

### June Birthdays

June 02: Stephanie Hamilton  
June 02: Travis Williams  
June 06: Katherine Hampton  
June 16: Phil Hampton  
June 19: John Evans  
June 19: Joyce Hing  
June 21: Beau Ellrich  
June 22: Indra Valasco Ruiz  
June 30: Patsy Notestein

### June Anniversaries

June 04: Will & Annette McCabe  
June 11: Scott & Patti West  
June 12: Don & Patsy Notestein  
June 13: Bob & Sandra Burke  
June 13: Chuck & Pat Hirtz  
June 24: Les & Maria Leslie  
June 28: Keith & Kathleen Hamilton  
June 30: Chene & Emily Heady

Please continue to pray for the sick of our Parish. To add someone to the prayer list, call Fr. Jim or email Bonnie Toth at: [bonnie3871@gmail.com](mailto:bonnie3871@gmail.com).

Dylan Anderson  
Sid Barr  
Robert Berry  
Patricia Bonnewitz  
Gloria Bowden  
Kellsei Boyce  
Millie Budney  
Sandra Burke  
Julie Byron  
Deacon John Carey  
Riordan Cavoris  
Justin Curtis  
Alessia Destefano  
Carol Donato  
Islea Duncan  
Patricia Elder  
John Evans

Jack Fisher  
Linda Gardner  
Elizabeth Gillam  
Lorraine Brennen Gilliam  
Lynn Goss  
Mary Graf  
Kathleen Hamilton  
Jeanne Harper  
James Heady  
Pablo Ignacio  
Patrick Ignacio  
Meja Irvin  
Leslie Jarrett  
Marge Lent  
Paul Lent  
Patel Mahendra  
Carolyn Martin

Kimberly Martin  
Willard Mock  
Greg Moore  
Beverly Moyer  
Chris Moyer  
Ray Moyer  
Don Notestein  
Patsy Notestein  
Angel Ortiz  
George Perry  
Gary Peters  
Laurie Peters  
Frank Powell  
Nelson Sanchez  
Princess Sanchez  
John Seaquist  
Ray Servis

Jane Sliwinski  
Margaret Smith  
Chere Tew  
Jim Tew  
Fred Toth  
Amy Tracy  
Emilia Walker  
Charles Watson  
Danielle Weedon  
Laura Williams  
Louise Williams  
Michael Williams  
Travis Williams  
Betty Jo Wolfrum

### The Financial Corner

Collections May 25: \$961.00  
Attendees May 25: 87

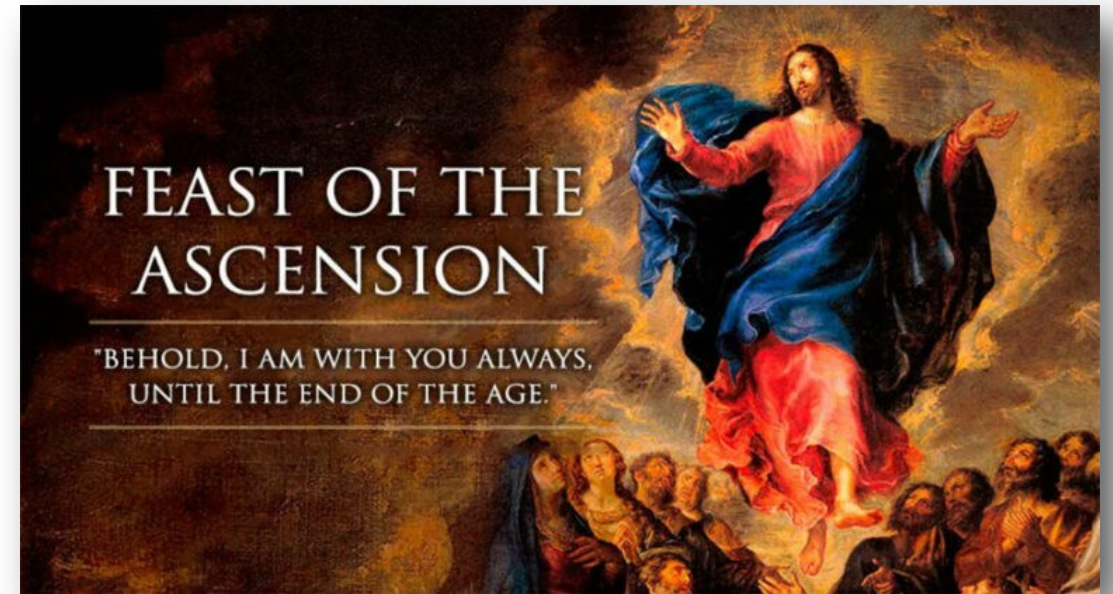
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## Feast of The Ascension of the Lord (Seventh Sunday of Easter)

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## A PASTORAL MOMENT WITH FR. JIM

The late Bishop Sullivan was a man who could think outside the box. One of his favorite sayings was “We are a missionary diocese. We do not get stuck in our ways.” Another saying was “We are church in new ways!”

Bishop Sullivan realized the expertise and the emergence of women into leadership roles within the church. He saw competent women leading religious education programs leading prayer as well as teaching adults. He could see that there would be less priests and more parishes to cover. He also realized that while all priests could minister the sacraments, not all were capable of being pastors. Pastoring requires unique skills. But, there were qualified women who were capable of pastoring, so he appointed women to pastor parishes. At one time there were seven parishes and missions lead by women with degrees in theology, pastoral ministry and valuable life experiences.

The sacraments were covered by a priest who was not far away. The priest appointed had a good attitude and was comfortable with not being “the boss.” In most cases this worked out very well.

Of course, Rome gets nervous about some lay leadership and especially women pastors. So after Bishop Sullivan retired, one by one the parishes were taken over by priests. The women did “too good” of a job and made fools of the misogynous hierarchy. The lay people were asking serious questions about the sexual discrimination against women in the sacrament of Holy Orders. You could almost hear the voice of Tom Cruise from “A Few Good Men” - “You can’t handle the truth!”

One pastoral coordinator for me stands out. Her name was Theresa Mansfield. She pastored parishes in Crewe, Meherrin and Blackstone. She received the Bene Meritas Award from Pope John Paul II. It was the highest award given to a lay person. Theresa served 32 years in her position. She passed away Holy Week this year.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

### Handicapped Parking Spaces



It has been brought to our attention that some of our parishioners with limitations are having difficulty finding empty handicapped spaces when they arrive for mass. There are several spaces reserved in front of the entrance and are clearly painted with the example to the left. With our mass time being so early, many of our folks with disabilities find it difficult to get to church early, let alone on time, to find a suitable parking spot. If you do not have a handicapped placard or license plate, please refrain from parking in these spots. *“Whatsoever you do to least of my people, that you do unto me.”*

### THANK YOU, KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS!

Thanks to our Knights of Columbus, flags were placed for Memorial Day at the final resting places in our cemetery of all who served their country with honor. Thanks to Fr Jim for the special prayers he offered at this ceremony. (Thanks, too, to our anonymous donor for the new flags!)

### MASS SCHEDULES WHILE FR. JIM IS AWAY

Fr. Jim will be heading to Rhode Island to be with his father June 12-19, 2025. As a result, there will be no masses during that time. However, Lay Ministers Diane Bradish and Andrew Brown will lead a Prayer Service with Communion on Sunday, June 15. Fr. Jim will make sure enough consecrated hosts are available.

Today we bid farewell to Betty Jo Wolfrum as she relocates to Florida to be with her daughter and grandchildren. We all wish you the best, Betty Jo. Know you will always be in our hearts!

May God continue to bless you and keep you safe, healthy and happy!

