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**Mission Statement**

St. Joseph Parish... "is a vibrant faith community" committed to **seeking** a full Christian life, **sharing** an active Catholic faith, and **servicing** others with love, grace and dignity.

**Sacramental Preparation**

Baptism: By Appointment  
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A Note From Fr. Jim Kinney

In her book *Wouldn't Take Nothing for My Journey Now*, poet laureate Maya Angelou shares memories of her grandmother in her little town of Stamps, Arkansas. Her difficult life caused her to rely utterly on the power of God. Angelou writes that Mamma would clasp her hands behind her back, look up into a distant sky, and declare, "I will step out on the word of God." Angelou goes on to say how her imagination soared with visions of her faith-filled Mamma flung into space, with moons at her feet and stars at her head, comets swirling around her.

In today's readings, we have similar images of Jesus "taken up" into the sky, having spent an earthly lifetime stepping out on the word of God. The disciples want to know if now is the time that he is going to restore the kingdom to Israel. Their hopes and expectations are fixed in the past of God's saving hand in their history. Jesus does not directly answer but points them to the power of the Holy Spirit, with which they will be clothed. Two thousand years later, clothed ourselves with the Spirit amid the chaos of our modern day, are we still fixed on God's saving hand in our past? Or are we willing to be open to a new story not unlike Mamma's openness to a brighter, yet still unravelling, incarnate redemption and an ever-expanding universe of hope and love?

In today's Gospel, Matthew offers us a brutally honest account of the Ascension. He admits that the disciples were doubting even as they encountered the risen Christ on the mountain. Instead of chastising or calling them to growth, he sent those waffling believers out with the mandate to continue his mission. Then he was no longer with them. Are we tempted to waffle as well amid the wars, hatred and oppression of our day? Or are we up to the task of stepping out with the Spirit toward Mamma's faithful vision of the very Word of God? Clothed in the Spirit with the abundant graces of this Easter season, I have faith that we are.

Blessings, Fr. Jim

### Liturgical Roles

**Saturday, May 23**

Lector

**Katie Vetter**

Communion Minister

**Katie Beauchamp**

Servers

**Jason Thomas**

**Sunday, May 24**

Lector

**Mary Virginia Rupard  
Stecey Maslin**

Communion Minister

**John Hall  
Anna Hall**

Servers

**Amber Goulet  
Carmen Roche**

**Blessings for May:** Anna Bast-1, Dallas Hall-1, Richard Poynter-1, Tina Flinchum-2, Reena Whelan-2, Cathey Kersey-3, Ellie Draper-5, Frankie Lopez- 5, Mark Breeden-6, Regina Brewer-8, Fiona Hurley-8, John Zygmunt-9, Janice Godlaski-10, Sharon Vetter-10, Markell Mattingly-11, Laura Ballard-15, Clay Comer-16, Pahola Blanco-17, Elisha Goulet-19, Will Maslin-21, Pat Roncella-22, Betty Dellemann-23, Finley Burden-24, Joe Prekopa-24, Wanda Bachman-25, William McDaniel-25, Norman Ward III-25, Catherine Gatson-26, Karen May-29, Margaret Allen-30, Cheryl Pena-30, Angelo VanEtten-30, Tom Burchett-31

**Happy Birthday !**



## Bulletin for Sunday, May 17, 2026

### Mass Intentions

**Tuesday, May 19**

12:00 pm

**Dorothy Brawner**

(Chapel)

**Wednesday, May 20**

12:00 pm

**The Hollon Family**

(Chapel)

**Thursday, May 21**

12:00 pm

**Barbara Polo**

(Chapel)

**Friday, May 22**

8:30 am

**Bernard Smith**

**Adoration in the Chapel**

9am to 8pm

**Saturday, May 23**

3:00 pm Confession

3:10 pm Rosary

4:00 pm

**Victor Gaudino(L)**

(Church)

**Sunday, May 24**

8:30 am

**Robert and Lucy Fiefhaus**

8:30am Rosary

2:00 pm (Spanish)

"Pro Populi"

(For the People)

### Prayer List



Dolores Strohacker, Wanda Bachman, Greg Pena, Joyce Sloan, Sharon Vetter, Fredwyn Schwendeman, Jo Brennan, Mary Jo McCormick, Deborah Roach, Jon Keller, Sue Lassanske, Christine Dodson

Shawn Roach, John Owens, Jane Ann Tomlinson, Elaine Adler, Royce A. Paynter, Jr., Diane Gilbert, Lyn Dorgan, Dalton Carter, Barry Warner, Ethel Townsend, Dalton Carter

**LAUDATO SI:** Please pray that we may take up our prophetic responsibilities in this time of urgent crisis to speak God's Truth to each other and to call each other into ways of living on Earth wisely, sustainably, justly, and reverently. Remember all who are forgotten or cast off: that we might value each human life, as a priceless gift from God.



**Daily Mass and Adoration are in the chapel. Friday daily Mass is in the church when St. Agatha is in session.**



"Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament is more powerful than in any other place." + St. Francis de Sales

**Join us for Adoration Fridays 9am-8pm in the Chapel.**

### Choir Practice:

Thursdays at 6pm

### The Women of St. Joseph:

Upcoming Events:

May 17: Rapha Dinner 4:30-7pm

June 5: Dinner at Southwind 6pm

No July Activity

August 7: Movie Night at Peggy's 6pm

### The King's Men:

St. Joseph Men's Group Upcoming:

May 23: 9:30 am Parish Office Building Blue Room

### Senior Group:

Senior Outing: May 21 at Trackside in

Paris at 11:30 am. RSVP to

Tina Flinchum 859-771-7168.

Senior Potluck Lunch in the Hall on

May 4 at 11:30 am. All are invited to attend.

### ST. VINCENT DEPAUL:

Meeting June 2 at 7pm

**SVDP Item of the Month: Shampoo/Bar Soap**

**SVDP:** Sign up for the Kroger Rewards

Program at [www.kroger.com](http://www.kroger.com)

**ID # 55334** which benefits SVDP and

St. Agatha.

### Knights of Columbus:

Grand Knight: Matt Goulet (606) 425-1980

Next Meeting: June 9 at 7pm

**This Month's Special Collections:**

First Weekend of the Month: St. Agatha

May 16/17 Catholic Communications Campaign

**Parish Finance Council Members:** Karen Ward,

Mary Clay and Tom Lynch

**Parish Pastoral Council Members:** John Stokes,

Tim Patrick, Janie Perales, Nick Comer, Shiela

Medina, Mark Bordas and Connie Stokes

**Link for This Weeks Daily Readings**

can be found at,

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings>

**Thru 5/10**

Total (Offertory Only)

\$285,364

Budget (Offertory Only)

\$259,650

Excess/(Short)

\$25,714

## Parish Information:

**BABY BOTTLE BLESINGS are here!** ... New Beginnings Of Winchester is distributing baby bottles and ask that we fill them with our spare change, cash or checks to help give the gift of life!! Bottles will be due back on Father's Day.

**The King's Men: St. Joseph Men's Group.** Join us May 23 at 9:30am in the Parish Office Blue Room. We will meet twice a month for Formation, Fellowship, Accountability and a place for us to grow in our God-given gifts as Catholic Men. For more information contact Zach Carroll at 859-230-4792.

### Happy 100th Birthday to Wanda Bachman!!!

Join Wanda and her family in the Parish hall on May 24 at 3:30 pm for a Birthday Celebration. All are invited.

The weekend of May 30/31 our Masses will be celebrated by the Pallottine Fathers. The Pallottines are an international missionary religious order. The work to spread the faith in areas where they may not have heard the Gospel. This weekend they will be asking us to help support their newest missions in Northeast India, which includes the areas bordering China as well as their established missions in Zambia. The support will go toward building churches, schools, medical clinics and employment projects which will allow the areas to prosper. Please consider a donation.

**Parish Music Minister Needed** for Sunday Mass, Holy Days, Choir and Funerals for 5 hours a week. (Funerals are separate) If you or anyone you know is in need of a Part-time position please call the office.

### Prayerfully Consider being a VOLUNTEER!!!

**We in great need of Lectors, Communion Ministers and Servers, a Saturday Night Sacristan, Offertory Collection Counters, Coffee and Donuts and Altar Linen Volunteer (take home position).** This parish does not run itself. It takes everyone and most positions take minimal effort. If you have questions about anything you may be interested in please call us 859-744-4917.



**Cleaning out your Clutter.** SVDP is now accepting Household items (silverware, dishes, pots and pans, sheets etc. no decorative items or clothing). If you have a question about an item to donate contact Mark Bordas at 859-556-3539.

If you or someone you know is in need of our **Homebound Ministry** please contact the Church Office.

## St. Agatha Academy News:



**Tidal Wave Car Wash certificates** are available for \$10 each. Each certificate is good for the top of the line Graph-X4 wash (\$30 value).

**Part-Time Music Teacher and Aftercare Workers needed for the 26-27 school year!** Email [stagatha@cdlex.org](mailto:stagatha@cdlex.org) to apply.

### Now Enrolling for 2026-2027

Enrollment at St. Agatha Academy is now open for students in PreK (3 year olds) through 8th grade!

Visit our website at <https://saintagathaacademy.org> and click on **Registration**, then **New Family Registration**. Select **Sycamore Schools Registration** and follow the prompts to begin the process. For more information call 859-744-6484.

## Faith Formation:

Kathie Schweikart (859) 808-1269

May 20: Religious ed is finished for this year. Enjoy your summer  
May 21: Youth Group 6pm  
May 23: 33 Days to Eucharistic Glory Book Club 1pm in the Conference Room

**ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO... Is interested in becoming Catholic** For information, contact Kathie at 859-808-1269.

Congratulations: To our newest member of the Catholic Faith. On Saturday May 16th Alexandra Biddle and Ryder Abner professed their faith in the Catholic Church, were Confirmed and joined us in the Eucharist for the first time.

**Mass Intentions are available for the Months of November and December 2026 and 2027.** Ways to have a Mass said... drop a list of dates in the collection basket or in the parish mailbox. Call or email the office, Kathie or Jennifer. Simply drop by the office to schedule a Mass.

**Children under 18 are not to be left unattended in the Parish Hall.** Please treat the Parish Hall as you would treat your own home. It is a shared space by many. Blessings.

**We would like to hear from you!** If you have recently married, moved, had children, would like to be on our birthday list, had a family member pass away or need to register as a member of the Church, contact the office or email us with your updated information.

**Join our text messaging system...Flocknotes is our way of communicating information to parishioners.** Texting rates may apply. **Are you good at praying for others? We have an online prayer group.** Call the office if you would like to be added to either of these Flocknote texting lists.

**Looking for an easier way to manage your donations? We have an Auto Withdrawal system for your Offertory Collections...** Vanco Solutions manages the Donate button located on our website: [www.stjosephwinchester.com](http://www.stjosephwinchester.com) (PCI Compliant). Click the Donate button and follow the prompts for Online giving. Thank you for your support.

**If you have something that needs to be announced at Mass** PLEASE email it to [stjoseph@cdlex.org](mailto:stjoseph@cdlex.org) by Thursday at 5 pm!

## CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF LEXINGTON AND OUTSIDE OPPORTUNITIES:

**RETURN TO HIM:** A Message of Hope for Divorced Catholics "THE LORD, YOUR GOD, IS GRACIOUS AND MERCIFUL AND HE WILL NOT TURN AWAY HIS FACE FROM YOU, IF YOU RETURN TO HIM." -2 Chronicles 30:9 God has a plan for our happiness in this life and in eternity. The time to begin the process is always the present! Please let us help you! Contact your local parish advocate with any questions you may have or email Fr. John List at [jl原因@cdlex.org](mailto:jl原因@cdlex.org) or Mrs. Renata Babicz-Baratto at [ribabicz@cdlex.org](mailto:ribabicz@cdlex.org). or call at (859) 253-1993 and ask for the Tribunal Office. *Why do you wait? Return to Him as soon as possible!*

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**Grace Marriage** The program consists of four quarterly mini-retreats (9am-1pm on a Saturday) and is open to couples in any parish (and non-Catholic couples too!). For info and to register, see [cdlex.org/grace-marriage](http://cdlex.org/grace-marriage).

**Catholic Singles of the Bluegrass** Second Saturdays Coffee are at 11 am at DV8 Kitchen in Lexington. All are invited to meet and learn about other events. For info go to [CatholicSinglesoftheBluegrass@gmail.com](mailto:CatholicSinglesoftheBluegrass@gmail.com)



**St. Bernadine of Siena Feast: May 20**  
 Franciscan Friar Minor. Priest. Itinerant preacher. Theological writer. His preaching skills were so great, and the conversions so numerous, that he has become associated with all areas of speaking, advertising, public relations, etc. Bernardino's charismatic preaching filled the piazza of Italian cities. Thousands of listeners flocked to hear him and to participate in dramatic rituals, which included collective weeping, bonfires of vanities, and exorcisms. He was a renowned peacemaker, in the Franciscan tradition, who tried to calm feuding clans and factions in the turbulent political world of the Renaissance. His preaching visits would often culminate in mass reconciliations, as listeners were persuaded to exchange the bacio di pace, or

kiss of peace. Bernardino was sensitive to the demands of secular life, and tried to negotiate between Christian ethics and a conflicting code of honor that stressed retaining face in a public world. He argued that the catalyst of civil discord in the urban setting was malicious gossip, which led to insults, and, too often, vendetta by aggressive males. His surprising allies in his peacekeeping mission were the women who comprised the majority of his audience. Born: 1380 at Massa di Carrara, Italy Died: 1444 at Aquila, Italy of natural causes

Ask A Franciscan: I need help trying to accept the death of my mother. I was her caregiver. The last discharge from the hospital, she refused to go back and developed sepsis that led to her death. I feel very guilty because sepsis is reversible, if I had taken her back sooner the outcome might have been different. How do I know that my bad decisions didn't cause this? How can I heal the hole in my heart? The death of a parent, even in old age, is always tragic. The "hole in your heart" will remain, no matter what decisions you make. I encourage you to entrust yourself and your mother to God's loving mercy and speak to a grief counselor. It sounds like you acted very responsibly. We can torture ourselves by asking, "What if I had acted sooner or made a different decision?" Pope John Paul II received excellent health care, he had septic shock and died. Bodies give out. Constantly second-guessing your decision about when to return your mother to the hospital could hasten your own death! Ultimately, our lives are in God's hands. The Church has never believed that the moment or manner of a person's death is deliberately selected by God. If that were true, then martyrs for Christ would not act freely. You asked me to suggest a readings: passages: Wisdom 3:1-9 and 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18. A Grief Observed, by C.S. Lewis, "Grieving the Loss of Your Parent," by Judy Ball, and "Grieving in Your Own Way," by Kass Dotterweich. May the Lord be your strength and your consolation! Father Pat McCloskey, OFM

## Información de comunidad Español

En su libro Wouldn't Take Nothing for My Journey Now, la poeta laureada Maya Angelou comparte recuerdos de su abuela en su pequeño pueblo de Stamps, Arkansas. Su vida difícil la llevo a depender completamente del poder de Dios. Angelou escribe que mama entrelazaba las manos detras de la espalda, miraba hacia un cielo lejano y declaraba: "Me acercare a la palabra de Dios." Angelou continua contando como su imaginacion volaba con visiones de su Mamma llena de fe lanzada al espacio, con lunas a sus pies y estrellas en la cabeza, cometas girando a su alrededor.

En las lecturas de hoy, tenemos imagenes similares de Jesus "llevadas" al cielo, habiendo pasado toda una vida terrenal apoyando la palabra de Dios. Los discipulos quieren saber si ahora es el momento de restaurar el reino a Israel. Sus esperanzas y expectativas estan ancladas en el pasado de la mano salvadora de Dios en su historia. Jesus no responde directamente, sino que les señala el poder del Espiritu Santo, con el que estaran revestidos. Dos mil años despues, revestidos con el Espiritu en medio del caos de nuestra epoca moderna, iseguimos fijados en la mano salvadora de Dios en nuestro pasado? ¿0 estamos dispuestos a estar abiertos a una nueva historia no muy distinta de la apertura de mama a una redencion encarnada mas brillante, pero aun en proceso de deshilachamiento, y a un universo de esperanza y amor en constante expansion?

En el Evangelio de hoy, Mateo nos ofrece un relate brutalmente honesto de la Ascension. Admite que los discipulos dudaban incluso cuando se encontraron con Cristo resucitado en la montana. En lugar de reprenderles o llamarles al crecimiento, envid a esos creyentes vacilantes con el mandate de continuar su mision. Luego ya no estaba con ellos. ¡Estamos tambien tentados a vacilar en medio de las guerras, el odio y la opresion de nuestra epoca? ¿0 estamos a la altura de avanzar con el Espiritu hacia la fiel vision de mama de la propia Palabra de Dios? Vestido en el Espiritu con las abundantes gracias de esta temporada de Pascua, tengo fe en que los somos

Paz, Padre Jim

Únase a nosotros para la adoración los viernes de 9am a 8pm en la capilla.



Educación Religiosa: La educación religiosa ha terminado este año. Disfruta tu verano

Niños menores de 18 años no deben quedarse sin supervisión en el Salón Parroquial. Bendiciones.

Contacto la oficina de la iglesia o hable con Deacon John para registrarse en nuestra parroquia. ¿Necesitas algo anunciado en el boletín? Texto Kathie 859-808-1269.

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