

TRANSFIGURATION CATHOLIC CHURCH

"Lord, how good it is that we are here."

May 21, 2023

Rev. Msgr. James L. LeBlanc Pastor

Deacon John Tempesco Deacon David Shinn

Sunday Mass:

Saturday at 4:00 p.m. Sunday at 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Daily Mass:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday at 6:00 p.m. & Wednesday at 4:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Tuesdays
5:00 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.
Saturdays
3:00 p.m.–3:45 p.m. & by Appointment

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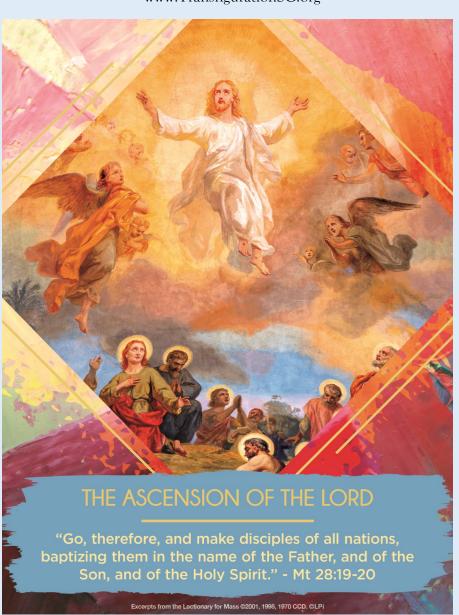
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The Sanctuary is located at the corner of Wilson Boulevard and North Pines Road.

Our Parish Office is open Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. We are located in the white farmhouse at 9720 Wilson Blvd.

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Parish Activities					
Sunday, May 21	9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Elementary Religious Ed. K4—5th Grade (Tan Bldg & Blue Bldg.) Confirmation Class (RBB) Forgiven Study (Conference Room—PLC) Youth Group Grades 6-12th (RBB) Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast (PLC)			
Monday, May 22	6:30 p.m.	Cursillo Grouping (Conference Room—PLC)			
Tuesday, May 23	9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Catechism Discussion Group (Large Classroom—PLC) Evans Cursillo Grouping (Small Classroom—PLC) Men's Cursillo Grouping (Large Classroom—PLC) Schneider Cursillo Grouping (Conference Room—PLC)			
Wednesday, May 24	4:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Catechism Discussion Group (Conference Room—PLC) Children's Choir (Large Classroom—PLC) Service Committee Meeting (Large Classroom—PLC)			
Thursday, May 25	7:00 p.m.	Youth Bible Study (RBB)			
Friday, May 26	6:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group (PLC)			
Saturday, May 27	5:00 p.m.	Altar Server Meeting (PLC)			
Sunday, May 28	No Religious 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Education or Youth Group—Summer Break Altar Server Meeting (PLC) Altar Server Meeting (PLC)			

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Youth Ministry (6th-12th)	Mary Beth Vernau	(803) 814-6214

Our Pastoral Council

Our Pastoral Council advises Father and works with him to develop the overall goals and priorities of the parish. It also seeks to help maintain healthy communication within the parish. Members are appointed by Father Jim and currently include:

Greg Arling	Tracy Hair	Gary Matthews
Patty Evans	Karen Hanson	Deacon John Tempesco
Russ Foss	Ed Hogue	Mary Beth Vernau

Share Your Talent



Catechism in a Year Discussion Groups

Last Week's Highlight:

One Baptism for the Forgiveness of Sins

977 Our Lord tied the forgiveness of sins to faith and Baptism: "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation. He who believes and is baptized will be saved." Baptism is the first and chief sacrament of forgiveness of our sins because it unites us with Christ, who died for our sins and rose for our justification, so that "we too might walk in newness of life."

978 "When we made our first profession of faith while receiving the holy Baptism that cleansed us, the forgiveness we received then was so full and complete that there remained in us absolutely nothing left to efface, neither original sin nor offenses committed by our own will, nor was there left any penalty to suffer in order to expiate them...Yet the grace of Baptism delivers no one from all the weakness of nature. On the contrary, we must still combat the movements of concupiscence that never cease leading us into evil.

Join your fellow parishioners as we read the Catechism and discuss what we are learning. You can jump in at any time. Here are our upcoming meetings:

9:00 am, Tuesday, May 23 – Paragraphs 997-1050 6:40 pm, Wednesday, May 24 – Paragraphs 1005-1065 6:30 am, Friday, May 26 – Paragraphs 1020-1075

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, May 29th in observance of Memorial Day.



Calling All Present & Future Altar Servers!

Deacon David Shinn requests the honor of your presence after Mass the weekend of May 27-28. This will be a quick meeting to answer questions about al-



tar serving, confirm contact information for current servers, and get input from parents and servers on future training sessions and scheduling.

He will be available after every Mass and would deeply appreciate your participation. If you can't make one of the three meetings, please contact him at DShinn@CharlestonDiocese.org.

Any person who has made their first communion is welcome to serve at the altar.

Fiscal Year 2022-	-2023
Offertory	Amount
Sunday Collection for May 14	\$8,914.55
Weekly Budget Needs	\$8,400.00
Fiscal Year-to-Date Total	\$388,547.73
Year-to-Date Budget Needs	\$386,400.00
Surplus/Shortfall-to-Date	\$2,147.73
Second Collecti	on
Capital Campaign	\$4,413.66

Next week's Second Collection will support: The Catholic Miscellany Magazine

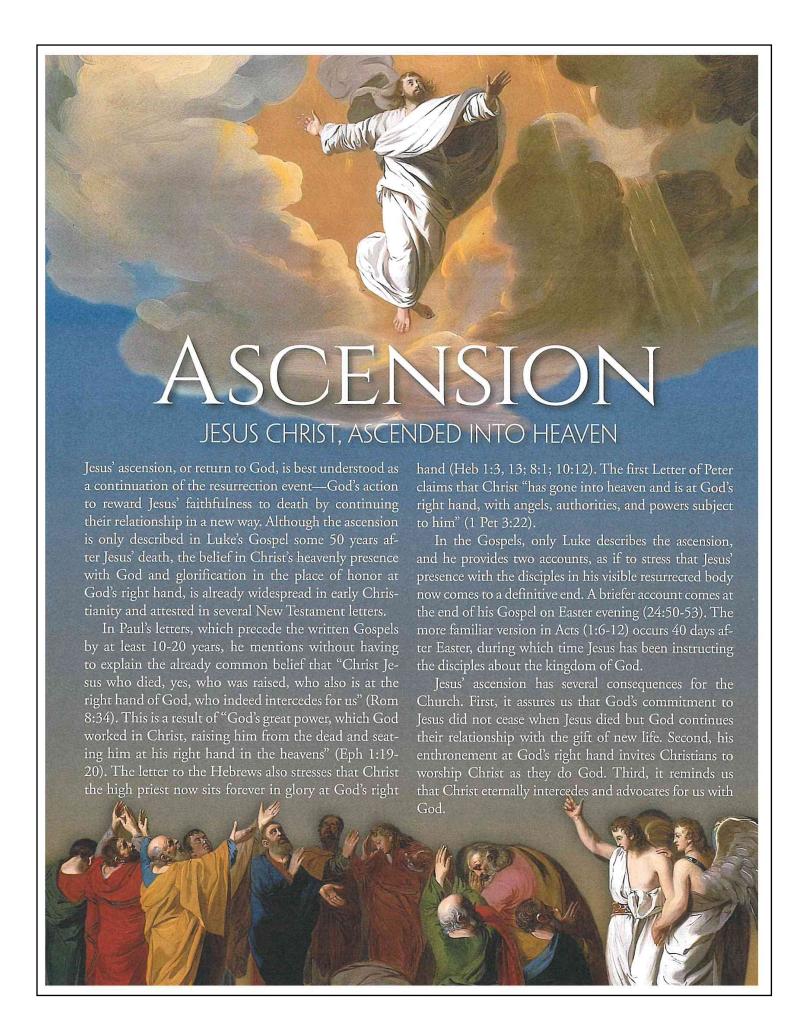
Vocations Chalice — This program is for everyone!

This is an invitation to all parishioners to participate in the Vocations Chalice Program by taking the Chalice home with you for a week of prayer. Having the Vocations Chalice in your home is a powerful, visual reminder of our faith. The prayer booklet is a helpful guide of prayers for all vocations and our personal, spiritual journey. The journal is an opportunity to share your experience with others. Please choose to sign up now! You may sign up on the SignUpGenius.com website, using this link: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080c44aeab2aabfe3-vocations1, or please ask the sacristan or an usher before or after Mass to sign you up. You can also scan the QR code below. This program is for everyone. You should return the Chalice, booklet and journal in the case the following week at the same Mass time as when you received it. If you have questions, please contact Bob Wagner, 803-629-2978, rswag1971@gmail.com; or Kathy Cunningham, 847-691-5899,

kathy.cunningham@pm.me

Vocations Chalice Schedule

Weekend	4:00 p.m. Mass	8:00 a.m. Mass	10:30 a.m. Mass
May 13/14	Mary Beth Sabol	Doiron Family	Germann Family
May 20/21	Family Needed	Family Needed	Family Needed



NOT GONE BUT STILL WITH US

All the early Christians believed that Jesus was risen to new life and appeared to his followers. They believed that though absent in his risen body, the risen Christ continued to dwell with them and allowed himself to be discovered under forms that we can experience and thus recognize him.

The New Testament authors stressed Christ's abiding presence in various ways. Matthew described Jesus as "Emmanuel, God with us" (1:23) and reminded us that Christ is present whenever we gather in his name (18:20) and will be with us always (28:20). Luke illustrated the hidden presence of the risen Christ as a mysterious stranger who explained scripture and shared bread (24:13-36). John described the abiding presence of Christ through the Holy Spirit or Advocate (Paraclete) (14:26) who continues in us the presence of the absent Jesus. Paul described the Christian community as those incorporated into the body of Christ (Rom 12:5; 1 Cor 10:17, 12:12-27) here on earth who continue his ministry and mission.

This hidden presence of Christ in us, in our community and in the world is also the foundation of our sacramental approach to reality. What we can perceive with our senses is not all there is to the mysterious reality we live in. So we seek this always present but hidden Jesus in prayer, in word and sacrament and in the others in our community. Like the disciples, we are not called to stand gazing into heaven to detect his return (Acts 1:10-11), which will surely come, but to go back to our households and jobs and neighborhoods to show forth the power of the Spirit that has been given to us by the ascended Jesus. By our attitudes, our words and our deeds, we display to the world around us the importance of Jesus' ascension.

Christ's Presence in the Eucharist

Pope St. Leo I, the Great, reminded us that "Our Redeemer's visible presence has passed into the sacraments. What was presented to the disciples' bodily eyes no longer hindered them from turning all their attention to the realization that he had not left his Father when he came down to earth, nor had he abandoned his disciples when he ascended into heaven."

In his book *Sacramental Theology*, Franciscan Fr. Kenan Osborne summarizes our belief in the many forms of Christ's eucharistic presence. "Jesus is present in the gathering of the community, in the proclamation of the word, and in the banquet of bread and wine. Beyond this we must find the Lord not only in the table of the Eucharist, but in the table of the world around us. If we do not see Jesus in this table of the world, we will really not find Jesus in the table of the Eucharist; and if we do indeed find Jesus in the table of the Eucharist, we should leave the Eucharistic celebration with eyes of faith that allows us to find Jesus throughout the table of the world."

Jesus, Alive in Our Midst

"The Ascension does not point to Jesus' absence, but tells us he is alive in our midst in a new way. He is no longer in a specific place in the world as he was before. He is now in the lordship of God, present in every space and time, close to each one of us. In our life we are never alone: the crucified and risen Lord guides us. We have with us a multitude of brothers and sisters who, in silence and concealment, in their family life and at work, in their problems and hardships, in their joys and hopes, live faith daily and together with us bring the world the lordship of God's love, in the risen Jesus Christ, ascended into heaven."

—Pope Francis

ASENSION THURSDAY Why Many Celebrate on a Sunday

Many countries including the U.S. that do not observe the Ascension as a public holiday have obtained permission from the Vatican to move the feast to the following Sunday to encourage more Catholics to celebrate this important event. In the U.S., all dioceses transferred this feast to Sunday except those in Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Nebraska which still celebrate it on Thursday.

The Columbiettes Corner

The News and Happenings of the Transfiguration Columbiettes Council 13713

Visit the Columbiettes Website – https://columbiettes13713.org





What a blessing this year has been! The Columbiettes had an amazing year thanks to the support and generosity of all of you! Your donations through the purchase of our fundraisers (mums, casseroles, Valentines, Ladies Luncheon,

and gift baskets) made it possible for us to support so many charities in South Carolina. Thanks to you, Big Red Barn, Fisher House, Palmetto Animal Assisted Life Services (PAALS), Toby's Place, and The Women's Shelter received over \$1500 each from the net profits from our Ladies' Luncheon alone. May God bless each one of you!

Want to Join the Columbiettes?

It's never too late to join the Columbiettes. Even though we don't meet during the summer, we are always willing and ready to talk with you about the possibilities of joining our group. We will have an informational meeting in the fall, but if you have questions now feel free to stop any of us wearing our blue name badge.





New Officers

The installation of officers for the 2023-2024 year will be held on Monday, June 12, after the 6:00 p.m. Mass in the large conference room. Parishioners, family, and friends are welcome to attend the ceremony. We hope to see you there.



St. Patrick's Cemetery Work Day-Saturday, June 24, 2023

The Knights have planned their next workday at St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery in Columbia on Saturday, June 24th from 7:00 a.m. until noon. This is the closest Catholic Cemetery to our church—1200 Mason Road. If you haven't had an opportunity to come out and volunteer, we would encourage you to consider spending a few hours as it is a very rewarding experience. Please contact Bob Wagner (803-629-2978) if you have any ques-



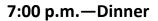
tions or if you are interested in learning about and working on a specific project at the cemetery. Thank you for all your continued help and support!

The Knights Rosary & Social has been Rescheduled!



Wednesday, May 24, 2023

6:15 pm—Outdoor Rosary in the Rosary Garden





Please join us for great food and fellowship! Everyone in the parish is invited.

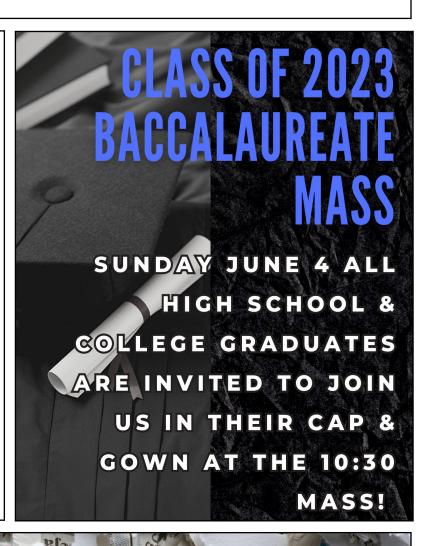
Do you like being outdoors and having fun in the summertime?



Volunteer for VBS and Go Camping With God

Adult and Teen Volunteers are Needed Vacation Bible School, June 19-23

If you want to experience joy, laughter, love, and helping children on their faith journey, please contact Patty Evans at 803-729-4625 or email pevans@charlestondiocese.org



Shred Event - May 26th - Shred the Word!

Blythewood High School Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) and Shred360 are partnering once again to host their second Free Shred Event of the school year. This event will take place on Friday. May 26th from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at Blythewood High School (North Gate Entrance)

Football Stadium (Visitor's Side).

Although this event is free, donations of any amount are appreciated to support the FBLA. Please limit yourself to 3 boxes of shred items per car. If you have any questions, please contact Ashley Garner at agarner@richland2.org or via phone at 803-691-4090 ext 28804.



Dinners for Deputies

Dear Parishioners,

At this time of year, I usually ask your help with Bags for Badges to support our local law enforcement. However, because food prices have gone up and deputies' salaries have not, they are having a great bit of difficulty having dinner. Restaurants used to give them a free meal if they were in uniform and on duty. Now, they are working 12 hour shifts and some places are giving them free drinks, but not as many as before.

To show our support of our law enforcement, Deacon John and I are asking that you consider making a donation for us to purchase restaurant gift cards to help the deputies have meals while they are working. **There are two ways you can help out:**

- 1. You can purchase a gift card from one of the restaurants listed below and put it in an envelope marked "Dinner for Deputies" and place it in the collection basket during Mass or drop it by the parish office. Or...
- 2. You can make a monetary donation (checks made payable to Columbiettes 13713) and we will purchase gift cards in bulk through the RaiseRight Program—this is the preferred method.

All donations (gift cards, cash, or checks) must be to the parish office by Sunday, June 25, 2023.

As we celebrate Memorial Day and Fourth of July, let us think about and pray for the men and women that defend our communities and keep us safe. Thank you for your consideration and generosity.

If you have any questions/concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me, Patty Evans 803-729-4625 – pevans@charlestondiocese.org or Deacon John Tempesco—jtempesco@charlestondiocese.org.

Thank you and God Bless,

Patty Evans

Participating Restaurants

Scotties	Prince's House of Pizza	San Jose Mexican
Chubby's	Carolina Wings	Subway
McDonald's	Lizard's Thicket	Domino's Pizza
Groucho's	Applebees	Hardees
Freddy's	Panera's	Taco Bell
Wendy's	Firehouse Subs	Arby's
Zaxby's	Papa Johns	Monterey's
Starbucks	Eggs Up Grill	Bojangles
Pizza Hut	Waffle House	

CONGRATULATIONS

TO OUR CONFIRMANDI!



RECEIVE POWER
WHEN THE HOLY
SPIRIT COMES
TO YOU!"
- ACTS 1:8

Bishop Jacques Fabre-Jeune joined us on May 7th to seal 10 of our Youth in the Sacrament of Confirmation!

Abigail - St. Therese of Lisieux, Christian - St.
Michael, Cynthia - Immaculate Heart of Mary,
Zia - St. Margaret of Cortona, Brennen - St.
Martin de Porres, Vincent - St. Vincent de Paul,
Ava - St. Catherine of Siena, Mari - St. Elizabeth
of Hungary, Gavin - St. Thomas More,
Anna - St. Thomas More

All Saints, Angels, Holy Men and Women of God, please pray for our young people as they continue on their faith journey!

The Ascension of Jesus

While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up to heaven. Luke 24:51 (NIV)

Based on Luke 24:44-53



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Worship, Intentions & Prayers

The Ascension of the Lord

Sunday, May 21

8:00 a.m. Mass Intentions of the Parish
10:30 a.m. Mass Kimberly Wagner Picciuolo by the Wagner Family

Monday, May 22—Saint Rita of Cascia

5:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

6:00 p.m. Daily Mass John O'Brien by Sam & Nadine McDonald

Tuesday, May 23

5:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

5:00 p.m. Reconciliation

6:00 p.m. Daily Mass Nellie & Blair Smith⁺ by Patty Evans

Wednesday, May 24

4:00 p.m. Daily Mass Malia Sue Myers⁺ by St. Joseph's Prayer Group

5:30 p.m. Daily Mass—St. Theresa's

Thursday, May 25—Saint Bede the Venerable, Saint Gregory VII, and Saint Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi

5:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

6:00 p.m. Daily Mass Christina Neh Ngufor by Lum Azeh

Friday, May 26—Saint Philip Neri

5:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

6:00 p.m. Daily Mass Jason Allen⁺ by John & Kathy Paxton

Saturday, May 27

3:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass George Taylor by Jane Ward

6:00 p.m. Mass—St. Theresa's

Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1-34; 1 Cor 12:3-13; Jn 20:19-23

Sunday, May 28

8:00 a.m. Mass Intentions of the Parish 10:30 a.m. Mass Christina Neh Ngufor⁺

Mass Christina Neh Ngufor⁺ by Lum Azeh

Please Pray for the Healing & Safety of Our Loved Ones

Prayer Line Ministry—Jessica Sisco Moore - (803) 477-6255 or jesskah.moore@gmail.com

Prayer for Service & Safety

Lord, we thank You for those who serve daily whether here or abroad and ask that You protect them from harm, give them courage to persevere, and bring them home safely.

Amen



For the healing of...Tom Aiken, Dave Anderson, Deacon Gary Atkinson, Fred Branham, Moses Branham, Christina Bretz, Alex Bringle, Enrique Caballero Jr., Mary Cammisa, Bill Campbell, Michael Cannon, Mary Causey, Mr. Clark, David Coble, Frank Daresta, Jr., Eileen Dempsey, Sherry Haggerty, Kenny Jackson, Kristi Jarvis, Zachary Komen, Noah Langan, Rosie & Robert Leonard, George Lesznar, Boyd Marivittori, Kenny Martin, Ava Claire Mates, Patrick McLeod, George Mori, Sherri Nichols, Misti Welch Post, Jimmy Phillips, Charlotte Reed, Linda Roush, Deborah Thomas, Connie Turgeon, Travis Spires, and Bob Wagner.

For the safety of....Robert Furgal, Rachel Graham, Reuben Paul, Alex Piccuiolo, Will Smarr, all first responders, law enforcement, missionaries, military personnel and their families serving at home and in hazardous locations around the world.





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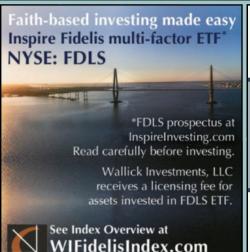
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