

The Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord

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Today is the awesome Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord, forty days after our Lord's Resurrection. Our Eastertide Season is coming to its culmination soon. Our blessed Lord is seated at the right hand of the Father where he reigns as Lord of heaven and earth until He returns at the end of time to judge the living and the dead. This is our faith; this is the faith of the Church and we profess it in Christ Jesus our Lord every Sunday in our Nicene Creed.

Today is also a very special day, Mother's Day. I want to extend my prayers and best wishes to all mothers for a day filled with love and family. Today is a day to offer our gratitude for the love our mothers give us from the time of our birth through all the years of our lives. A mother can never be thanked or appreciated enough for all she does.

Next weekend we celebrate Pentecost, the day the Holy Spirit came down upon the Apostles and the early church. We should all be praying for the Holy Spirit to renew us and our mission of discipleship in Christ. I attended a three day Catholic Leadership Institute workshop-training session with my brother priests and Bishop Bradley on May 2, 3, and 4th. I sent a Leadership Team from our parish as representatives to help facilitate and make the collaboration with our sister parish, St. John in Albion, successful. Let us all pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the evangelizing mission of our collaborative relationship with St. John.

I would like to thank our **Leadership Team**: Marge Bomia, Jim and Jeanette Dyer, Tina Johnston, Marcine McCarthy, Jim Oliver and Sara Rodgers for attending the all-day training session and to facilitate leadership in our collaborative efforts with St. John, Albion. I would also like to thank Carol DiBiaggio for her continued involvement in a number of diocesan committees including: Liturgy and Worship Committee, Adhoc Committee and Stewardship Committee.

Today, following the 11 am Mass I will be traveling back to Plymouth with my mom to celebrate Mother's Day with my family. I will be back on Wednesday and I look forward to our first parish Holy Hour praying for Vocations to the Priesthood as well as your personal intentions. The Holy Hour time is Wednesday, May 11th from 6 to 7 pm in the church.

*In His love,
Fr. Craig*