

Saint Augustine Catholic Church

Ascension of the Lord

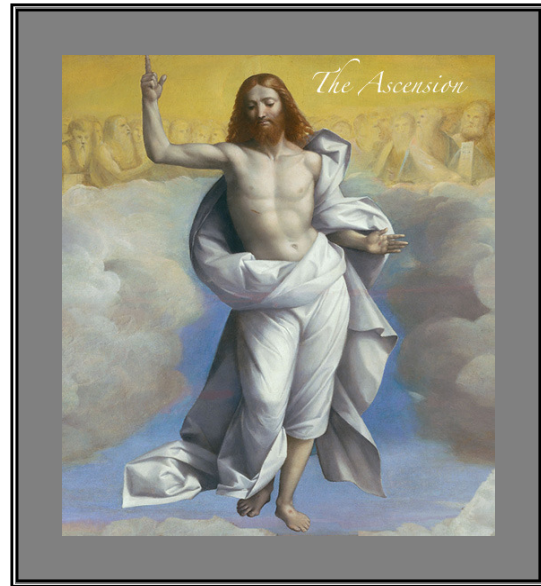
June 5th, 2011

A MISSION

FROM THE MOUNTAIN

Matthew is the only one of the evangelists who does not speak explicitly of or recount the departure of Jesus from His followers. Mark and Luke recount the Ascension, each in his own way; and John consistently has Jesus speak of the necessity of his departure so the Paraclete might come. Matthew situates his final scene for Jesus on top of a mountain in Galilee (not outside Jerusalem, as Luke does). This is the region where His mission originated, and throughout His Gospel the mountaintop has been the place for Him to teach His followers. (We are familiar with the "Sermon on the Mount" from Matthew.) And here Jesus re-echoes those Ascension themes we hear from the other evangelists: It is Jesus Himself, risen and glorified, charged with power from the Father, who sends us out; it is Jesus himself who gives us our mission to baptize, heal, teach, and proclaim the Good News of salvation; it is Jesus Himself who will be with us always, as we continue to be His presence alive in the world. © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

*He was lifted up,
and a cloud took him from their sight.
- Acts 1:9*



Welcome

We wish to extend a warm welcome to all guests of Saint Augustine Church. We are delighted that you have come to worship with us, and we very much hope that you feel at home here. We are a growing community and our goal is to serve the needs of all people in imitation of our Lord Jesus Christ. Please introduce yourself to Father John so he may personally welcome you to our parish community.

Mass Schedule

Date	Church	Time	Mass Intention
6/4	St. James	4:00 PM	People of the Parish
6/4	St. Augustine	6:30 PM	Todd Gordon
6/5	St. Augustine	8:30 AM	Anthony Kabiak
6/5	St. James	11:00AM	Helen Lashinsky
6/6	St. James	11:30AM	Shelby Mose
6/7	St. Augustine	8:30 AM	Beth Deal
6/8	St. Augustine	8:30 AM	Regina Eaton
6/10	St. Augustine	8:30 AM	Foster P. Householder Sr.



MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Date	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
6/11	E. Altshuler	Host: R. Bielicki Cup: M.Evanko N. Evanko	S. Flessner
6/12	B. Sonnik	Host: M. Fortier Cup: D. Taksa S. Taksa	B. Brodnan

PRAYER CIRCLE

The prayer list published in the bulletin each week is a vehicle to notify parishioners of those in need of prayer. We focus on praying for the sick, those who have died, and for those who are serving in the military. Please call to add names to the listing by calling the church office or contacting Pat Palmer at 301.223.7992.

Please Pray For: Jim Adenhardt, Pat & Jim Baer, Fr. Carter, Donald Christensen, Genevieve Casper, Kathleen Combs, Jean Cushwa, Laura DiGiambattista, Marian DiMarcantonio, Lisa Deleo, Betty & Jack Dove, Whitey Eaton, Joan & Bud Filsinger, Kathryn Folley, George Gildersleeve, Arnold Gozora, Joe Kallas, Beulah Keller, Danny Keller, Jonathan Knight, Dot Komarinski, Patty & George Koons, Our Military Men & Women, Betty Moore, Terry Nave, Israel Newswanger, April Nitzell & baby, Betty Nordmann, Keegan Oursler, Pat Palmer, J.P. Peters, Thomas Quinlian (baby) Toni Rickard, Ginny Russell, Anita Saloom, Don Sanders, Michael Sirbaugh, Teresa & Harry Sirbaugh, Milton Streifel, Brent Taylor, Theresa, Vocations, Norm Walker, June Wiederhold, Priscilla Wines, Jane Yeakle, Katie Yentsch.

Financial Blessings

Stewardship news will be reported in next week's bulletin.

Electronic Giving

St. Augustine offers you another way to share what God has given you through our electronic giving format. This simple and secure method of giving to St. Augustine has many advantages, and with more and more people using the internet for financial matters, we hope it is useful and helpful for many parishioners. If you are interested in signing-up for electronic giving, please go to www.staugustinemd.org, or call the church office.

GOING ON VACATION?

Check out www.masstimes.org for a Catholic Church near you!



Please remember to update your stewardship on the Sunday's you were away. Our bills continue to come in each month religiously. Thanks, and have fun!

WHAT'S HAPPENING



PARISH NIGHT OUT

Join parishioners from Saint Augustine's and from St. James on Thursday, June 9th at Nick's Airport Inn, 14548 Pennsylvania Ave. in Hagerstown at 5:30 PM. Please contact Edith Altshuler by calling 301.432.2028, or email her at lifeisverygood@hughes.net.

LADIES LUNCHEON

Our next lunch will be held on Thursday, June 16th at 12 Noon at the Bavarian Inn, 164 Shepherd Grade Road, Shepherdstown, WV. For those who would like to carpool, please meet at the church between 11 – 11:15 and we will leave at 11:20. If you are planning to join us, please give Edith Altshuler (our new Chairperson for Hospitality) a call at 301.432.2028 or shoot her an email at lifeisverygood@huges.net by June 12th.

RESPECT LIFE / SOCIAL JUSTICE

Like the Church, Mary too had to live her motherhood amid suffering: "This child is set... for a sign that is spoken against—and a sword will pierce through your own soul also—that thoughts out of many hearts may be revealed" (Lk 2:34-35). The words which Simeon addresses to Mary at the very beginning of the Savior's earthly life sum up and prefigure the rejection of Jesus, and with Him of Mary, a rejection which will reach its culmination on Calvary. "Standing by the cross of Jesus" (Jn 19:25), Mary shares in the gift which the Son makes of Himself: she offers Jesus, gives Him over, and begets Him to the end for our sake. The "yes" spoken on the day of the Annunciation reaches full maturity on the day of the Cross, when the time comes for Mary to receive and beget as her children all those who become disciples, pouring out upon them the saving love of her Son: "When Jesus saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing near, He said to His mother, 'Woman, behold, your son!'" (Jn 19:26)--The Gospel of Life, Blessed John Paul the Great.

SHEPHERD TABLE

The Shepherds Table is open to anyone in the community that is in need of a hot meal and fellowship, every Thursday at 5:15 PM at the Rehoboth UM Church on Salisbury Street in Williamsport.

FOOD BANK

Next time you are doing your grocery shopping, please remember the food bank. If you wish to give a monetary donation, please place offering in a plain envelope and mark donations for food bank with your name. The shelves are low and need to be restocked, please note items needed to replenish. Updated List: Beef stew, rice, soup, spaghetti sauce, pasta, noodles, baked beans, juice, muffin mix, apple sauce, and toilet paper.

CASH FOR CAUSES

Martin's Gift/Grocery Card

Saint Augustine is participating in Cash for Causes from Martin's Food Stores. This program works as follows: Parishioners can purchase Martin's gift cards at face value. The parish receives a 5% rebate on each card. Therefore, for example, if you purchase \$100 worth of gift cards, St. Augustine's will receive \$5. If you would like to purchase a gift card, please see stop by the church office! Remember you may use these cards at the Martin's gas pump as well. This is just one more way to support our parish. Checks should be made payable to Saint Augustine Church. We are also looking for volunteers to sell the gift cards on a monthly basis after Mass. If you are willing to offer your time, please let Father JJ know. Thank you!!

Friendly Reminders!

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Parish Council meeting, Tuesday, June 7TH
at 7 PM in the lower level of the church.

DRESSING APPROPRIATELY



Please dress appropriately when attending Mass during the summer months.

The church is air conditioned and very comfortable.

Thank you!



JUST A NOTE

Secretary on Vacation!
Be back on June 14th !

PENTECOST IS COMING!



Next weekend June 11/12, Pentecost weekend, marks the end of the Easter Season and the transition to Ordinary Time in our liturgical calendar. At Pentecost, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to the friends of Jesus. They experienced a rush of wind, and saw tongues of flame on each other's heads. They were gifted with the ability and the courage in faith to communicate with all peoples of the world about Jesus and His life, death, and resurrection. In honor of that day, the church will be decorated in the colors of Pentecost flames: red, with some yellow and orange. All are invited to join in the festive nature of the day by wearing red clothing to church.

VESPERS IS HERE

EVERY Sunday at 6 PM at St. Augustine's Church. Are you interested in reading more of the bible? Do you enjoy a community atmosphere? Do you think you need to fit more prayer into your life? Then this might just be what you are looking for. Since about the 4TH century men and women have been praying what is known as the "Prayer of the Church", the Liturgy of the Hours. It is a set of prayers said throughout the day containing the Psalms and other readings from scripture. Vespers, also known as Evening Prayer, is one part of the Liturgy of the Hours. Come and join us as we close our day giving praise and thanksgiving to God as has been done for centuries. You don't need to have any prior knowledge, just bring yourself.

ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY

May 27th, 1995

God, Our Father.

We give You thanks for calling
Father John Jicha

to the priesthood, and for nourishing
us from the riches of God's grace.

Bless Your servant as he

Celebrates his 16TH

Anniversary of Ordination.

We give thanks for his loving
and supportive ministry and for his
selfless dedication to the church.

Amen.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Lord, Jesus Christ, You are the Savior our of the world. Please manifest in Your church, the Spirit whom You also abundantly bestowed on Your apostles. Call many to the priesthood and religious life. May zeal for Your glory and for the salvation of the world inflame those You have chosen. May they be saints in Your likeness. May Your Holy Spirit strengthen them. May they be priests and religious according to Your own Heart. Amen

FATHER'S DAY SPIRITUAL MASS

Cards for Father's Day are located in the atrium and in the back of church. Please be sure to return back to us by June 12th by placing in the collection basket or bringing to the church office. Mass will be offered for those father's remembered (living or deceased) in the Spiritual Mass Bouquet on Sunday, June 19th.