



This Week at Ascension

[Link to the Bulletins for May 24](#)

[Link to Randy's Sermon "Let Me Go" from May 17.](#)

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

Calendar Highlights

Saturday, May 23

9am Overeaters Anonymous, Undercroft Commons
11am AI-Anon, Undercroft Commons
11am Overeaters Anonymous, Ascension House

Sunday, May 24

Day of Pentecost
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 Spanish, Chapel
11am Godly Play, Room 6
11:15 am Holy Eucharist,

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, SJ (1881-1955)

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin was a Jesuit paleontologist who worked to understand evolution and faith. He was born May 1, 1881, and died on April 10, 1955. Between these days Teilhard fully participated in a life that included priesthood, living and working in the front lines of war, field work exploring the early origins of the human race, and adventurous travels of discovery in the backlands of China. He also participated fully in an intellectual life through the development of his imaginative, mystical writings on the evolutionary nature of the world and the cosmos.

Teilhard suffered from the rejection of his writings by ecclesiastical authorities and—perhaps felt more severely by him—by the Jesuit leadership. In his thinking and writing Teilhard studied the intimate relationship between the evolutionary development of the material and the spiritual world, leading him to celebrate the sacredness of matter infused with the Divine presence.

*No matter how trying the times, Teilhard continued to develop his positive vision by writing some of his most important works: *The Divine Milieu* (1927), *The Vision of the Past* (1935), *Building the Earth* (1937), *The Phenomena of Man* (1940), and *The Future of Man* (1941). Teilhard's efforts to receive ecclesiastical approval for the publication of *The Phenomena of Man* failed, and he was also denied the opportunity to teach in France. With his health failing, Teilhard traveled to South America and South Africa tracing further discoveries of the evolutionary journey. He finally settled at St. Ignatius Parish in New York City where he died peacefully Easter Sunday, April 10, 1955. - Jim Campbell*

- See more at: <http://www.ignatianspirituality.com/ignatian-voices/20th-century-ignatian-voices/pierre-teilhard-de-chardin-sj#sthash.aobZqPyQ.dpuf>

Quotes by Pierre Teilhard de Chardin:

"It is through the collaboration which he solicits from us that Christ, starting from all creatures, is consummated and attains

Chapel
2pm Vestry Meeting, Room 1
5pm Holy Eucharist, Chapel

Monday, May 25

Memorial Day - Office Closed
6:30pm Overeaters
Anonymous, Undercroft
Commons

Tuesday, May 26

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 27

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

Thursday, May 28

11am Episcopal Seeking
Seniors, Asbury
11am Yoga, Chapel
2pm Sue Conway's Funeral
Service, Chapel
6pm Spanish Class, Room 3
6:45pm Girl Scouts, Room 6

[Link to our Online Calendar](#)

Worship Leaders

Sunday, May 24

Preacher: (The Rev.) Randy Lord-
Wilkinson

Flower Delivery: Shirley Allen, Alice
Padmore

7:45 AM *Reader/Prayers:* Bob
Owoabi, *Chalicians:* Enid Cole,
Wadai Dennis, *Healing Prayer:*
Meredith Horan, *Acolytes:* Raymond
Chin, Jackson Douglas, Aidan
Douglas, *Welcome Team:* Janet

his plenitude. St. Paul himself tells us so. We may, perhaps, imagine that Creation was finished long ago. But that would be quite wrong. It continues in still more magnificent form in the highest zones of the world....Our role is to help complete it, if only by the humble work of our hands. This is the real meaning and the price of our acts. Owing to the interrelation between matter, soul, and Christ, we lead part of the being which he desires back to God in whatever we do. With each of our works, we labor automatically but really to build the Pleroma, which is to say we help towards the fulfillment of Christ." ("The Divinization of Our Activities" in *Modern Catholic Thinkers* [Vol. 1], New York: Harper 1960.)

"Lord Christ, you who are divine energy and living irresistible might: since of the two of us it is you who are infinitely the stronger, it is you who must set me ablaze and transmute me into fire that we may be welded together and made one. Grant me, then, something even more precious than that grace for which all your faithful followers pray: to receive communion as I die is not sufficient: teach me to make a communion of death itself." (*Hymn of the Universe*, NY: Harper and Row 1965.)

Announcements

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HEADLINERS

[Sue Conway's Funeral Service](#)

[Family Movie Night, June 5](#)

[Annual Parish Picnic, June 7](#)

[Broadhurst Architect Presentation, June 14](#)

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

[Christian Formation Summer Break](#)

[Godly Play, May 24](#)

[A Joyful Path, May 24](#)

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

[Work Camp 2015](#)

[The Portable Jung](#)

[Still Water Mindfulness Practice Group](#)

[Listening Heart Community at Ascension](#)

WORSHIP

King, Florence Sirleaf, *Altar Guild*:
Enid Cole, Mardia Dennis

9:00 AM *Readers*: Gary McLaughlin,
Susan McLaughlin, *Prayers*: Sue
Snay, *Chalicians*: Cynthia Perley,
Sari Stoddard, *Healing Prayer*:
Acolytes: Kayleigh Yankie, Alex
Hanson, Kofi Dickson, *Welcome*
Team: Swithin Kwamena-Poh, Devin
Blanc, Algernon Thomas, Barbara
Angel, *Altar Guild*: Ophelia Yalley-
Ogunro, Esther Allotey-Taylor

11:15 AM *Reader*: Alex Langley,
Chalicians: Christian Nwankwo, Peg
Ruppel, *Healing Prayer*: *Welcome*
Team: Penelope Cudjoe, Musu
Rogers, *Altar Guild*: Alice Padmore,
Georgana Maines

5:00 PM *Reader/Usher*: Howard
Holland

Eucharistic Visitors: Barb Masfield,
Enid Cole

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SERVICE

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LIFE AT ASCENSION

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[Ascension Softball Schedule](#)

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

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

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THE ASCENDANT NEWSLETTER

[May](#)

Prayers

FOR THOSE WHOSE LIVES ARE CLOSELY LINKED WITH OURS:

Diocesan Committee on Human Resources
The Canons and Staff of the Diocese of Washington
All Vestries and Parish Leaders and Staff Members

PRAY FOR COMFORT, HEALING, COURAGE, AND HOPE:

Lee, Peg, Nan, Suzanne and family, 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.

THANKSGIVING:

For the birth on May 19 of Jane Martin Annear, daughter of Sarah and Brian Annear.

For the baptism on May 24 of Joanna Warley Toee, daughter of Jonah and Bendu Toee.

For the life of Sue Conway, who died on May 15.

For the life of Al Hood, who died on May 19.

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