



This Week at Ascension

[Link to the Bulletins for May 10](#)

[Link to Randy's Sermon "Not Cool" from May 3.](#)

[Link to Bishop Mariann's Sermon from May 3.](#)

[Link to the Episcopal Diocese of Washington's Website](#)

Calendar Highlights

Saturday, May 9

9am Overeaters Anonymous,
Undercroft Commons

11am AI-Anon, Undercroft
Commons

11am Overeaters

Anonymous, Ascension House

Sunday, May 10

Happy Mother's Day!

7:45am Holy Eucharist, Main
Church

9am Holy Eucharist, Main
Church

9am Godly Play, Room 6

9am ESOL Class, Room 1

10:15am Holy Eucharist for
Families with Young
Children, Chapel

10:15 am A Joyful Path,
Room 3

10:15 am Rite 13, and
Confirm, not Conform,
Ascension House

10:15 am Choir Practice,
Choir Room

11am Holy Eucharist in

"Buried Talents"

"Now the one who had received one valuable coin came and said, 'Master, I knew that you are a hard man. You harvest grain where you haven't sown. You gather crops where you haven't spread seed. So I was afraid. And I hid my valuable coin in the ground. Here, you have what's yours.' "His master replied, 'You evil and lazy servant! You knew that I harvest grain where I haven't sown and that I gather crops where I haven't spread seed? In that case, you should have turned my money over to the bankers so that when I returned, you could give me what belonged to me with interest. Therefore, take from him the valuable coin and give it to the one who has ten coins. Those who have much will receive more, and they will have more than they need. But as for those who don't have much, even the little bit they have will be taken away from them.'" - Matthew 25:24-29

For most of the story about the talents we may think that the master who entrusted money to his employees while he went away for some unspecified amount of time was a pretty cool guy. He comes back from his journey and rewards the first two servants who've invested his money with even greater responsibility.

But the one who didn't risk that which wasn't his was not only punished for not doing what the first two employees did but had what had been given him taken away and given to the one who had the most and risked the most!

The parable ends with the perplexing "but as for those who don't have much, even the little bit they have will be taken away from them." This seems unduly severe, doesn't it? It helps to remember, I think, that our beloved and compassionate Jesus was a consummate teacher. He used parables to shock his hearers into a new way of knowing, being and doing. What I believe he is trying to show us in this story is the obvious "use it or lose it."

All we have and are comes from God. With the gift of life comes a responsibility to collaborate with our Maker. This means putting ourselves out there and taking risks. If we don't

Spanish, Chapel
11am Godly Play, Room 6
11:15 am Holy Eucharist, Chapel
1pm Pastoral Care Team Meeting, Library
5pm Holy Eucharist, Chapel
7:30pm Music Minister Discernment Committee, Room 3

Monday, May 11

6:30pm Ascension Softball vs. St. John Neumann, Johnsons Field
6:30pm Overeaters Anonymous, Undercroft Commons

Tuesday, May 12

9:30am Staff Meeting, Library
6pm Spanish Bible Study, Room 3
7pm Education for Ministry, Library
7pm Still Water Mindfulness Practice, Chapel
8:30pm AI-Anon, Ascension House

Wednesday, May 13

10am *The Portable Jung* Book Group, Library
7pm Codependents Anonymous, Ascension House
8pm Gamblers Anonymous, Ascension House

Thursday, May 14

Ascension Day
11am Yoga, Chapel
6pm Spanish Class, Room 3
6:45pm Girl Scouts, Room 6

[Link to our Online Calendar](#)

Worship Leaders

Sunday, May 10
Preacher: Dr. Tina Lightner- Morris

Flower Delivery: Hawa Clemens, Adoma Baffoe

do that not only do we not honor the Giver of all good gifts but we lose something of ourselves.

We only begin to become who God has created each and every one of us to be by risking the loss of the very things that define us.

Peace,
Randy

Announcements

(click for more info)

HEADLINERS

[Mother's Day Food Drive](#)

[Youth Group Laser Tag, May 17](#)

[Men's Shelter Lunch Preparation, May 17](#)

[Newcomer's Luncheon, May 31](#)

[Evensong and Reception for Paul Kelley, May 31](#)

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

[Godly Play, May 10](#)

[A Joyful Path, May 10](#)

[Rite-13 and Confirm, not Conform](#)

[Work Camp 2015](#)

[The Portable Jung](#)

[Still Water Mindfulness Practice Group](#)

[Listening Heart Community at Ascension](#)

[Men's Retreat - Save the Date!](#)

WORSHIP

[Multi-lingual Readers for Pentecost Needed](#)

[Worship Rosters, April - June](#)

[Bulletins for Tablets Link](#)

SERVICE

[Lord's Table Soup Kitchen](#)

[Gaithersburg HELP](#)

[Ascension's Cancer Support Group](#)

7:45 AM *Reader/Prayers:* Leslie Sanya, *Chalicians:* Wadai Dennis, Sharon Hayden, *Healing Prayer:* Janet King, *Acolytes:* Raymond Chin, Jackson Douglas, Aidan Douglas, *Welcome Team:* Frank Sanya, Enid Cole, *Altar Guild:* Leslie Sanya, Wadai Dennis

9:00 AM *Readers:* Sari Stoddard, Suzyn Gonzalez, *Prayers:* Carleton MacDonald, *Chalicians:* Kate Siberine, Margaret Tellu, *Healing Prayer:* Major Clemens, *Acolytes:* Alex Hanson, Nuelle Johnson, Kofi Kwamena-Poh, *Welcome Team:* Margaret Joseph, Dorett Sutherland, James Black, Jonathan Black, *Altar Guild:* Margaret Joseph, Dorett Sutherland

11:15 AM *Reader:* Anika Lalmansingh, *Chalicians:* Alice Benson, Kirk Fitch, *Healing Prayer:* Alex Langley, *Welcome Team:* Page Slazar, Avin Lalmansingh, *Altar Guild:* Lynn Shaer

5:00 PM *Reader/Usher:* Kate Siberine

Eucharistic Visitors: Meredith Horan, Peg Ruppel

LIFE AT ASCENSION

[Holy Baptisms on Pentecost](#)

[Ascension Softball Schedule](#)

[Ascension's Adventure Group to Sugarloaf Mountain, May 30](#)

[Annual Parish Picnic](#)

[Broadhurst Architect Presentation, June 14](#)

[ESOL Class](#)

[Prayer Request Updates](#)

THE ASCENDANT NEWSLETTER

[May](#)

Prayers

FOR THOSE WHOSE LIVES ARE CLOSELY LINKED WITH OURS:

All Mothers and Those Who Have Mothered Us

All Mothers' Children: Prayer and Witness

Ascension, Gaithersburg

Ascension, Silver Spring (Sligo Parish)

Ascension, Lexington Park (Patuxent Parish)

PRAY FOR COMFORT, HEALING, COURAGE, AND HOPE:

Sue, Lee, Peg, Susan, Gary, Nancy, Nancy, Janet, Lou, Fran, Ryan, and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

We pray for peace in the world and all who are serving our country here and abroad, especially those in harm's way, and their families. For all people affected by natural disasters, violence, and war.

We pray for all special intentions, and those on our extended Healing Prayer List.

We pray for those who died in Nepal and those who are bereaved; Lord, be with the rescue workers and keep them safe as they make heroic efforts in dangerous situations to rescue those still alive and in peril; be with everyone waiting to be rescued, keep them safe, and bring help to them soon.

ALTAR FLOWERS:

Given by Janet King, in loving memory of Sinchi Wayra Sheldon.

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