

The Ascension of the Lord

May 28, 2017

Calendar

Saturday, May 27th

4:00pm Vigil Christopher Bollino, Vincent Boudreaux Sr, Vincent Boudreaux Jr, Joy Nalty Hodges, Harold Pilie Jr, Mr & Mrs Joseph Simon, Vetter Amadeo Taylor, and Christopher Vanderbrook

Sunday, May 28th

8:00am Mass All parishioners

10:30am Mass George J. Cassard III, Anne Bruck Favrot, Paul Haygood, Lester & Ethel Heidingsfelder, Joy Nalty Hodges, Theda "Tedio" Alice Meade Hodges-Cahill, Earl LeCorgne, Ronald & Pauline Marchessault, Deacon Paul A. Nalty, Miriam Ogden, Lynn Roche, the Cassard Family, the Derbes Family, the Vaughn Family, and the Intentions of the Caverly Family, and of the Vigour Family
12:30pm Latin The Reverend John Arnone

Monday, May 29th

MEMORIAL DAY

6:30am Mass Emma Templet

Tuesday, May 30th

6:30am Mass The Boudreaux & Bergeron Families
4:45pm Eucharistic Adoration
6:00pm Mass William Allen

Wednesday, May 31st

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:30am Mass Christopher Bollino
6:00pm Rosary (@ Our Lady of Good Counsel)

Thursday, June 1st

St Justin, martyr

6:30am Mass Mary Wendt
7:00am Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, June 2nd

SS Marcellinus and Peter, martyrs

6:30am Mass The Reverend Michael Joseph Nguyen

Saturday, June 3rd

St Charles Lwanga & Companions, martyrs

10:00am Rosary (@ Church of St Henry)



The Sanctuary Light in the church will burn this week for the repose of the soul of Vetter Amadeo Taylor.

The Sanctuary Light in the chapel will burn this week for the Intentions of the Pope.



Mass Setting

The Mass setting for the Easter Season is the *Mass of Renewal*, the Assembly Book of which is found in the pews.



Banns of Matrimony

Amanda Jocelyn Yager & Ethan Taylor Popovich



Frances Page Tompkins & Ryan Lawrence Goodwin

Lay Ministers Schedule for June 4th

4:00 pm

Lector: Dan Jens

Eucharistic Ministers: Becky Brocato, Deacon Richard Eason, and Hunter Harris III

8:00 am

Lector: Linda Tufton

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Richard Eason, Rebecca Stahr, and Angela Villanueva

10:30 am

Lector: Mark Surprenant

Eucharistic Ministers: Laura Finnegan (loft), etc



"In today's Gospel, Jesus charges His followers to make disciples of all nations. What exactly is going on here? What is this Great Commission anyway? Good stewards know they are directed to share what they exercise stewardship over: their life of faith in Christ Jesus. They know Jesus didn't direct them to go to church and to keep quiet about it; or to go out into the neighborhood, workplace or marketplace and just be nice. Christ's Good News is meant to be shared. Many people in our communities don't know about Jesus Christ. Does that bother us? Do we care? Do we realize we are supposed to do something about it?"

Collection Report	May 14th	July 1st-May 14th
Total Collections	\$5,292.00	\$325,754.48
Budget	<u>\$6,684.69</u>	<u>\$307,495.74</u>
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$1,392.69)	\$18,258.74
Second Collections/Miscellaneous Donations		
Restoration Fund		\$1,522.00
Clarion Herald		\$45.00
Trinity Dome		\$1,120.00

The Monthly Prayer-Request for Priests

May

1 st	The Rev. Ronald L. Calkins*
2 nd	The Rev. Antonio Serio*
3 rd	The Rev. Timothy D. Hedrick*
4 th	The Rev. Ray A. Hymel
5 th	The Rev. John J. Payne, JCL*
6 th	The Rev. Joseph Dau Nguyen*
7 th	The Rev. William H. Blank
8 th	The Rev. Harry J. Adams*
9 th	The Rev. Francis J. Carabello*
10 th	The Rev. Allen Weinert, CSsR
11 th	The Rev. Anthony Okwum, SSJ
12 th	The Rev. David Rabe*
13 th	The Rev. Richard Miles*
14 th	The Rev. Bernard Francis*
15 th	The Rev. Joseph Dang Vu, SDD*
16 th	The Rev. Charles Andrus, SSJ
17 th	The Rev. Paul D. Calamari
18 th	The Rev. Clayton "Beau" Charbonnet*
19 th	The Very Rev. Gregory Boquet, OSB*
20 th	The Rev. Justin Kauchak, OP
21 st	The Rev. Gerard Stapleton*
22 nd	The Rev. Raul Lobo*
23 rd	His Holiness Pope-Emeritus Benedict XVI
24 th	The Rev. Norman O'Neal, SJ*
25 th	The Rev. Philip Neri Powell, OP
26 th	The Rev. Louis Molinelli, SDB*
27 th	The Rev. Peter M. Mongeon
28 th	The Rev. Gary P. Copping*
29 th	His Holiness Pope Francis
30 th	The Rev. James E. Schott*
31 st	The Rev. Francis Majors*

* birthday

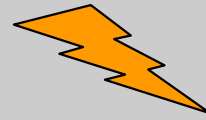
† deceased

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Lightning Apologetics

by Phillip Bellini, DRE



The Last Rites

In God's steadfast love for us, He gives us the Sacraments involved in the last rites to comfort us in our final days and prepare us for the journey ahead. "These include penance (or confession), confirmation (when lacking), anointing of the sick...and Viaticum (which is meant to be the last reception of Holy Communion for the journey from this life to eternity)....

"The present Roman ritual orders these Sacraments in two ways. The 'continuous rites of penance and anointing' include: Introductory Rites, Liturgy of Penance, Liturgy of Confirmation, Liturgy of Anointing, Liturgy of Viaticum, and Concluding Rites. The 'rite for emergencies' includes before anointing: anointing, concluding prayer, blessing, sign of peace" (The Reverend Peter Stravinskis, *Catholic Encyclopedia*).

The most important part of the last rites is the reception of the Lord in one's final Communion, also called "Viaticum" (Latin = that which you take on the road, i.e., provisions for a journey). This special Communion prepares us to travel with the Lord on the final part of our journey.

There has been great comfort in having Viaticum. It has been valued by Christians since the beginning of Church history. The first ecumenical council, held at Nicaea in 325 AD, decreed: "Concerning the departing, the ancient canonical law is still to be maintained, to wit, that, if any man be at the point of death, he must not be deprived of the last and most indispensable Viaticum" (canon 13). Having repented of our sins and received absolution, we travel with the Lord Jesus out of this earthly life and to eternal happiness with Him in Heaven.

From earliest times, the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick was cherished among Christians, not only in immediate danger of death, but even at the beginning sign of danger from illness or old age.

A sermon of Caesar of Aries (ca. 47—542 A.D.) says the following: "As often as some infirmity overtakes a man, let him who is ill receive the body and blood of Christ, let him humbly and in faith ask the presbyters for blessed oil, to anoint his body, so that what was written may be fulfilled in him: 'Is anyone among you sick? Let him bring in the presbyters, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil; and the prayer of faith will save the sick man, and the Lord will raise him up, and if he be in sins, they will be forgiven him... See to it, brethren, that whoever is ill hasten to the church, both that he may receive health of body and will merit to obtain the forgiveness of his sins' (Sermons 13{325} 3).

The following from St John Chrysostom:

"The priests of Judaism had power to cleanse the body from leprosy, or rather, not to cleanse it at all, but to declare a person as having been cleansed... Our priests have received the power not of treating with the leprosy of the body, but with spiritual uncleanness, not of declaring cleansed, but of actually cleansing... Priests accomplish this not only by teaching and admonishing, but also by the help of prayer. Not only at the time of our regeneration [in baptism], but even afterward, they have the authority to forgive sins; 'Is there anyone among you sick? Let him call for the priests of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith shall save the sick man, and the Lord shall raise him up, and if he has committed sins, he shall be forgiven'" (*On the Priesthood* 3:6: 190ff [387 AD], "Sunday Sermons of the Great Fathers").

Pray for the Sick

Corey Behler, Ron Behler, William Brown, Ray & Zetta Burkart, Gary Callahan, Jeanne García, Mary Gremillion, Jolleen Jackson, Gilda & Albert Lasseigne, Leddie Lopez, Louise Martin, Dilia Martínez, Dilia Miller, Sophie Rodríguez, and William Youngblood.

We will have a Second Collection this week -end, for the St Stephen Restoration Fund. Next week-end, we will have the annual Peter's Pence Collection, in support of the Reigning Pontiff's charitable works.

This Friday, June 2nd, has been designated a voluntary day of prayer and fasting as we begin the Hurricane Season.

On Pentecost Sunday, June 4th, the Reverend Father James Garcia Ward, CM, former pastor of St Stephen Church, will celebrate the fortieth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood with a Mass of Thanksgiving, here at St Stephen's, at 2:00 pm. All are invited. A reception will follow, with a *piñata* for the children.

Pray for the Dead

The Reverend John Arnone, Shelley Baptiste, George J. Cassard III, Rose Chisesi, Sister Josephine Cusimano DC, Hunter Harris Jr, Joy Nalty Hodges, Theda "Tedie" Alice Meade Hodges-Cahill, Sister Claire Mulé DC, Gertrude Petit, and the Right Reverend Patrick Regan OSB.

Pray for Our Armed-services

Lt Junior Grade, USN, Neil P. Chatelain; LT John Tortorich; and LT Kate Tortorich.



News

The Extraordinary Form of the Mass of the Roman Rite, the "Tridentine" (Latin) Mass, will be offered again at St Stephen Church this Sunday, May 28th (**Sunday after the Ascension**), at 12:30 pm. The Intention will be for the repose of the soul of the Reverend John Arnone.

Quarterly Financial Report	1st Qtr 2017	Jul 1 - Mar 31
Total Ordinary Income (Collections)	\$ 101,086.89	\$ 290,526.30
Extraordinary Income		
Donations	\$ 1,835.26	\$ 21,032.26
Rental Income	\$ 24,238.94	\$ 81,698.49
Weddings, Baptisms, Funerals	\$ 6,170.00	\$ 16,425.00
Interest & Misc Income	\$ 7,952.52	\$ 97,174.27
Total Extraordinary Income	\$ 40,196.72	\$ 216,330.02
TOTAL INCOME	\$141,283.61	\$ 506,856.32
Personnel Costs	\$ 74,176.78	\$ 218,225.97
Other Parish Expenses	\$ 61,158.28	\$ 153,151.45
Archdiocesan Assessments	\$ 22,755.79	\$ 68,023.56
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$158,090.85	\$ 439,400.98
NET INCOME	(\$16,807.24)	\$67,455.34
NET INCOME (excluding rental income)	(\$41,046.18)	(\$14,243.15)
Donations to Building Restoration	\$536,014.22	\$ 896,391.71



The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.