

# The Ascension of the Lord

May 13, 2018

## May Stewardship

CAER Center  
and  
Heifer International

Budget amount  
needed for each week:  
**\$7,100.00**

May 5 and 6

Stewardship Back to the Lord

Envelopes: .....	\$6,227.50
Youth: .....	\$1.00
Total: .....	\$6,228.50
EFT .....	\$35.00
Total: .....	\$6,263.50

Sunday Contributions YTD \$319,900.00  
Actual YTD ..... \$310,359.37

## Thank You

### Debt Reduction:

April .....	\$480.00
Total for the fiscal year .....	\$13,459.00

### Capital Improvements:

April .....	\$10.00
Total for the fiscal year .....	\$10.00

**Stewardship:** Jesus ascended into heaven, blessing His disciples and promising that they would soon receive the power of the Holy Spirit. We who have received that promised gift of the Spirit are now empowered to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth—to use our time and talents to spread the good news of salvation.

**CAER Food Pantry:** Items being collected for the month of May are: paper products, toilet paper, Kleenex and paper towels.

There is a basket in the gathering area for your donations. Thank you!

## This Week's Events

### Sunday, May 13

*Mother's Day*  
8:00 am Rosary  
9:40 am Adult Choir  
11:30 am Individual Reconciliation (Bannister)

### Tuesday, May 15

10:00 am Prayer Group  
7:00 pm Individual Reconciliation (Chesaning)

### Wednesday, May 16

9:30 am Adult Choir  
6:30 pm Finance Council meet

### Thursday, May 17

7:00 pm Pastoral Council meet

### Saturday, May 19

8:00 am Rosary

### Sunday, May 20

8:00 am Rosary  
9:40 am Adult Choir  
3:00 pm Baccalaureate

## Youth Ministry

Summer Youth Ministry is starting soon! Our first event is the End of School Year Pizza Party on Wednesday, June 13th! All youth currently in 5th-12th grade are invited. Haven't been to Youth Group before? Bring some friends and check it out! Keep up to date with all the latest fun summer events on our Facebook page (St. Peter Parish Youth Ministry) and Instagram (speteyth). Youth Encounter Service forms are still being accepted as well. This one week service trip is for those currently in grades 8-12 and will be held June 24th-29th. Contact Katie for more information.

## Taking Communion to the Homebound/Nursing Homes:

We are in need of people who would like to take Communion to the nursing homes and homebound. The diocese will provide training if you have not been trained previously. This rewarding ministry would involve taking Communion once a month. Please call Rosemary at 845-1794 or email ranewcombstpeter@gmail.com if you are interested or have any questions.

## Liturgy this Week

### Sunday, May 13

*The Ascension of the Lord*  
8:30 am Mass

### Wednesday, May 16

9:00 am Mass (Bannister)

### Thursday, May 17

10:00 am CNCC Mass (Chesaning)

### Friday, May 18

10:30 am Mass Union Court (St. Charles)

### Saturday, May 19

4:30 pm Mass

### Lectors:

*Pat Walser and Mike Maxa*

### Eucharist Ministers:

*Mike Maxa, Katie Eichler, Jason Eichler, Pat Walser and Lisa Coon*

### Altar Servers:

*Mike Maxa*

### Sunday, May 20

8:30 am Mass

### Lectors:

*Ray Gengler and Shirley Schnell*

### Eucharist Ministers:

*Dawn Boucher, Dan Stasa, Ken Schnell, Shirley Schnell and Kathy Thompson*

### Altar Servers:

*Ken Schnell*

## Readings for the Week

**Monday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Jn 15:9-17**

**Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a**

**Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19**

**Thursday: Acts 22:30, 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26**

**Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19**

**Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25**

**Sunday: Acts 2:1-11/Jn 20:19-23**

**Rosary:** The rosary is prayed every morning at 8:00 am in the church led by Bernie Coonrod. The church is open until 3 pm daily for anyone who would like to pray.

## Sponsor of the Week



**2018-19 Catholic Service Appeal (CSA):** We are currently at 58% toward our goal. Pledges already contributed are \$41,635.00. Envelopes are available in the gathering area. Fr. Bill will be sending out a letter to those who we have not heard from in a couple of weeks.



## An Invitation to Help Decorate our Parish Grounds for the Summer of 2018:

I am inviting all of us to bring a red geranium to Mass the weekend of Pentecost Sunday May 19th & 20th. They will be placed in front of the altar. From there they will be planted on the church grounds. Some of them will also go into "Fr. Ron's gaaaaarden" behind the rectory. I have received a request for the garden to be used as a backdrop for wedding photos. What a fantastic accent. Thank you for all you do for St. Peter Parish. Fr. Bill Gruden

**Summer Band Camp:** Bring your instruments and join other youth in a week-long experience learning Liturgical Music for Mass. Monday thru Friday, 1-3 pm, June 25-29th at St. Peter Parish. The Band Camp is open to students grade 6 thru 12 who play a brass, woodwind, string, guitar, chimes or percussion instrument. The cost is \$5. To register contact Laura Bush at laurambush1@gmail.com or Shelly Kenney at skenneypeter@gmail.com Deadline to register is June 19th.

## THOSE ASKING FOR PRAYERS:

*Bonnie Kemppainen, William J. Amman, Amy Beldyga, Jim Yeager, Jane Toma, Jack Kulhanek, Greg Flory, Mel Austin, Joan Richardson, Ron Kulhanek, Debbie Meder, Betty Naessens, Ron Aldrich, Willburt Schneider, Thelma Schneider, Annie (Ebenhoeh) Dugalech, Jim Smith, Ray Meder, Alison Andres, Geri Sholtz, Madonna Bueche, Matt Barancik, Florence Coleman, Ed Foy, Florence Markiewicz, Linda Vincent, Stephanie Czeiszperger, Arnold Schultz, Ruth Toma, Mary Tanner, Joyce Tithof, Jim Pitt, Benny Sims, Carol Moore, Robert Tufts, Charles Guziak, Helen Gasser, Margaret Bolinger, Matt Coughlin, Terry Kennelly, Bradley Blakeselle, Chantel Fondren, Brenda Lienau, Vickie Daniels, Mark Zvonek, Albert & Judy Storch, Sherry Storch, Rose Bonkowski, Jim Fusina, Esther Lickman, Brady Carroll, Fred Lane, Rita Amman, Jay & Kay Glover, Susan Addington, Nancy Dennis, Barb Wenzlick, Diane DeVoe, Roxann Timm, Judy Wakeman, Marianne Sutter, Bessie McSwain, Judy (Willitts) Balderrama, Melanie Thiel, Brian Clark, Gloria Bates, Jeannette Somers, Kim Bruder, Gary Cech, Edward List Sr., Gary J. Tanner, Mel Gross, Nichole Horn, Henry Huntoon, Will Lucio, Al Hundt, Ruth Vrable, Jerry Hoover, Julia Mahoney, Jennie Hunt, and Jacob Albers*

*Zachary Reeves, Christopher Lickman, Garrett Mishler, and Bill Lickman Jr. (serving in the Armed Services)*



**Bottles for Babies 2018:** Pregnancy Resource Center (formerly AAI) is excited to announce Bottles for Babies 2018. The PRC Baby Bottle campaign will run from Sunday, May 13th to Sunday, June 17th in honor of Mother's Day and Father's Day. Please take a bottle and fill it with loose change, bills or a check and return it to St. Peter Parish by Sunday, June 17th. There will be a box in the gathering area for your donation. Please see the enclosed flyer. If you have any questions, please contact Rosemary at 845-1794.

**Grief Recovery Ministry:** Over the years our parish has sponsored groups of folks who have been dealing with major losses, usually the death of a loved one. Participants have reported that these experiences have been very helpful in bringing hope and healing. We are working with St. Michael Maple Grove, Mary of the Immaculate Conception and St. Cyril to have facilitators trained to lead groups in the future. The Diocese will provide the training. We are looking for at least two people from our parish to take this training. Is this your calling? Call Rosemary Newcomb at 845-1794 or email ranewcombstpeter@gmail.com

**Nominations for Commissions/Council:** We have enclosed a sheet with the names and descriptions of the different commissions that help in parish leadership. Each one indicates how many new members they need. We would like the nomination form with the names nominated returned by Father's Day. Please prayerfully consider if you are asked to be on a commission or council.

**Thank You:** On behalf of the staff and parishioners of St. Peter Parish I would like to thank Dan Heroux for his years of service as Maintenance Assistant. His dedication and hard work will be missed. We wish him all the best in his future endeavors. We have hired Ken Shapley as the new Maintenance Assistant and look forward to working with him. Fr. Bill

## A Reflection of the Gospel from Living Liturgy

**2018:** In today's gospel we hear an odd-sounding statement about those who are baptized; they will be able to pick up snakes, drink poison without being harmed, and heal the sick by laying hands on them. Aside from a few fundamentalist churches, virtually no Christians take this passage literally. What are we to make of this?

Some Bible stories can appear odd to modern readers. We have to remind ourselves that these vignettes were written about two thousand years ago by people who lived in the ancient world. It can be challenging to discern theological meaning from some of the Bible's stories. And yet, we are to do just that. We do not read the Bible literally, but we read it as thinking Christians, with the guidance of the church, our community of fellow believers. To assist us with this endeavor, the church provides us with translations of Bible that include extensive notes. Part of our living the paschal mystery is to encounter the Scriptures as thinking adults. And we are grateful to have so many resources for us in today's age for that very task.

More than anything else, the gospel today tell us that Jesus is with God in heaven.