

May 13, 2018 – Ascension of the Lord

"Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature."

Mark 16: 15-20

"Mr. Phil still feeds the children . . ."

It was a tragedy that ripped St. Paul, Minnesota, apart: On a summer evening in 2016, 32-year old Philando Castile was pulled over by a police officer for a broken tail light. When Castile reached into his pocket for his license, the officer thought Castile was going for a gun and fatally shot Castile. You may remember the video that was shot by his girlfriend who was in the car with Castile. The episode ignited a storm of angry protests around the country.

But the story does not end there.

No one was more devastated by Castile's death than the students at the J.J. Hill Elementary School in St. Paul. Castile, known as "Mr. Phil," supervised the food services program. Castile didn't just work in the cafeteria; he tutored and mentored students, as well. He knew every student's name; he was beloved by the students and staff at J.J. Hill.

Castile saw to it that every child had lunch every day, including poorer kids who couldn't afford it. Castile covered many lunches out of his own pocket. So, a local university professor and her students created a charity to pay off J.J. Hill's entire student lunch debt. Since September, students in Prof. Pamela Fergus' Diversity and Ethics Class at Montgomery State University launched *Philando Feeds the Children*. The students have raised more than \$130,000 - enough not only to wipe out the lunch room deficit at J.J. Hill but all student lunch debt across St. Paul's 56 public schools.

Some 70 percent of St. Paul students qualify for free lunches, but many parents aren't aware of the program or struggle to complete the application; many families earn too much to qualify but still have difficulty paying for their children's lunches. Typically, more than 2,000 students end up owing money for lunch at the end of the school year.

The students at Montgomery State would now like to raise enough funds to extend the program beyond St. Paul.

The program has the blessing of Philando Castile's mother, Valerie. "No child should go hungry," she says. "And this project helps keep my son alive."

The generosity and compassion that Philando Castile inspired continues, even after his tragic death. On this Solemnity of the Lord's Ascension, Jesus calls his disciples - including us - to continue the work of compassion, mercy and reconciliation that he inspired, the work that has been vindicated and perfected in God's raising him from the dead. We who have seen and heard the story of Jesus are now called to bring that hope into the lives of others and into the life we share as families, as the Church, as the human community. In every kindness we offer, in every word of encouragement and comfort we utter, in every moment we spend listening and supporting, we proclaim the Gospel of the Risen Jesus; every good work - however small or hidden - is a spark of the light of the Risen Christ in our midst.

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Sacred Heart Parish

A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ



Parish Information

Pastor: Monsignor Jim Robertson

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Office Hours: Monday and Friday 1:00 pm-5:00 pm

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Weekend Masses: Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 11:00 am

Reconciliation: By request

Mass During the Week: Tues at 7:00 pm
Wed, Thurs, Fri at 10:00 am
First Fridays - 2:00 pm at the Lohnes Complex

Holy Hour of Adoration: Third Sunday of the Month at 2 p.m.

Marriages: Six months' notice is required. A year's notice is recommended.

Baptisms: Please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation session.

RECEIVED WITH THANKS (May 6, 2018)

Regular Collection	1,579.20
Parish Dues	50.00
Parish Insurance	5.00
Building Fund	155.00
Votive Candles	36.40
Monthly Bingo Proceeds	1057.55
In Memorium	50.00
Mass Stipends	110.00
Ecclesiastical Students	165.00
Pope's Pastoral Works	55.00

MASS INTENTIONS

May 14	No Mass
May 15	Late Gerald English
May 16	Late Marie Pennell
May 17	Late Frank Mullins
May 18	Late Dorothy Hynes
May 19	Late Leo Wheeler/ Special Intention for Peter O'Quinn
May 20	Parish Community

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

May 19	
Victoria Murphy Basil English	Joe Byrne Marie Byrne Frank Lewis
May 20	
Amelia Dicks Wayne Dicks	Barbara Neville Patsy Payne Brian Sparkes
Communion to the Sick	
Joe Byrne & Marie Byrne	

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY: Our Ladies Group will be reciting the rosary each Tuesday in May at 6:30 pm. All are encouraged to participate.

Happy Mother's Day

BIBLE STUDY: Cancelled this weekend.

COMMUNION: Congratulations to Lucas Boardman, Cole Griffin, Carter Lewis, Keegan Lynch, Jordan Murley, Theodore Fewer-Snooks, Jenna Boardman, Lydia Parsons and Brianna Rice who are receiving Eucharist for the first time this Sunday. Please continue to pray for them and their families that, through the gift of the Eucharist, they may grow in their faith.

CONFIRMATION: Bishop Hundt will be visiting our Parish for the mass of Sunday, May 27th when he will celebrate the sacrament of confirmation with our young people. Please pray for those who are to be confirmed. Come worship with us on that day and celebrate with our youth and with our Bishop.

4YOUTH: Today we celebrate Mother's Day, a day set aside to thank our mothers for giving us life, for raising us, for being our constant support and for the many things they do for us. It is appropriate that Mother's Day is celebrated in May, since this is the month dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God and the Mother of us all. As we take time today to honour our earthly mothers, let's not forget to honour our Mother Mary, the epitome of motherhood. There are some beautiful prayers to Mary that you could say this month, such as the Hail Holy Queen (also called the Salve Regina) and the Memorare (a prayer seeking help). You can find these prayers on the Internet or you can listen to them on YouTube. Two beautiful hymns in praise of Mary that you could also watch on You Tube are Magnificat by David Haas or Hail Mary-Gentle Woman by Michael O'Brien. (Maybe you could watch these today with your Mom!)

NATIONAL WEEK FOR LIFE AND THE FAMILY: The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) has designated the week of May 13-20, 2018 as the sixth National Week for Life and the Family. The theme of this year's Week is "Love: Encountering the Other". As Bishop Lionel Gendron, President of the CCCB, states in his message for this National Week, "Love is first meant to be discovered and experienced in the family. According to the divine plan for humanity, the family is the sacred place where, through loving encounters with others— parents, siblings, grandparents, aunts and uncles—the child makes room in his or her heart for an encounter with the Other who is Love (see 1 Jn 4:8). Pope Francis reminds us that "time is greater than space". Let us take time to encounter the others in our lives who are most important to us." To read Bishop Gendron's complete letter, go to www.rcchurch.com.

THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION: On Sunday, May 13th, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Ascension – the day that Jesus, in the presence of the apostles, ascended bodily into Heaven. The Bible tells us that Jesus' Ascension occurred on the 40th day after the Resurrection, so the Ascension falls on the Thursday of the sixth week of Easter. However, in Canada, as in a number of other countries, the observance of this feast day has been transferred to the following Sunday, the seventh week of Easter. To learn more about the Feast of the Ascension and what the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches, go to www.rcchurch.com.

SACRED HEART SPRING CONCERT: Sacred Heart Spring Concert will take place on **Friday, May 25th at 7:30 p.m.** The concert will feature various performers. Admission \$5.

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY: On Sunday, May 13, the Church celebrates World Communications Day, a day originally called for by the Second Vatican Council. Social media surrounds us wherever we go, and we can use it to help spread the Good News of the Gospel, to help create a just society and to learn more about our own faith. When we respect the people, we are communicating with (even if we don't share their opinions and beliefs), when we refuse to spread malicious gossip, when we use social media to highlight injustices in the world, when we encourage or comfort people, when we share the goodness and beauty we see around us, we are doing our part to spread the joy and hope of Christianity!

THE FOOD BANK NETWORK: The Annual General Meeting for The Food Bank Network of the Bay of Islands Ministerial Association, Inc. that was cancelled on April 25, is now rescheduled for Wednesday, May 16, at 7:00 p.m. at the Salvation Army Family Services on 6 Herald Avenue. Everyone welcome. Light refreshments to follow.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Bishop O'Reilly Assembly will meet on Tuesday May 15th at All Hallows starting at 7:45 p.m. Election of Officers will take place, all Sir Knights are asked to attend.

CHASE THE ACE: Chase the Ace is started in Humber Arm South again. Draws will take place Sunday evenings from 6-7 pm at the Humber Arm South community hall. This is a joint event between Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish and the town of Humber Arm South.

HUMOUR: I have an epi-pen. It's very important to me because my friend gave it to me as he laid dying. It seemed very important to him that I have it.