

# Ascension of the Lord

“Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation.”

## **MASSES THIS WEEK AT ST. MICHAEL'S**

*Psalter III -- Year B*

### **MON. May 25**

12:05 PM † **MARY MdTEAGUE**

--Doug & Lyn Smith

### **TUES. May 26** *St. Philip Neri*

9:30 AM Notre Dame School Mass in the Church

12:05 PM † **GILDES McPHEE**

--Mel & Hilda McPhee & Family

### **WED. May 27**

9:30 AM St. Joseph's School Mass in the Church

12:05 PM **Special Intentions** —*In Memory* --Jay

### **THURS. May 28**

10:00 AM Mass at the Extendicare

12:05 PM **DECEASED MEMBER OF O'DACRE,  
POWELL & DICKSON FAMILIES** --Lois

### **FRI. May 29**

12:05 PM † **ANDY AMELIA**

--Hermey & Stan Zverina

### **Saturday, May 30**

5:00 PM † **FLORIS WEISS**

--Hilda & Mel McPhee

### **Sunday, May 31**

9:00 AM † **ED AUGER**

-- Paul & Jill Mills

11:00 AM **MISSA PRO POPULO**

Next Weekend's Readings: **Pentecost Sunday**

1<sup>st</sup>: Acts 2,1-11 2<sup>nd</sup>: Galatians 5.16-25

Gospel: John 15.26-27; 16.12-15

## **PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

Joseph Slaven, Kathleen Tunney, Marie Solomon, Mary Meade, John Kuchma, James Cormier, Harm Zoelman, Joyce Hall, Jim Corkery, Alice Heffernan, Marion Maguire, Jack Baggaley, Bob Whelpley, Peg Lees, Tanya Green, Shawn Pentland, Lisa Dunn, Ed Godawa, Jean Ellis, Rosemary Roth, Lisa Sampson, Charles Potier, Marisca, Arlene Brown, Debbie Hale, Stanley Johnston, Jessica Gerber, Richard Philips, Lynn Fabris, Mary Beyette, Bill Vincent, Theresa Ferguson, Charles Bateman, Bob Pickett, Noreen Mark, Antoinette Brisson, Stan Johnston, Fred Williams, Denise Palermo, Mark Martel, Diane Bartlett *May the Lord's healing hand touch them.*

## **REFLECTION**

Most scholars believe this section was added to Mark's gospel in order to make it more compatible with the other gospel endings. Just before Jesus ascended into heaven, he commissioned the remaining eleven disciples to go into all the world and tell everyone they possibly could about the Good News. The disciples then saw Jesus lifted up bodily into heaven where he would sit at the Father's right hand.

**Reflection for Families** There is an expression, preaching to the choir. It is easy to preach to the choir because they already believe in the Good News and share our faith. The challenge for us as parents who live as disciples and teach our children that they too are disciples comes when we meet people that are not in the choir. Do we sometimes give up or turn away from our commission to carry the Good News to all people?



## **COLLECTION REPORT**

∞ **A Summary of Your Generosity** ∞

May 17 Sunday Offering \$4645.

Collection for Pope's Pastoral Works was \$924.  
Restoration Fund total for the two weeks \$1250.

*Thank you for your support!*

## **EVENTS/MEETINGS THIS WEEK**

**Tues. 26**—7:30 pm Officers & Committee Meeting  
at Columbus Community Centre

**Wed. 27**—12:30 pm Legion of Mary in Parish Cen.

**Thurs. 28**—1:00 PM Seniors Progressive & Bid  
Euchre at Columbus Community Centre

**Thurs. 28**—7:00 PM Prayer/Meditation Group in PC

## **You're Invited**

His Excellency Bishop Nicola De Angelis invites you to an evening of music and dinner with His Excellency Bishop Michael Mulhall speaking on "THE HOPE OF THE CHURCH IN THE MODERN WORLD" Saturday, June 6, 2009 at 6:30 pm Trent University, Great Hall. Tickets are \$100 each. To order tickets or for more information call Catherine at Wayside Academy, (705)749-3658.

## Confirmation – Sunday, May 31 at 2:00



Next Sunday, May 31, 2009 at 2:00 pm a Confirmation Mass will be held here at St. Michael's Church. Fr Hood has been granted the faculty from Bishop De Angelis to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation on his behalf. There are 68 students who will be receiving this sacrament. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers. NOTE that this Mass will fulfill your Sunday obligation.

## Pro-Life Association

The Northumberland Pro-Life Association warmly welcomes new members to work in fostering the Gospel of Life of Pope John Paul II in our community. *"We are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the culture of death and the culture of life." We find ourselves...in the midst of this conflict: we are all involved and we share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally pro-life.* Please contact 905 373-0793 and become a member.

## March for Life Update

Under the threat of dark clouds and sometimes through pouring rain, a record-smashing crowd of 12,000 Canadians with a large percentage of young people, gathered on Parliament Hill May 14 for a rally and then marched through the streets of Ottawa in protest against 40 years of legalized abortion in Canada.

The number of participants significantly exceeded last year's record-breaking crowd of 8,000, making it by far the largest crowd in the 12 years that the march has taken place. Those in attendance included 18 Members of Parliament, and parishioners from St. Michael's.

Organizers were especially pleased by the unprecedented show of support from the Canadian Catholic bishops, with 11 bishops celebrating at the masses. This was the first year in the history of the march that the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has thrown its official support behind the event. It was unfortunate that main stream media did not report on this event.

## An Evening of Music

Wayside Academy is pleased to present internationally acclaimed baritone, Russell Braun – An Evening of Joyous Music in concert with the Peterborough Singers Romanza Choir and The Wayside Academy Sparrow Choir on Sunday, May 31, 2009 at 7:00 pm, George Street United Church. Tickets available through Showplace [www.showplace.org](http://www.showplace.org) or (705)749-3658.

## Congratulations Deacon Jerry



## Ordination to the Priesthood

All are welcome to the Ordination of Deacon Craig Cruikshank on Friday, May 29, 2009 at 7:00 PM This will take place at St. Peter-in-Chains Cathedral in Peterborough.



## Villa St. Joseph Retreat Center

**Sabbath Weekend Retreat** A Day of Stillness for personal prayer days are on May 26-29. Take one, two or three days for a retreat. Also offered is a 7 day retreat from May 22-29. For those who like to plan ahead, the Village Earth Spirituality & Practicum will be held again this year from July 3-10, 2009 from Friday 7:00 pm to Friday 1:00 pm. This programme provides a unique opportunity to integrate theological learning and spiritual understanding within the horizon of Earth's presence and care. To register call 905 372-2741 or email [villa@eagle.ca](mailto:villa@eagle.ca) or visit their website [www.villastjoseph.ca](http://www.villastjoseph.ca)

## Thank you

The Catholic Women's League would like to thank all those who contributed to the successful Mother's Day Baby Shower held May 9/10th. Together with the lovely baby gifts, we collected \$635.00. The money will be divided between Alpha House, Beginnings and Mater Care. Thank you once again for your support.

## Victoria Order of Nurses

### A VON Fundraising Event

All are invited! to **A Victorian Tea at the Victoria Hall**, Cobourg. today, Sunday May 24, 2009 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM

~Classic Musical Selections~ ~Silent Auction~  
Tickets \$45. (Incl. \$20. Tax Receipt)

## Pilgrimage—Tour of Italy

You are invited on this 16-day fascinating pilgrimage of Italy. October 5 to 20, 2009, under the spiritual leadership of Fr Ken Rae, Pastor of St. Alphonsus Church, Peterborough. Registration forms, and a detailed itinerary are available here at the Parish Office during office hours.