



This Week at Ascension

[Link to the Bulletins for May 15](#)

[Link to Ms. Enid Cole's Sermon "Mother's Day" from May 8.](#)

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

Calendar Highlights

Saturday, May 14

9am Overeaters Anonymous, Undercroft Commons
9:30am Ascension's Adventurers, Brookside Gardens
10am Confirmations, National Cathedral
11am Al-Anon, Undercroft Commons
11am Overeaters Anonymous, Room 1

Sunday, May 15

Day of Pentecost

7:45am Holy Eucharist, Main Church
8:15am Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
8:30am Budget Discussion Group, Library
9am Holy Eucharist, Main Church
9am Godly Play, Room 6
9am A Joyful Path, Room 11
10:15am Holy Eucharist for Families with Young Children, Chapel
10:15am Budget Discussion

The Day of Pentecost

"Pentecost was an important Jewish festival before it became a Christian festival. One of the three pilgrimage festivals that ideally were to be spent in Jerusalem, it occurred fifty days after Passover, the commemoration of Israel's liberation from Egypt. It recalled and celebrated the giving of the covenant to Israel on Mt. Sinai. It was about the creation of a new kind of community— a way of living together radically different from life in Egypt. This meaning and the period of fifty days were brought forward into the early Christian understanding of Pentecost. The central affirmation of Pentecost is that the Spirit promised by Jesus is now present among his followers and in the world. The Spirit is the Spirit of God, the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Christ. This claim is foundational to the New Testament and early Christianity.

"Thus Pentecost is about the abiding presence of Jesus as the Holy Spirit. In Luke's Gospel, the public activity of Jesus begins with the descent of the Spirit upon him: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me" (4: 18). From the cross, Jesus' final words are, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit" (23: 46). The spirit that was in Jesus returns to God and then is given to the community at Pentecost.

"In the Christian calendar, the Sunday after Pentecost is Trinity Sunday. The progression, the sequence, is metaphorically and symbolically perfect. Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Holy Week, and Easter have been about God and God's incarnation in Jesus. Now, with the descent of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost, the Trinity is complete— and so we celebrate it on Trinity Sunday."

From *Speaking Christian*, by M. Borg

Announcements
(click for more info)

HEADLINERS

Group, Library
10:15am Men's Shelter
Lunch Preparation,
Undercroft Commons
11am Holy Eucharist in
Spanish, Chapel
11am Godly Play, Room 6
11am A Joyful Path, Room
11
11:15am Holy Eucharist,
Main Church
12:30pm Ascension
Celebration Potluck,
Undercroft Commons
5pm Holy Eucharist, Chapel

Monday, May 16

6:30pm Overeaters
Anonymous, Undercroft
Commons

Tuesday, May 17

6:30pm Spanish Class,
Ascension House
7pm Education for Ministry,
Library
7pm Codependents
Anonymous, Room 1
7pm Stillwater Mindfulness
Group, Chapel
8:30pm AI-Anon, Room 1

Wednesday, May 18

10am *Grounded* Book Group,
Library
2pm Pictorial Directory
Photo Sessions
7pm Ensemble Rehearsal,
Main Church
8pm Gamblers Anonymous,
Chapel

Thursday, May 19

10am Yoga, Chapel
2pm Pictorial Directory
Photo Sessions
7:45pm Choir Rehearsal,
Choir Room

[Link to our Online Calendar](#)

Worship Leaders

Sunday, May 15

Budget Discussion Groups

Ascension Celebration: May 15, The Day of Pentecost

Men's Shelter Lunch Preparation, May 15

Pictorial Directory

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Godly Play, May 15

A Joyful Path, May 15

Survey About Sunday School

Christian Formation Summer Break

Youth Group Cookout, May 22

Work Camp, 2016

Yoga at Ascension

Education for Ministry

New Book for Wednesday Morning Book Group: *Gilead*

Women's Retreat

Listening Heart Community at Ascension

Still Water Mindfulness Practice Group

WORSHIP

Worship Rosters, April-June, 2016

Bulletins for Tablets Link

SERVICE

Outreach Retreat

Gaithersburg HELP

Lord's Table Soup Kitchen

LIFE AT ASCENSION

Ascension Adventurers to Brookside Gardens, May 14

Ascension Softball

Annual Picnic; Save the Date

Church Yard Sale and Car Wash

Living with Serious Illness Group

Keeping the Feast

Preacher: The Rev. Deacon Kate Siberine

Flower Delivery: Alice Padmore, Esther Sawyer

7:45 AM Reader/Prayers: Jackson Douglas, *Chalicians:* Leslie Sanya, Diana Gustafson, *Healing Prayer:* Meredith Horan, *Acolytes:* Ron Hayden, Jackson Douglas, Aidan Douglas, *Welcome Team:* Jean Cohn, Don Cohn, *Altar Guild:* Enid Cole, Mardia Dennis

9:00 AM, Readers: Diana Gustafson, Sue Snay, *Prayers:* Gary McLaughlin, *Chalicians:* Margaret Tellu, Swithin Kwamena-Poh, *Healing Prayer:* Diana Gustafson, *Acolytes:* Alfred Wasikye, Kofi Dickson, Lisa Dickson, *Welcome Team:* Nii Armah Akuete, Ruby King, Charles Dickson, *Altar Guild:* Caryl Thomas, Adoma Baffoe, Dotty Pfaenhauer

11:15 AM Reader: Kendall Anderson, *Chalicians:* Anika Lalmansingh, Laura Shay *Healing Prayer:* Alex Langley, *Welcome Team:* Page Salazar, Clark Didavi, *Altar Guild:* Lynne Shaer, Georgana Maines

5:00 PM Reader/Chalician: Rebecca Smith-Kevern

Eucharistic Visitors: Pamela Irons-Forth, Kate Foley

Spanish Classes

Prayer Request Updates

PUBLICATIONS

[Link to the Annual Report and the Vestry Candidate Questionnaire](#)

[May Ascendant](#)

[Together We Shine](#)

Prayers

FOR THOSE WHOSE LIVES ARE CLOSELY LINKED WITH OURS:
In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for St. Dunstan's Church, Pray in thanksgiving for the life and witness of Thurgood Marshall

PRAY FOR COMFORT, HEALING, COURAGE, AND HOPE:
Rose, Carol, Alvaro, Marguerite, Sarah, Nancy, Janet, Lou, Fran, 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.

Equip us and empower us to be witnesses to your love - as advocates and as servants, as ministers of welcome and of hope for all 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 are about to be confirmed at the Cathedral on Saturday, Alice Bennett, Grace Bennett, Jerry Fitzpatrick Fayemi Johnson, Wendy Quijada, and Alfred Wasikye.

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