

**Theme:** *By the power of the Holy Spirit we will not be left as orphans As we approach our celebration of the Ascension of Christ, the more heartfelt we listen to his words that he will send the Holy Spirit to remain with the faithful forever. What is the role of the Holy Spirit? The Gospel names the Holy Spirit; our Advocate – the Spirit of Truth. Knowledge of the truth calls us to live according to the will of God.*

*The Ascension of the Lord on Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> is a holyday of obligation.*

*Masses will be:*

*Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 p.m.*  
*Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 a.m.*

*Both Masses will be at Mont Marie Chapel.*

Readings for the Week of May 1

- Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21
- Monday: Acts 16:11-15; John 15:26—16:4a
- Tuesday: 1 Corinthians 15:1-8; John 1:6-14
- Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; John 16:12-15
- Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Matthew 28:16-20
- Friday: Acts 18:9-18; John 16:20-23
- Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; John 16:23b-28
- Next Sunday: Acts 1:12-14; 1 Peter 4:13-16; John 17:1-11a

**HOLY FAMILY PARISH** will be closing as of May 31<sup>st</sup>. We will have regular parish Masses up to and including that day. After May 31<sup>st</sup> it will no longer be possible to have parish funeral Masses at Mont Marie Chapel. Funeral Masses should be arranged in whatever neighboring parish you have chosen to attend. If requested, I will try to participate in any parish funerals; but it will be in the other parish church.

**A CLOSING MASS** celebrated by Bishop Timothy O’Donnell will be held on Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in Mont Marie Chapel. Immediately following this Mass we will have a social gathering in the Cafeteria at Mont Marie.

**ALL SACRAMENTAL** records (Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, Marriage, and Death) for both Holyoke and West Springfield will be kept at Blessed Sacrament Church in Holyoke following our closing. If you need any copies after May 31<sup>st</sup>, call Blessed Sacrament at 532-0713.

**LECTURE AT ELMS:** “Women on the Job: From Medb of Connaught to Molly Bloom to Maeve Binchey” by Dan Casey will be presented at the Irish Cultural Center at Elms College on Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. in Beerchmans Hall. The talk is free and open to the public; however a free will donation will be accepted. For further information, call the Irish Cultural Center at Elms College at 265-2537.

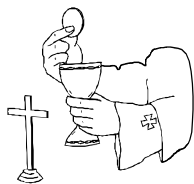
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WEEKEND OF APRIL 23 & 24	
Adult Contributions .....	\$1,468.50
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**MAY THE LORD BRING HOME ALL WHO HAVE DIED**



**HOLY FAMILY PARISH** has an active **Prayer Line**. If you would like to request prayers, please call Regina Griffin at 536-8180.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION****FIRST COMMUNION CHILDREN**

<i>Israel Acosta</i>	<i>Evan LaClair</i>
<i>Emily Camp</i>	<i>Lydia Marion</i>
<i>Carissa Costanza</i>	<i>James Mier</i>
<i>Dillon Homan</i>	<i>Katherine Roy</i>

*Please remember these children in your prayers. They will receive First Communion this Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, at the 10:00 a.m. Mass.*



**CONFIRMATION** will be held at Holy Cross Parish next Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. All parishioners are invited to attend.

**Reflection/Rehearsal** for all Confirmation candidates will be held at Holy Cross Parish this Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. All candidates must attend.

**WE RECEIVED** an additional donation to the Easter Flowers from Mr. George Crowe in memory of Mrs. Ruth Crowe and Mrs. Ruth Kavanagh.

**JUST A REMINDER!!** It's time to donate blood. While you are donating blood, have your cholesterol and blood pressure checked. Enjoy complimentary refreshments after your donation and receive the rewarding feeling of helping others in need. One in ten people hospitalized will need a blood transfusion. This life-giving resource is needed for a number of critical medical conditions. Call The Blood Bank at Mercy Medical Center at 748-9511 for more information. Appointments are recommended. Blood donors will receive a navy windbreaker.

**Mass Intentions for the Week****Saturday, April 30**

4:00 PM *KAREN & HENRY RENAUD requested by Janice Proulx*

**Sunday, May 1**

10:00 AM *ANN SHAUGHNESSY requested by John & Tess Cavanaugh*

**Wednesday, May 4**

9:00 AM  
5:30 PM *Vigil Mass for the Ascension*

**Thursday, May 5** (Mass at Mont Marie Chapel)

9:00 AM *AGNES ST. LAWRENCE requested by Jean Vozella*

**Saturday, May 7**

4:00 PM *GEELEHER & HART FAMILIES requested by both Families*

**Sunday, May 8**

10:00 AM *MR. & MRS. MAX THERAULT – 24<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – requested by Mary S. Montmeny and Family*

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE****Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**

- Spirit of Joy and Love Charismatic Prayer Group at Mont Marie at 7:00 p.m.

**Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>**

- Reflection/Rehearsal for all Confirmation candidates at Holy Cross Parish at 6:00 p.m.

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