

MAY BIRTHDAYS

07 Carolyn Maples
10 Jeremy Hounsell
13 Sid Smith
14 Bonnie Toth
19 Emily Heady
19 Jim Tew
21 George Perry

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

02 Andrew & Kelsey Brown
16 Fr. Jim's Ordination Anniversary
23 Steve & Diane Bradish

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.

Dylan Anderson
Robert Berry
Patricia Bonnewitz
Gloria Bowden
Kellsei Boyce
Millie Budney
Sandra Burke
Julie Byron
Deacon John Carey
Chris Cass
Riordan Cavoris
Suzi Crawford
Justin Curtis
Trish Decresce
Alessia Destefano
Carol Donato
Islea Duncan
Frank Lee Elder
John Evans
Tom Ford

Melanie Furlough
Linda Gardner
Elizabeth Gillam
Lynn Goss
Mary Graf
Kathleen Hamilton
Ronnie Haney
Jeanne Harper
James Heady
Pablo Ignacio
Patrick Ignacio
Meja Irvin
Leslie Jarrett
Maggie Kreiser
Fran Lecco
Kenneth Lecco
Patel Mahendra
Mary Marshall
Carolyn Martin
Kimberly Martin

Doug Martinez
Chefley Matthews
Rhonda Mayberry
Willard Mock
Greg Moore
Jane Moreton
Beverly Moyer
Chris Moyer
Ray Moyer
Riley Naber
Don & Patsy Notestein
Angel Ortiz
George Perry
Gary Peters
Laurie Peters
Frank Powell
Nelson Sanchez
Princess Sanchez
John Seaquist
Bernadette Servis

Ray Servis
Jane Sliwinski
Don Smith
Margaret Smith
Maureen Smith
Chere Tew
Jim Tew
Brian Tucker
Amy Tracy
Emilia Walker
Wardell Family
Charles Watson
Danielle Weedon
Laura Williams
Louise Williams
Michael Williams

The Financial Corner

Collections: May 10: General: \$1610.00
Attendees: May 10: 79

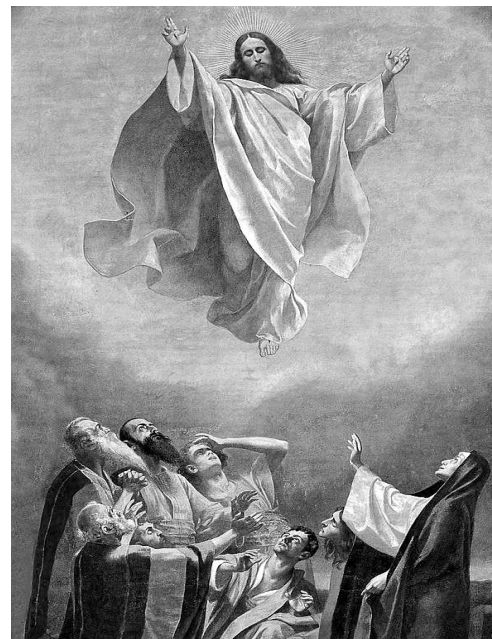
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The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they saw him, they worshiped but the doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in Heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."
Matthew 28:16-20

May 17, 2026 The Ascension of the Lord

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Sunday 8:30 AM; Tuesday 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM
Thursday: 12:15 PM

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A PASTORAL MOMENT WITH FATHER JIM

“Where are you going?” ask the disciples. Jesus answers, “I go to prepare a place for you.” The place is in the heart of the Father. The Father’s heart is big and there is room for everyone.

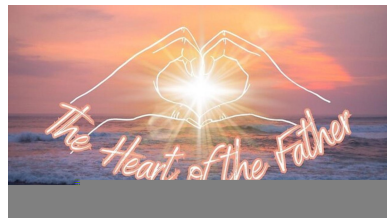
All through Jesus’ life he sought to bring us into the heart of the Father. He told stories of lost sons, lost daughters, lost coins and lost sheep. He gave us parables and often said, “The Kingdom of God is like...”

As I celebrate 39 years of ordination, I remember my first mass of Thanksgiving. Fr. Bob Perkins presented me with a gift. It was a figurine of a rabbit - not just any rabbit, but a rabbit called “Dandelion.” If you read the book *Watership Down*, you hear of such a character. He was the story teller.

When rabbits were afraid because a tractor or bulldozer was uprooting their home, the rabbits shouted, “Dandelion, tell us a story!” He immediately told a narrative of love and how the descendants came about. When the rabbits were full of berries and feeling pretty high from the plants they had eaten, someone said “Dandelion, tell us a story!” He then told of time of famine and also great feasts and how we should be grateful to our creator. My friend, Bob, said to me publicly, “Jim Gallagher, now you tell the story. Bring people into the heart of the Father. You be the dandelion.”

I have told stories. That’s easy for an Irishman. Hopefully, some have brought people into the heart of the Father. I have told the story of inmates on death row. I have told the story of sheltering homeless in Virginia Beach while we partnered with a Jewish Community because God makes a home for all. I have told the story of fascinations with and about the beautiful cultures of Mexico and Haiti. Jesus embraced Romans and Samaritans. I have told the story of what it means to grow up as the oldest of six children and the son of a truck-driver. Jesus was the Good Sheperd. I have told the story of long lost love and companions who continue to touch my heart. Love never dies and death does not quench love. I have told the story of my sin and a God who never gets tired of forgiving.

Have the stories brought people into the heart of the Father?



TODAY’S MASS INTENTIONS

Joan Melcher

CROWNING OF THE BLESSED MOTHER TODAY

May is the month of Mary, our Blessed Mother and Queen of Heaven. The crowning will take place directly following mass today. Rather than a Recessional Hymn, we will sing “Hail Holy Queen Enthroned Above” as we process out to the commons. Be sure to get a copy of handout before mass so you can follow along.

PENTECOST SUNDAY SPEAKERS

Pentecost is Sunday, May 24th. If you speak a language other than English, we need your help. After each prayer during the Prayers of the Faithful, we need to repeat them in Spanish, French, Italian, Chinese, etc. **“Lord Send Out Your Spirit and renew the face of the earth!”** Please see Fr. Jim for further explanation.

MINISTRY OF VISITING THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

The meeting for those interested in joining this ministry has been postponed to Wednesday, May 27, at 6 pm.

HOME MASS AT THE BRADISH’S

Fr. Jim will celebrate mass at the Bradish Farm on Saturday, May 30, at 10 AM. All are invited to celebrate both mass and Fr. Jim’s ordination anniversary . If you plan to attend, please bring a foldable chair. The address is: 769 Hummingbird Lane, Spout Spring VA. All are welcome!

FIRST COMMUNION DATE CHANGE!

The First Communion for Avery Lecco-Smith and Wesley Garcia has been postponed. It is scheduled for next Sunday, May 24.