

A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION—the Ascension of our Lord into Heaven--will be celebrated this Thursday, May 10th. As faithful Catholics, we are required by the First Precept of the Church to "assist at Mass on all Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation."

Our Parish Masses for the Holy Day will be celebrated **Wednesday afternoon (the vigil) at 5:30 and Thursday morning at 7:30.**

THANK YOU and THANK YOU again to all the hard-working volunteers who made golumbki and prepared the cabbage for pierogi this week for our Polish Festival. But the food prep is far from done.

MANY HELPING HANDS (men and women) will be needed on the cabbage pierogi-making crew this Tuesday morning, May 8th. The more "pinchers" the better; there can never be "too many." But if pinching isn't your thing, please come down anyway; there are lots of other ways your help will be appreciated as part of the pierogi making team.

SHARING FAITH AND HOPE...The Catholic Charities Appeal has begun. The video we watched at Mass last weekend gave us a brief look into some of the ways that we can be instruments of hope for a better life to tens of thousands touched by the ministries of our Diocesan Church.

Please give as generously as you can to the 2018 Catholic Charities Appeal. If you've never seriously thought about a "pledge" in the past, please consider that it may allow you even greater generosity, as you divide your gift into four, or as many as ten, installments, the first one not until July. (So, for example, just \$10 a month would result in a very nice \$100 gift.)

And it's assuring to know that ninety-four cents of every dollar donated goes directly to the social service ministries and apostolates funded by the Catholic Charities Appeal.

THE MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA OF MASSES will begin next Sunday, Mother's Day, May 13th. There is no greater gift than Masses for your dear Mother and all the other special ladies whose names you will have submitted. (Please try to submit the names before next Sunday.)

CHOOSE LIFE!...If you haven't heard of Alfie Evans before today, it's not a surprise. His story received surprisingly little coverage in the mainstream media. Alfie was a 23 month-old baby born in the U.K. with an as-of-yet unidentified degenerative neurological condition. Late last year, his doctors announced that they were going to withdraw care, in other words, leave him to die.

He did, in a British hospital in the early hours of last Saturday morning—four days after doctors denied him all food and water.

His parents had spent months in court fighting for their son. The British government overruled the parents and ordered Alfie taken off of his respirator. Alfie clung to life for days—and was still denied care.

But it gets worse. The British government took away the right of the parents to let Alfie get treated by anyone, anywhere! Pope Francis urged the British government to release the baby to his parents and offered to take in Alfie at a facility in Rome that treats brain-damaged children. An air ambulance stood by for days to take Alfie and his parents to Italy. The Italian government even granted Alfie citizenship.

And the answer was no. Why? Because Alfie, the British National Health Service argued, isn't his parents' child!?! In a socialized system, where everyone pays for everyone else's care, he is the government's child!!!

A panel of British judges literally condemned a child to death. When the state determines who can get what care, outcomes like Alfie's are inevitable.

Is this really what people want in the United States?



Love one another
as I have Loved you

-John 15:12

Sat. - May 5 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

4:00 PM +Irena G. Kalisz
Req. Family

Sun. - May 6 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

10:00 AM +Janina & +Jacob Michalski
Req. Bourque Family

Mon. - May 7 - Easter Weekday

7:30 AM OLPH Parishioners,
Living & Deceased

Tues. - May 8 - Easter Weekday

7:30 AM +Anna Sudol

Wed. - May 9 - Easter Weekday

7:30 AM Kaminski & Michalco Families,
Living & Deceased

**Wed. - May 9 - ASCENSION
(Holy Day of Obligation)**

5:30 PM OLPH Parishioners,
Living & Deceased

**Thurs. - May 10 - ASCENSION
(Holy Day of Obligation)**

7:30 AM +Rita Schemm
Req. Tom and George

Fri. - May 11 - Easter Weekday

7:30 AM OLPH Parishioners,
Living & Deceased

Sat. - May 12 - Easter Weekday

7:30 AM +Walter & +Helen Palys
Req. Family

Sat. - May 12 - Seventh Sunday of Easter

4:00 PM +Helena Bodzioch
Req. Ann Bodzioch Bojack

Sun. - May 13- Seventh Sunday of Easter

10:00 AM Mother's Day Novena #1

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER CONRAD

Sisters and Brothers of Our Parish Family,

On Thursday, the Church will celebrate Jesus' Ascension into Heaven -- forty days after His Resurrection from the dead. After having conquered sin and death, Jesus would no longer be present on earth in the same way that He had been for the preceding thirty-three years. He would now be preparing a place for us with Him in Heaven. He would forevermore be our Mediator and Advocate with God the Father (Hebrews 9.24) and would send the Holy Spirit as He had promised at the Last Supper (John 16.17).

Now that Jesus is seated at the Father's right hand, as He foretold, "*all power has been given to Me in heaven and on earth*" (Matthew 28.18). Of course, as God, Jesus always had that power. But now He exercises it in His dual nature of God and man as King of the Universe, together with His Blessed Mother as Queen of the Universe.

As God, Jesus is still present everywhere; as God-and-man, He is present on earth most notably in the Holy Eucharist.

Vatican II's *Constitution on the Liturgy* (#7) explains how Jesus is present on earth in lesser ways: "*Christ is always present to His Church, especially in liturgical actions. He is present in the Sacrifice of the Mass in the person of the priest; He is the same one, now offering by the ministry of priests, who formerly offered Himself on the Cross*" [citing the Council of Trent]. *But He is most greatly present under the Eucharistic species. He is present by His power in the sacraments, so that when anyone baptizes, Christ Himself baptizes. He is present in His word, for He speaks when the scriptures are read in the Church.*"

And Jesus' final assurance to us is His promise: "*when I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, that where I am you also may be.*" (John 14.3)

Peace and Blessings,
Father Conrad