

## Sixth Sunday of Easter – May 6, 2018

### Christian Plan for being "On Mission"

As we come closer to Pentecost and the end of the Easter season, the Church brings us back to the **Last Supper** with today's Gospel passage. The moment is **solemn**. Jesus is at table with his **intimate collaborators**, his handpicked Twelve Apostles. He knows that this is the **last time** they will be gathered in this way until they meet again in eternity. **Nothing** is carelessly said. Everyone on their deathbed has their final words, their legacy: **these** are the **Lord's** final words. Jesus explains that he has loved us, and that he longs for us to **remain in his love**, to stay in his friendship, so that we may experience the **indescribable joy** that flows from true love. And then he lays down his **New Commandment**, the summary of all his teaching and of his entire life: "**love one another as I love you.**" The 10 Commandments of the Ancient Covenant were summarized by Jesus during his public life in **two** commandments of the New Testament: Love God with all your heart and love your neighbor as yourself. But now, at the climax of his earthly mission, Jesus combines those two into a **final**, New Commandment: love one another as I have loved you. This is the **Christian battle plan**. At the Last Supper, Jesus was on the verge of **his final battle** against evil and all the forces of darkness. And the Church he is forming through his Apostles will take **that same battle** to the ends of the earth and to every corner of human history and culture. The plan is so simple and straightforward, summed up in this single, final, definitive command: love one another as I have loved you. We are Christ's **soldiers**, and **that** is our mission. Love is our origin--we were created by a God of love. Love is our destiny in Heaven forever with our God of Love. Love is our Power to live here and now.

Father Blake Evans, Pastor



**"Who is she that comes forth as the morning rising, fair as the moon, bright as the sun, terrible as an army set in battle array?"**

Nativity welcomes over **50** members of the Legion of Mary from all over DC and our 5 Md. Counties. We will have English, Spanish, French and even Korean members. Members will hold

a meeting in the Lounge are spending the day going door to door to invite Brightwood Residence to visit Nativity or return to the Sacraments if they have been away.

Let us rejoice that the Glorious Virgin Mary is at work among our people. And special thanks to the many Praesidiums of Legion of Mary who are coming. Legion members are men women and even children and youth who consecrate themselves daily to God the Holy Spirit under the intercession and protection of the Virgin Mary to live lives of daily Marian devotions and prayers and assist Priests in saving souls in parishes and out in the world. Special thanks to Mother Seton parish in Germantown who are coming and who have 4 Legion Praesidiums (chapters) including one for youth/children. Glorious things are said of you of Virgin Mary!

Reminder for those consecrated to Mary, May is a good month to renew your consecration.

Father Evans



To celebrate the glory of Christ present in the Eucharist and to bring his love into our suffering Brightwood neighborhood, there will be a joyful procession with the Blessed Sacrament on Corpus Christi Sunday,

June 3rd, 2018, immediately following the 10:00am Mass. All parishioners are encouraged to come out and celebrate Jesus as we march with him in our streets. Please pray and sacrifice for this effort.



# Mass Intentions

**May 5 - 12, 2018**

Sat. 5/5	8:00am	Charles Evans (birthday) Legion of Mary Retreat
	5:30pm	Nativity: Financial Needs
Sun. 5/6	8:00am	People of the Parish
	10:00am	Mike & Donna Leake (52 <sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary)
	1:00 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> . Communion & Confirmation Students
<b>*Mon. 5/7</b>	Noon	+Msgr. James Beattie
<b>*Tue. 5/8</b>	Noon	+Carol Haberman
<b>*Wed. 5/9</b>	Noon	Protection of the Parish
Thu. 5/10	Noon	Vincent Petrocelli (Seminarian)
<b>*Fri. 5/11</b>	Noon	+Cher Perera
Sat. 5/12	8:00am	Miles Xavier Willis (thanksgiving)
	5:30pm	Thanksgiving to God (all parishioners)

**Noon masses marked (\*) will be celebrated out of campus.  
No noon masses at Nativity on those days.**

**Please pray for the sick of our Parish:**

\*Alice R. Allen, \*Amina Anderson-Pringle, \*Ann Butler, \*Carla Andrea Catacora, \*Shawn Coleman, \*William Corbel, \*Maria Cruz, \*Maurice & Flora Detiege \*Isel Fitzgerald, \*Dion A. Fortune, \*Linda Foster, \*Charlie Gick, \*John Green, Sr., \*Janet Henery, \*Blanca Hernandez, \*Lawrence C. Hill, \*Lee Hobbs, \*Francis Howard, \*Elaine Hunt, \*Helen Hurd, \*Larry Ivy, \*Geraldine Jones, \*Odile Kalla, \*Michael Kelly, \*Busara Kennedy, \*Claude Kolthoff, \*Betty Lawton, \*Yavonna Lewis, \*Sandra Lucas, \*Eric Malcolm, \*Edwin & Regina Mbanude, \*Edith Mebane, \*Maria Magdalena Medrano, \*Agnes Moore, \*Robert Myers. \*Iris Newman, \*D. Cynhia Peters, \*Willie Poole, Jr., \*James Pope, \*Margaret Pope, \*Dorothy Richburg, \*Rosa Maria Santos, \*Bonafacio Selayo \*Delores Sloan, \*Adrian Smith, \*Alice Smith, \*Bernadette Smith, \*Theresa Smith, \*Louise Sweatt, \*Emily Towles, \*Dominic Valentine, \*Dorothy Waring, \*Paul Williams, \*Florentina Zoretta.

**No Bible Study on Monday, May 7.**

**Bus trip to see the play "Jesus"** Regrettable, the June 9<sup>th</sup>. Knights of Columbus bus trip to the biblical play "Jesus" has been cancelled and it is being rescheduled. We do not have a new date yet. We apologize for any inconvenience.

## ATTENDANCE REPORT

4/29/18

**Attendance: 427 souls**  
Offerings & Tithes: \$5.627  
Spanish Mass: \$402  
Utility fund: \$751



### Catholic Daughters of America. Court 2344

Posted on Share Magazine: Washington DC Territorial Court Helps the Homeless. Washington, DC, prepares shoe boxes with toiletries for the Men's Central Union Mission Homeless Shelter. This year court members wrapped 43 boxes. At Christmas they donate shoe boxes to the women's homeless shelter, front, National Director Peggy Guckin and Hazel Ballard, Rita Matori-Rigor, Dakoru Offor, Patricia Walter, Juliette Andrews, Nicola Wharton, Yvonne Williams, Bettie Kennedy, Ana McBayne, Doris Crosson, Joan Tillery, Carolyn Ndolo and Christiane Rosamont.



### Catholic Radio in Washington!

Radio Guadalupe is the English Cath. radio station for our region on AM at 1140. Representatives will be visiting us in May to inform the community about the station.



### Upcoming Days of Grace!

**May 6:** Procession and crowning of the blessed Mother Mary at the 8:00 am Mass

**May 6:** Last Sunday of Religious Education classes

**May 12:** 1st Communion Retreat Day

**May 20:** 1st Communion Mass at 10 am followed by a Reception at the Lounge. Special thanks to Sodality for this reception.

**June 2:** Confirmation – Basilica at 2:00 pm

**June 2:** Ordination of Father Patrick Hake.

**June 3:** Corpus Christi Sunday.

**June 9:** Ordination of Deacon Ebuka Mbnude