 10:16-17

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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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PRAY FOR THE SICK

STEWARDSHIP

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 |
| Shelby Reichsfeld | William O'Brien | Cathy Giannini |
| Gregery Wilhelm-Wenzel | <i>and all who care for the sick.</i> | |

Please call 480-837-1066 if you wish someone to be placed on the sick list.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

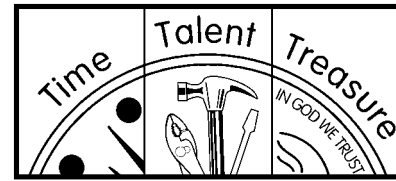


Please call the office if you wish to add a name to the list. 480-837-1066

- 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

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- 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

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP



April 26

Attendance	1160
Last week's Collection	\$ 15,008.
Average weekly plate income since July 1, 2008 is	\$ 16,027.
Weekly Budgeted Income	\$ 16,070.

To be good stewards we must be good shepherds, willing to lay down our lives for those committed to our care, not mere hired hands who run off, "leaving the sheep to be snatched and scattered by the wolf."

Mass Intentions for the Week

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
04-Monday	8:00am	+Ray Gifford
05-Tuesday	8:00am	+Julie Walker
06-Wednesday	8:00am	♥Rex and Nancy Marinis
07-Thursday	8:00am	Morning Prayer
08-Friday	8:00am	+Raymond Scott
09-Saturday	5:00pm	+Mary Milley
10-Sunday	8:00am	+Francis Hennigan
10-Sunday	10:00am	People of the Parish
10-Sunday	5:00pm	+Elizabeth Hentz

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

READING 1

There is no salvation through anyone else

Acts 4:8-12

Reading 1 Reflection

If someone who had acted like the class bully for a long time began tutoring the slow learners and protecting small children, how do you think his or her classmates would respond? Saul, who would later be known as the apostle Paul, had that same problem. He had persecuted Christians for a long time. But after a dramatic conversion experience in which Jesus asked, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" Saul had become a dedicated disciple. At first, the other disciples were afraid of him and did not accept him. However, Saul proved himself by daring to preach the good news Jesus had revealed to him.

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

The word "love" easily rolls off our tongues or our keyboards. But living it in a family, a parish, or any community is a greater challenge. This letter of John reminds us that our love for God is tested in action. We are to love "in deed and in truth." When we believe in Jesus and love one another as he commanded us, we can be sure that God is with us. Whenever we suspect that we are only giving "lip service" to Christian love, it is time to consult our consciences. How does listening to your conscience help you to act like a more loving person?

GOSPEL

The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

John 10:11-18

Gospel Reflection

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Discussion Questions for Gospel

Like the good shepherd, the vine and the branches are an agricultural image. In biblical times, many people were familiar with farms and vineyards. What images from modern life do you think Jesus might use to illustrate how we belong to him? What evidence do we as families or as a parish give that we are branches of Jesus' vine? What good works do you most want your parish to produce abundantly? How can you help to make that happen?

Readings for the Week

Presider for Weekend Liturgy*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday: Acts 12:24-13:5a; Jn 12:44-50
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20
Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14
Sunday: Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8



Live as Witnesses to the Risen Lord

May 9-10

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

*schedule subject to change

Liturgy & Ministry**ALLELUIA! Christ is Risen****TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Most languages take the name for this fifty-day season from the Lord's Passover: *Pasqua* in Italian, *Paques* in French, *Paach* in Dutch, *Pascha* in Greek and Russian. English has a much newer name: the name of a pagan goddess, *Eoster*. For centuries before Christianity took hold, in both Germany and Britain, the spring equinox was dedicated to her and the concepts of fertility and rebirth. She was said to be a playful spirit, following the Sun King's chariot, and ending the reign of winter. She had a magical companion, a rabbit who hid eggs in the fields to coax plants and animals to rebirth. It was believed that *Eoster* once came across a bird with broken wings and saved it by turning it into a rabbit—an egg-laying rabbit at that! Although they were baptized, most people didn't take to the new Latin name (*Pascha Domini*) too easily, and kept calling the spring equinox by the old accustomed name. For good measure, they kept a pagan name for Christmas, too: *Yule*. —Rev. James Field, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

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 of \$10 will be paid by the parish for those wanting to attend. Please call Leann at the parish office at 837-1066 for more information.



Confirmation/First Eucharist is just the beginning of Life in the Church. A great way to get involved is as an Altar Server. Being a server means *servicing God and God's people at Mass*. As a server you help "set the pace" for everyone taking part in the Mass. What you do and how you do it can help others understand the Mass better and make their love for God stronger. Call Donna DeFelice at 480-419-7497 if you are interested."

EUCCHARISTIC LITURGY SCHEDULE

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

Pastor: Rev. John T. McDonough

Deacon: Richard Smith

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Marriage and Family Therapist: Gerry Blakeman, M.A. LMFT

Coordinator of High School Youth Ministry: Jamie Brown

Coordinator of Middle School Youth Ministry: Sandy Bercel

Secretary: Rosemarie Andersen

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YOUTH GROUPS

ALLELUIA! Christ is Risen

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP Jamie Brown 837-1066x17 or Jbrown@diocesephoenix.org

Thank-You! To those who attended Youth Group last Sunday.

Calling all 8th Graders...join the High School Group Sunday, May 3rd for a social gathering. We would like to meet those in our community moving into High School.

Sunday, May 17th...High School Youth Group meeting, plan on attending this special celebration.

Summer Vacation Bible School—Save the dates July 13th - 17th

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. 2 Cor. 1:3-4

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Coffee Sales Weekend

May 9th & 10th, after all Masses
Please sign-up for your time slot.

Day Retreat

Being Like a Child
May 16th. 10am thru 5pm Mass
Upcoming 6th graders invited.
Friends are welcome.
Sign-up by May 12th



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

ELEMENTARY RELIGIOUS ED

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

The last regular elementary religious education meeting for this season is **Tuesday, May 5, 2009, 6:00 – 7:30 pm**. We will finish the second of two sessions on the “Kingdom of God.”

CONFIRMATION/FIRST EUCHARIST PREPARATION

The diocese has assigned **Tuesday, May 12, 2009, at 7:00 pm, as our Confirmation/First Eucharist celebration date. Rehearsal is today, Sunday, May 3rd, 3:30 – 4:30 pm.**

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 sign up information this weekend of May 2/3! 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

C) Saint Matthew was a tax collector before becoming one of Jesus' Apostles

This week's Question

The Year of St. Paul will come to a conclusion on which date? (a) June 29, 2009; (b) July 4, 2009; (c) December 31, 2009; (d) January 1, 2010.

Since my visit to the Holy Land for Holy Week my sabbatical plans have changed and I will need to get back to my Detroit base sooner so that I can prepare myself and my stuff to get ready for my next assignment. Part of the reason for my recent trip to Jerusalem was for a job interview with the Superior of the Jesuit community there. So... My next assignment is to be the Minister-Treasurer-Guest-Master at the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Jerusalem. (In Jesuit communities a "Minister of the House" is second to the Superior of the House. The Minister does whatever the Superior delegates to him and is responsible for the physical aspects of the house: be sure the cooks show up and that the house is cleaned and the plumbing works, etc.) The PBI in Jerusalem is there to receive as many as 12-20 Hebrew and/or Old Testament doctoral students each semester from the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome. My Detroit Provincial Superior and I agreed that I am right for this job and he will mission me (for 3 years, renewable for another 3 years) to the PBI in Jerusalem and I will depart for Israel on 15 June. I am excited about this new challenge and am asking for your prayers.

But before I drive back to Detroit, starting on 03 May, I wanted to be sure to express my deep gratitude to Fr. John and Therese and Deacon Smith and all the staff and all you wonderful folks at Church of the Ascension. This is a very vibrant and active parish, thanks in great part to the energy and enthusiasm of Fr. John. I felt it was my honor and privilege that you welcomed me so warmly and let me share in your joy and excitement for these last few months. Let's keep in touch. jkodbertsj@gmail.com. Thanks again for everything!

Father Jerome

EVENTS AT OUR PARISH

Tuesday, May 5

K-5 R.E. 6-7:30pm

Sunday, May 10

Happy Mother's Day

Clow/Allow 10am & 5pm



**Church of the Ascension
BLOOD DRIVE**

Sunday, May 17, 2009

7:00 am—12:00 pm in the parish hall

To sign up visit www.BloodHero.com

Sponsor Code: ascension

GIVE BLOOD. BE A HERO.

LEGACY

*Every character has an inward spring;
let Christ be that spring.*

*Every action has a keynote;
let Christ be that note.*

—Henry Drummond



Today, we celebrate "Good Shepherd Sunday" where we reflect on Jesus' care and love for us. This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought the love and care of Jesus to the poor by assisting countless families, providing food, and money for utility and rent bills, etc. THANK YOU!

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.