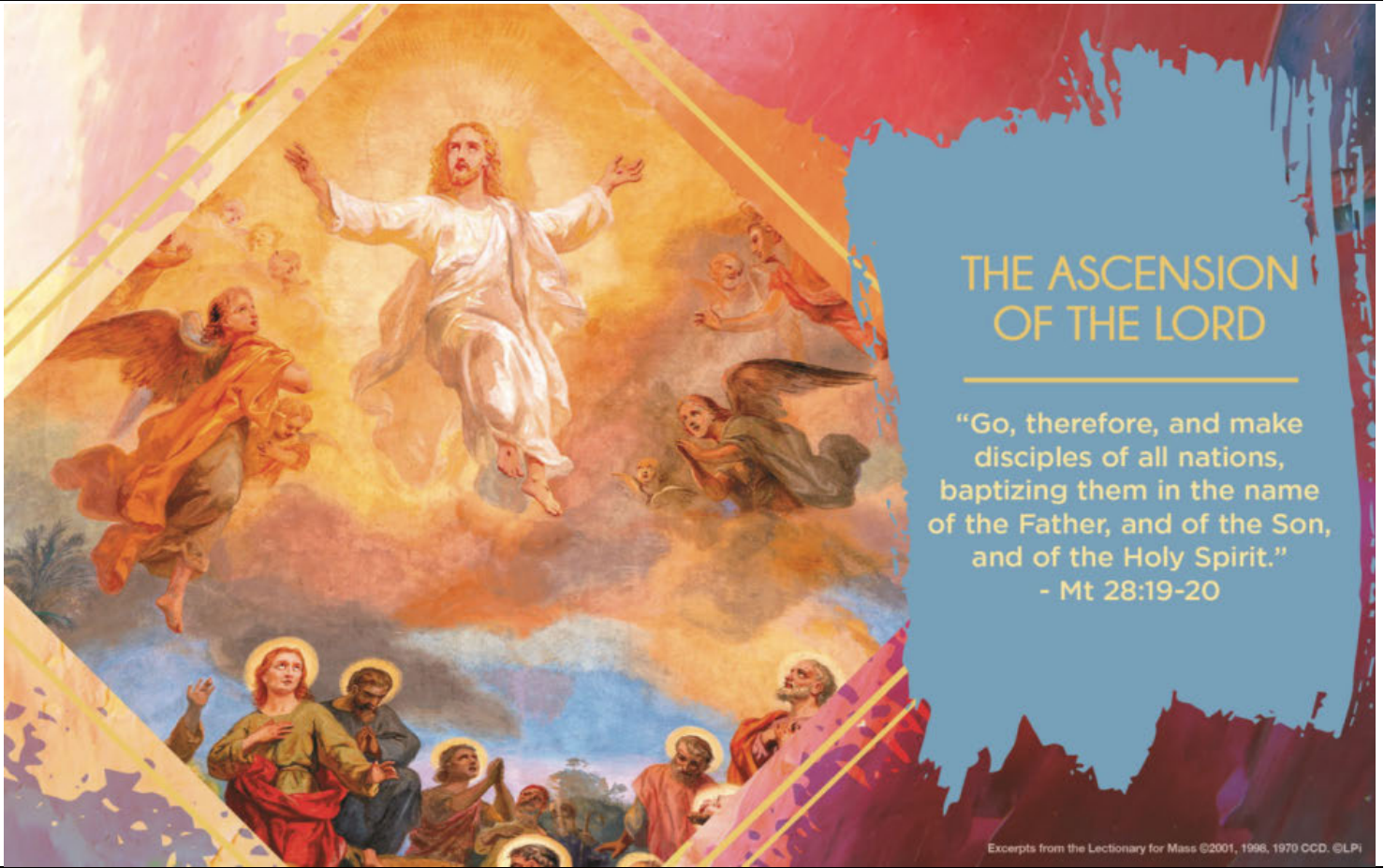


SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 21, 2023

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**THE ASCENSION
OF THE LORD**

“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.”
- Mt 28:19-20

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COLLECTIONS & ATTENDANCE

MAY 13 & 14, 2023—WEEKEND TOTALS:

COLLECTIONS:	SH	SC
WEEKLY COLLECTION	787.00	1721.00
OTHER	30.00	105.00
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PARISH TOTAL	1087.00	1826.00

OTHER- E-GIVING, VIA USPS

Lector/Eucharistic Ministers

May 20 (SH)	Cathy Parry Theresa Kovian	May 27 (SH)	Kathy Avery Cathy Parry
May 21 (SC)	Dianne Kierpiec Dave Marçais	May 28 (SC)	James Wray Ken Stuff

Counters Schedule

May 23 (SH)	Deb Swarczewski Noreen Brownell	May 30 (SH)	Tony Stellato Chris Caffrey
May 22 (SC)	Bette Papa Sandy Hayes	May 29 (SC)	Ann Mahon Lorna Quinn

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sat. May 20, 4:00 pm (SH) - 1.) *In memory of Casmer & Mary Stanwick, requested by George Stanwick.*

2.) *In memory of John & Josephine Bartman, requested by Janice DeJulius.*

3.) *Birthday blessings for Virginia Bilow, requested by the Healy family.*

Sun. May 21, 8:30 am (SC) - 1.) *In memory of John Gorham, requested by Jim Wray.*

2.) *For the repose of the soul of Joan Joyce, requested by Michele Furnare & family.*

Mon. May 22 thru Sun. May 28, 2023

Mon. May 22, 8:00 am (SC) - *In memory of Bert & Verna Bicheler, requested by John & Sheila Cranker.*

Tue. May 23, 8:00 am (SC) - *In memory of Margaret Bellamy, requested by John & Ann Mahon.*

Sat. May 27, 4:00 pm (SH) - 1.) *In memory of Angelo Maggiore, requested by the Healy family.*

2.) *In memory of Stanley DeJulius, requested by Janice DeJulius.*

3.) *In memory of Mary Winney, requested by Janice DeJulius.*

Sun. May 28, 8:30 am (SC) - 1.) *In memory of Bailey Alexandria Field, requested by Mom, Dad & Sammy.*

2.) *For the repose of the soul of Joan Joyce, requested by George & Pat Galeazza.*

Food Pantry



May 24 (SC)	Bette Papa Flo Stanton Marjorie Savoie
June 7 (SH)	Barb Bilins Wendy Hall



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

May 21, 2023 - 7th Sunday of Easter

Traditionally, the four writers of the Gospels are symbolized by four creatures that make their way into Church art and architecture: Matthew, an angel; Mark, a lion; Luke, an ox; and John, an eagle. These images can be found in churches across the world, a nod to those who recorded the stories of Jesus for us, thousands of years ago.

Today's Gospel was written by John. There are a few reasons why John is symbolized by an eagle, but my favorite explanation is that his writings soar like an eagle into the sky with their beautiful, poetic language. The prayer we hear today is no different — Jesus invokes God in a long discourse that might seem mystifying at times, the same way that a poem can be perplexing to understand when we are unfamiliar with the pacing or format. Consider holding onto the shortest sentence in this prayer: "I pray for them."

Jesus prays for us. For me. For you.

Let that sink deep into your being.

Jesus is on your side. He is aware of what you are holding at this moment. He is aware of your pain, your faith, your mission. And He's rooting for you. This prayer was recorded thousands of years ago, far before you were born. Since before you were born, you were held in prayer. With that certainty, we live.

~Father John Muir

Saint Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi-(April 2, 1566 – May 25, 1607)

Mystical ecstasy is the elevation of the spirit to God in such a way that the person is aware of this union with God while both internal and external senses are detached from the sensible world. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi was so generously given this special gift of God that she is called the "ecstatic saint."

Catherine de' Pazzi was born into a noble family in Florence in 1566. The normal course would have been for her to have married into wealth and enjoyed comfort, but Catherine chose to follow her own path. At 9, she learned to meditate from the family confessor. She made her first Communion at the then-early age of 10, and made a vow of virginity one month later. At 16, Catherine entered the Carmelite convent in Florence because she could receive Communion daily there.

Catherine had taken the name Mary Magdalene and had been a novice for a year when she became critically ill. Death seemed near, so her superiors let her make her profession of vows in a private ceremony from a cot in the chapel. Immediately after, Mary Magdalene fell into an ecstasy that lasted about two hours. This was repeated after Communion on the following 40 mornings. These ecstasies were rich experiences of union with God and contained marvelous insights into divine truths.

As a safeguard against deception and to preserve the revelations, her confessor asked Mary Magdalene to dictate her experiences to sister secretaries. Over the next six years, five large volumes were filled. The first three books record ecstasies from May of 1584 through Pentecost week the following year. This week was a preparation for a severe five-year trial. The fourth book records that trial and the fifth is a collection of letters concerning reform and renewal. Another book, *Admonitions*, is a collection of her sayings arising from her experiences in the formation of women religious.

The extraordinary was ordinary for this saint. She read the thoughts of others and predicted future events. During her lifetime, Mary Magdalene appeared to several persons in distant places and cured a number of sick people.

It would be easy to dwell on the ecstasies and pretend that Mary Magdalene only had spiritual highs. This is far from true. It seems that God permitted her this special closeness to prepare her for the five years of desolation that followed when she experienced spiritual dryness. She was plunged into a state of darkness in which she saw nothing but what was horrible in herself and all around her. She had violent temptations and endured great physical



Parish Announcements

The Church in Central & Eastern Europe: Next week we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in more than 25 countries that still struggle to recover from former communist rule. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, renovations, and seminary formation. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection next week.

Fr. Juanito's 30th Anniversary: Everyone is invited to a joint celebration on Sunday—June 11, honoring Fr. Juanito on the 30th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. A potluck breakfast will take place at St. Cecilia's Parish Hall following the 8:30 am Mass. Please bring a dish to share and join us in extending our congratulations to him.

Feast of the Sacred Heart: We will be celebrating with a potluck cookout following the Vigil Mass on Saturday, June 17th. Sacred Heart will provide Hamburgers/hotdogs. We ask attendees to bring sides and desserts. We are inviting musical guest, Shelby Wadsworth to entertain us.

Sacred Heart Summer Clean-Up: We are having a clean-up day on Saturday, June 3rd from 9am-12pm. We will be cleaning inside and out. Coffee and donuts will be provided.

Bottles and Cans Drop Off: Those dropping off bottles and cans at Sacred Heart can drop off at the church garage and also can now drop off at The Fultonville Redemption Center (just let them know they are for Sacred Heart).

Ice Cream Social—Save The Date: The annual Sacred Heart Ice Cream Social will be held on August 17th.

Saint Cecilia Rummage Sale: The annual Rummage Sale will be held on October 13-14, 2023. Carry in until Oct.9, set-up throughout the week.

The Diocesan Appeal: You can make a gift or pledge online at www.thediocesanappeal.org or set-up bill pay through your bank for recurring gifts (easier on your budget), asking the bank to make checks payable to Diocesan Appeal, 40 N. Main Ave., Albany, NY 12203. Be sure to include your name & the location of your parish. Thank you!

Summer is Approaching: *With the summer upon us, those traveling or attending the shrines, please remember that your home parish still needs your support. Your contributions are important to the health of our churches.*

Weekly Mass: We record the 4 pm Saturday Mass at Sacred Heart. Please join us virtually for weekly Mass on Sacred Heart's YouTube channel
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCs_-FDzyfvHZZ9y8UIC4gAw?view_as=subscriber

Upcoming Second Collections:
May 28—European Relief

Adoration
of the
Blessed Sacrament



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