



*Feast of the Ascension*

June 2, 2019

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FROM OUR PASTOR.....



## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

As the Universal Church celebrates the Ascension of the Lord in preparation for the great Feast of Pentecost, I wanted to share with you a piece sent to me by a good friend, Permanent Deacon Joseph Weintage.

This past Monday, I went online for something at work. You know how that is. As soon as you pull it up, you are assailed by headlines; and one drew me in. What happens to people after they die? Next to it was a picture of Actor Keanu Reeves. He had been on a show where the host asked him that question. “What happens to people after they die?” The question and answer made its way into the World of Social Media.

Reeves’ response was one anyone who has ever lost a loved one has felt, and came from his personal experience. He said, “I know the ones who love us will miss us.” The actor has known loss, with the birth of a stillborn child and the loss of the Mother of the child less than two years later in a car accident. Your heart has to go out to him, for few things in this World are as difficult as the loss of a loved one.

I was struck by two things about the story. First, the subject had over five million views in just the first two days on Twitter alone. Five million in two days. Astonishing! I believe this large number of views reveals the wide spread interest we have with the question, “What happens to people after they die”; and more importantly, we seek the answer to the question. It reveals the deep longing we have to understand the *why* of everything — our existence, the meaning of this life, the next life, is there a next life?

Which leads me to the second thing that struck me about the story: I was saddened by the loss of the opportunity to address those questions. Of course we mourn the loss of a loved one. It is one of the greatest difficulties we experience; but to end it there, well, I was trying to find a fitting analogy; and I’m not sure there is one. But it’s like asking someone who went to the Blues playoff game about the game, and the answer they give you is that the brats were great. You lean in waiting for the rest of the answer, finally saying, “Yes, yes, they are always good. And? Did they win? How did they play? What was it like in the building?” You want to know everything about the game.

Now to be fair, the Actor was asked a much more profound question, and it came out of the blue. Please understand this is no knock on him. I don't know anything about him, save from the personal tragedies he's suffered. He may be a man of great faith. I hope so. For with and in faith we find the meaning to our suffering and the answers we seek to the deeper questions we have regarding life and death.

So if the question had been asked to us and we started out with the same answer, after saying our loved ones will miss us when we die, how would we as Christians, finish the answer? Would we, grounded in our faith, speak of the joy of heaven? Would we say our faith is based on the reality of Christ resurrected? That we understand our death here leads us to the eternal life God desires for us, where God will, as we heard in the second reading, "wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain." That's a pretty good start as a description of heaven, don't you think? No more suffering or heartache, only joy and happiness.

Here's another question. What is the path for us to follow to end up in Heaven? Jesus Himself tells the Apostles, and through them all of us in the Gospel, "I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples: if you love one another."

Living out this teaching is not easy. Here's an example. More and more, some in society mock God, the teachings of Jesus and those of us who follow Christ. This is something relatively new to America and becoming more prevalent. In the spirit of the age we might call these people Christophobes but the Spirit of God still wants us to call them Brother and Sister. Yes, it is hard to love those who would persecute us, yet Jesus in His life showed us the way. He prayed for and loved those who put him to death on the Cross, even as he was dying on the cross. "Forgive them Father, for they know not what they do." His passion and death was a loving sacrifice for everyone. The Father wants us to imitate His Son, to bring the light of His love into our hearts so that we can project it brightly out on to others. God knows our flaws; God knows our weaknesses. Left to our own abilities most of us would have great difficulties living out his commandment to love one another; but we are not left alone; we have God's grace to help us.

What happens after death for us really comes down to how we respond to God's call for us to love Him and one another. We will be spending an eternity somewhere. As Christians, with joy, we open ourselves to the love of Christ, that we might by His grace, inherit the everlasting Heavenly Kingdom, *along with, we hope*, those of our loved ones who missed us the most when God called us home.

# *Church of the Annunziata*

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## *Celebration of the Eucharist*

Sunday 7:00, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m.  
Monday - Friday 7:00 and 7:45 a.m.  
Saturday 7:00, 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.  
  
Holy Day Eve 5:30 p.m. (Vigil Mass) \*  
Holy Days 7:00 and 7:45 a.m. \*  
Holidays 7:00 and 9:00 a.m. \*  
\* Times subject to change

## *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

Saturdays from 4:00 to 4:45 p.m.  
Last Sunday of the month, all the Sundays of Advent and Lent, or anytime by calling one of your priests at the rectory.

## *Holy Communion for Homebound Parishioners*

Please call the Rectory to make arrangements.

## *Sacrament of Baptism*

By appointment, usually on Sunday at 12:15 p.m.  
Please call the Rectory for more information.

## *Sacrament of Matrimony*

Only registered, active members of our parish and their children may celebrate their weddings at Annunziata, with a six-month preparation period.

## **OUR WARM WELCOME TO ALL!**

We welcome all who come and worship with us. If you wish to join our parish faith family, or have a change in your contact information, kindly complete this form. You can return it to the Rectory, place it in the collection, or give it to a Priest or Deacon.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Cell/Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please make the above changes to my parish record.

I would like our Church Family to pray for:

I wish to find out more about the Catholic faith.

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I would like to speak with a Priest/Deacon

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As a final instruction, Jesus said, “I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another” (cf. John 13:34-35). In other words, when we love others – those we know and those we may never meet – we bear witness to our faith.

The *Annual Catholic Appeal* brings a special opportunity to follow Jesus’ commandment, to show Him and the world that you are His disciple. Your gift, no matter how large or how small, is a demonstration of unity with your fellow Catholics, your family and friends, and your community. It is an expression of love and mercy for people you may never meet. It is a joyful witness to your love for Jesus Christ.

## **It is not too late to participate —**

If you have lost your card, we have replacement cards in the Parish Office.

Or simply send your donation to the rectory or drop it in the collection.

Make your check payable to Annual Catholic Appeal.

### **ANNUNZIATA'S EUCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL**

*(located on the west side lower level of Church)*

Mondays from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Thursdays from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m.

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*Let us pray for our Men and  
Women in the Armed Forces*

**Captain Winston Boldt, U.S. Army**

**Lt. Col. Michael Butler, Chaplain U.S. Army**

**Lt. Col. Eric Carlson, U.S. Army**

**LCDR Michael Collins, U.S. Navy**

**1SG Charles DuTart, U.S. Army**

**Captain Courtney Fox, U.S. Army**

**Soosan Good, U.S. Army**

**Lt. Charles Horn, M.D., U.S. Navy**

**Captain Kate Lunsford, U.S. Army**

**1Lt. Robert Mandel, U.S. Army**

**Col. John M. Oberkirsch, U.S. Army**

**SSgt. Ryan Rittenhouse, U.S. Marine Corps**

**Master Sgt. Patricia Roddy, U.S. Marine Corps**

**Maj. Rommel L. Romero, U.S. Air Force**

**Chelsea Schaffer, U.S. Army**

**Frankie Schaffer, U.S. Army**

**Sgt. Eric Secrease, U.S. Army**

**SSgt. Anthony J. Smith, U.S. Army**

**PFC. Nicholas Spangler, U.S. Army**

**Captain Thomas J. Spearing, IV, U.S. Air Force**

**Captain August B. Valentine, U.S. Marine Corps**

**Sgt. Michael White, U.S. Army Rangers**

**Cpl. Robert Wigginton, U.S. Marine Corps**

**James Peterson, retired U.S. Marine Corps**

**Please contact the Rectory to add a loved one's name.**

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**FROM DEATH TO LIFE**

Donald Etzkorn	June 3, 1998
Eleanor C. Johnson	June 3, 2000
Richard G. Kerwin	June 4, 2013
Dr. Emil Miskovsky	June 4, 2013
Joseph T. Finnigan	June 4, 2018
Theodore W. Thornhill	June 5, 2013
Richard Bartow Hawes	June 5, 2018
M. Joan Kaufman	June 7, 2015
John T. Hart	June 8, 2008
Michael J. Reifsteck	June 8, 2012

**\* REMINDER \***

***St. Patrick's  
Center Casseroles***

should be dropped off at the Rectory

**FRIDAY, JUNE 7<sup>TH</sup>,  
**no later than 10:00 a.m.****

*Thank you for your generosity!*

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK  
June 3-June 9**

**Monday:**

Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33

**Tuesday:**

Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a

**Wednesday:**

Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19

**Thursday:**

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26

**Friday:**

Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19

**Saturday:**

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25

**Sunday:**

Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39

Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34;  
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17;  
Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

**Do you have STUFF taking up Space in your home?**

**Would you like a way to donate it EASILY?**

**Good News!**



St. Vincent de Paul will have a large truck  
parked on Annunziata's lot on

**Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.**

Please bring up any and all gently used  
**FURNITURE, HOUSEWARES, and/or CLOTHING**  
and make space in your home while helping those less fortunate!

### Volunteers Needed!!

*Our Altar Committee is in essential need of parishioners who will help take care of the sacred vessels, vestments, altar linens. Our volunteers meet on Friday mornings after the 7:45 a.m. Mass for about 30 minutes. Volunteers are grouped so that it is only necessary for any one person to meet one Friday each month.*

*Please contact Carol Donelan at (314) 993-6698  
or the Rectory at (314) 993-4422.*

## ANNUNZIATA'S PARISH HELPERS... HERE FOR YOU

We want to remind all of our parishioners that we are here for you.

Just some of the things we can do:

† drive you to doctor appointments

    † drive you to hospital visits

    † visit the lonely, sick, or elderly

        † housesit for funerals, etc.

    † retired nurses to act as patient advocates

        † volunteers to make meals

    † No job is too small & No request that we won't try to fulfill.



For assistance, please call the

Rectory at 314-993-4422.

## HOSPITALIZED PARISHIONERS

Because of the Federal Privacy Act there is no longer a "clergy list" at any of our hospitals. If you are admitted to a hospital, and they ask you if you would like your priest to be notified, **please say "yes call my parish priest at Annunziata at 314-993-4422."**

If you know ahead of time you will be admitted, please call your priest at the Rectory and he will readily offer you the Sacrament of the Anointing.

**If you know of a parishioner who is hospitalized, please do not assume we know, call the Rectory (314-993-4422).**

## ANNUNCIATA PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Your Parish Office is open  
8:30 am until 4:00 pm

*Call or stop by anytime!*

## Bridges: The Ignatian Exercises in Daily Life

Annunziata is again one of the four sites in the St. Louis Area offering the St. Ignatius Bridges Retreat in daily life.

There are many gifts available from praying the Spiritual Exercises, the graces include:  
a deeper understanding of who I am in relationship to God, to others and to all creation, and the development of a prayerful discernment process.

You will meet weekly with a prayer companion from September 2019 and extends until May 2020.

### **The dates of the information sessions are:**

Tuesday, July 23 and Tuesday August 13.

The sessions will be meeting at Annunziata at 7:00 p.m.

At our website <http://bridgesfoundation.org> you will find information about the retreat and dates of all the information sessions. Please call your contact person Laurie Hannigan at 314-660-1882 or email at [lashannigan@hotmail.com](mailto:lashannigan@hotmail.com) for further information or questions.

## **Job Opportunity:**

The Department of Special Education is looking for a vibrant “go-getter” interested in spreading the good news about the programs that the Archdiocese of St Louis offers for

students with special learning needs. We have a strong St. Louis history right here at the Church of the Annunziata location and a wonderful story to be told! Marketing and Event Planning is the primary focus of this position. Please contact Gerre

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314-997-7727

or

Email: [principal221@archstl.org](mailto:principal221@archstl.org).

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, June 1

7:00 a.m. Charles S. Ryan  
9:00 a.m. Holy Souls  
5:00 p.m. Celebrant's Intention

### Sunday, June 2

7:00 a.m. Vincent Bommarito  
9:00 a.m. People of the Parish  
11:00 a.m. Myra Underwood

### Monday, June 3

7:00 a.m. David Ahner, Jr.  
7:45 a.m. Audrey Weisenham

### Tuesday, June 4

7:00 a.m. Sam & Pearl Gubin  
7:45 a.m. Claire Travis

### Wednesday, June 5

7:00 a.m. Special Intention (E.O.)  
7:45 a.m. Ted Thornhill

### Thursday, June 6

7:00 a.m. John P. Flanigan  
7:45 a.m. John Shields

### Friday, June 7

7:00 a.m. Richard Green  
7:45 a.m. Jack Murphy

### Saturday, June 8

7:00 a.m. Celebrant's Intention  
9:00 a.m. Fr. John Ditenhafer  
5:00 p.m. People of the Parish

### Sunday, June 2

7:00 a.m. Celebrant's Intention  
9:00 a.m. Mary Darst Donnelly  
11:00 a.m. Dee Hawes

## LITURGICAL ROLES

### Saturday, June 1

#### 5:00 p.m.

##### **Lectors:**

Chrissy Nardini  
John Roberts

##### **Eucharistic Ministers:**

Pat Carmody  
Louann Yates

##### **Servers:**

John Hawkins  
Audrey Raibley  
Carter Reynolds

### Sunday, June 2

#### 7:00 a.m.

##### **Lectors:**

Jackie Naunheim  
Suzie Weiss

#### 9:00 a.m.

##### **Lector:**

Chris Griesedieck  
Meg Griesedieck

##### **Eucharistic Ministers:**

Geoff Morrison  
Marilyn Morrison

##### **Servers:**

Lucia Berglund  
Eddie Gatch  
Peter Gatch

#### 11:00 a.m.

##### **Lectors:**

Gene Cunningham  
Rick Manley

##### **Eucharistic Ministers:**

Cindy Cunningham  
Jane Garvin

##### **Servers:**

Chase Murphy  
Robert Rose

### Saturday, June 8

#### 5:00 p.m.

##### **Lectors:**

Madeleine Cole  
Chrissy Nardini

##### **Eucharistic Ministers:**

Suzanne Collins  
Mike Nardini

##### **Servers:**

Avery Henriksen  
Audrey Mahoney  
Robert Rose

### Sunday, June 9

#### 7:00 a.m.

##### **Lectors:**

David Holton  
Jackie Naunheim

#### 9:00 a.m.

##### **Lector:**

Geoff Morrison  
Marilyn Morrison

##### **Eucharistic Ministers:**

Gil Bickel  
Marty Bickel

##### **Servers:**

Sean Goddard  
Matthew Hardin  
Sarah Kuhlman

#### 11:00 a.m.

##### **Lectors:**

John Cronin  
Max Nicolais

##### **Eucharistic Ministers:**

Charles Nicolais  
Suzie Weiss

##### **Servers:**

Luke Cacciabando  
Mackenzie Murphy

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