



Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 13 / 14, 2023

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MASS SCHEDULE

St. Boniface:

Saturday

5:00 pm

Our Lady of Perpetual

Help

Sunday:

**8:00 am-8:45 am Adoration &
Rosary**

8:30 am Confession

9:00 am Mass

Novena

Stations of the Cross

Tuesday & Thursday:

5:30 pm

Bible Study


Thursday 8:00 pm

Mission Statement: We are a welcoming parish of Roman Catholic Christians with diverse roots deep in Appalachia and beyond. We are committed to growing in our faith and community through our worship and celebrations, with particular attention to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and The Holy Eucharist. We are a community gathered together by the Holy Spirit, filled with hope, to love and serve God and neighbor in the name of Jesus Christ; and through our sharing of Good News in word and deed, we seek to live and reveal to all the grace and peace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the unity of the Holy Spirit.



Apron Strings

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS



[Jesus said], “I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth.”

JOHN 14:16–17A

There are moments when we realize the baton has been passed to us, and now we must conduct the symphony of our lives. One such moment may be when both parents have died. “They” say we never fully grow up until that occurs, for from that time on we can no longer go home. I know of a daughter who received a gift from her mother when the daughter moved out on her own. Inside, the daughter discovered a pair of apron strings, a symbol of her break with home. At various times, life hands us a bountiful serving of responsibility as we commit to a vocation, or for many, become parents for the first time. On such occasions, the future may weigh heavily upon us.

This week’s Gospel is a farewell speech of sorts. Given to the Twelve on the night before his passion and death, Jesus promises he will not leave us orphans and that the Spirit will be given to us to do what we must do.

There have been any number of times when life has unfolded for me into new circumstances and life roles, occasions often filled with anxiety and sometimes even fear. I usually found I could deal with such realities by asking myself what would be the worst that could happen, and if it did, could I handle it? Every time, I found myself realizing I *could* handle the worst. Importantly, the ability to do what needs doing always seems to flow from God’s Spirit that is given to each of us. If our faith in God is alive in us, our spiritual apron strings are never severed. ●

Reflect

***Has the Spirit of God
ever helped you face a daunting
responsibility?***

<i>Date</i>	<i>OLPH</i>	<i>Saint Boniface</i>
<i>May 13 / 14</i> Sixth Sunday of Easter	8:30 am ~ Confession 9:00 am ~ Mass <i>Mother's Day Blessing</i>	5:00 pm ~ Mass
Tuesday	NO Mass	
Thursday	NO Mass	
<i>May 20 / 21</i> Seventh Sunday of Easter / Ascension	8:30 am ~ Confession 9:00 am ~ Mass <i>Graduate Blessing</i>	5:00 pm ~ Mass

	<i>OLPH</i> <i>Mass 9:00 am</i>		<i>ST. BONIFACE</i> <i>Mass 5:00 pm</i>	
Date	May 14	May 21	May 13	May 20
Lector	Joe McNaughton	Hannah Steen	Mary Jo Leygraaf	Jerry Nowak
Server	Joe McNaughton	Joe McNaughton		

Mass Intentions	<i>OLPH</i>	<i>St. Boniface</i>
May 13 / 14	Heyward McCowan Tibbs, Jr	Heyward McCowan Tibbs, Jr
May 20 / 21	Our Graduates	Heyward McCowan Tibbs, Jr

Our Gifts	OLPH	St. Boniface
May 6 / 7	\$481.00	\$260.00

May God bless you for your generous contributions to our Church!

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Reading 1

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Philip went down to the city of Samaria
and proclaimed the Christ to them.

With one accord, the crowds paid attention to what was said by Philip
when they heard it and saw the signs he was doing.

For unclean spirits, crying out in a loud voice,
came out of many possessed people,
and many paralyzed or crippled people were cured.
There was great joy in that city.

Now when the apostles in Jerusalem
heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God,
they sent them Peter and John,
who went down and prayed for them,
that they might receive the Holy Spirit,
for it had not yet fallen upon any of them;
they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.
Then they laid hands on them
and they received the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Shout joyfully to God, all the earth,
sing praise to the glory of his name;
proclaim his glorious praise.
Say to God, "How tremendous are your deeds!"

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

"Let all on earth worship and sing praise to you,
sing praise to your name!"
Come and see the works of God,
his tremendous deeds among the children of Adam.

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

He has changed the sea into dry land;
through the river they passed on foot;
therefore let us rejoice in him.
He rules by his might forever.

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Hear now, all you who fear God, while I declare
what he has done for me.
Blessed be God who refused me not
my prayer or his kindness!

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Reading 2

1 Pt 3:15-18

Beloved:

Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts.
Always be ready to give an explanation
to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope,
but do it with gentleness and reverence,
keeping your conscience clear,
so that, when you are maligned,
those who defame your good conduct in Christ
may themselves be put to shame.
For it is better to suffer for doing good,
if that be the will of God, than for doing evil.

For Christ also suffered for sins once,
the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous,
that he might lead you to God.

Put to death in the flesh,
he was brought to life in the Spirit.

Alleluia

Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia.

Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord,
and my Father will love him and we will come to him.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Jn 14:15-21

Jesus said to his disciples:

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

And I will ask the Father,

and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always,
the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept,
because it neither sees nor knows him.

But you know him, because he remains with you,
and will be in you.

I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

In a little while the world will no longer see me,
but you will see me, because I live and you will live.

On that day you will realize that I am in my Father
and you are in me and I in you.

Whoever has my commandments and observes them
is the one who loves me.

And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father,
and I will love him and reveal myself to him."

REFLECTION

Jesus' promise of the Holy Spirit to his apostles Today's readings explain Who the Holy Spirit is, what His roles are, and how we can experience Him in our daily lives.

The first reading describes how the Holy Spirit helped Philip, the Deacon, to preach powerfully and convert the Samaritans in large numbers and how the Holy Spirit helped Peter and John, by giving them a fresh anointing. In the second reading, St. Peter shows us that Holy Spirit makes it possible for us believers to live God-fearing lives in the midst of opposition and persecution. Today's Gospel, taken from the "Last Supper Discourse," describes the gift of the Holy Spirit which Jesus is going to give his disciples who obey his commandment of love. Thus, the faithful believers will have the indwelling of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit in their souls.

Role of the Holy Spirit: As the Divine Advocate

- 1) The Holy Spirit will instruct us in Jesus' doctrines and illumine our minds to receive deeper knowledge of our Faith.
- 2) The Divine Advocate will enable us to defend our Faith powerfully when needed.
- 3) He will guide us in the proper practice of true Christian love by enabling us to recognize Jesus in the in the poor, in the sick, in the homeless, in the marginalized, in the outcast, in the drug addicts, and even in the criminals ("I was in prison..."), and so to become agents of healing and reconciliation in a broken and divided world.

We need to welcome the Holy Spirit, allow Him to act in us and seek His help every day for our steady growth in spiritual life:

- 1) To conquer temptations from our habitual sins and to avoid the occasions of sins.
- 2) To remove the blocks caused by our addictions, evil habits, and various forms of abuse which we suffered in our early life, preventing our spiritual growth.
- 3) To discern and recognize the presence of Jesus in all the people we meet during the day and to do them humble, loving service.

- 4) To become agents of reconciliation and healing to others in our family and this community, by asking forgiveness from others we have offended, and graciously granting forgiveness to others who continue to hurt our feelings and ill-treat us.

UPCOMING SAINTS AND FEASTS

Saint Isidore

May 15

Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest

May 20

For these we pray

Pray to end Abortion, Russell Brooks, Cassie & Clifton Centers, Maere Tekanene, Bill Moses, Jerry Roberts, Donna Blevins, Norma Wilson, Dennis Parks & Family, Erica Davis, Chris & Amanda Decker, Debbie Moses Haggins, Rose Grant, Sandy Hurts, Dominic Cureton, Todd Morris, Alex Woods, Christopher Braden, Sister Alice, Curt and LeeAnn Hall, Jay Baird, Gail Willis, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Bisceglia, loved ones who are ill, Brody Beavers and family, Shawn Lee Day, Judy Delisle, Dal Macon, Linda Mills, Judy Patrick, Bob and Marie Alvaro, JoAnn Brown, Cathy Sims, Robert Moses, Kristina Neitsch, Danny Ezell, Yvonne Laschon, Iva Lee Hamblin, Gilbert Steely, Ella Johnson, Garrett Moore and Todd Moore.

Mass intentions in memory or honor of someone are a beautiful tribute representing the love and admiration you have for them and the impact they made in your life. Whether you have lost someone or want to support a person in your life, this special mass intention invites peace and the love of God into them. It is a way for you to bring joy into their soul and heart. If you would like to schedule a Mass for a loved one, please contact Father Lobo or the office.



Dear Padre,

If the Catholic Church recognizes baptisms from other Christian denominations, why not confirmations?

Baptism signs us with an indelible mark. It defines our character and can never be repeated. A baptism is always held to be valid if a person is baptized with water using the Trinitarian formula (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1256). If a priest is unsure of the validity of a person's baptism, he would baptize the person conditionally, recognizing the earlier baptism if it happened and was valid. The minister of baptism is usually an ordained minister, but in necessity anyone can baptize, including a non-Christian, if the person intends what the Church intends.

Confirmation also leaves an indelible mark, as does holy orders, and they also cannot be repeated. What makes confirmation different from baptism is that the minister of confirmation is ordinarily the bishop because this expresses the apostolic unity of the Church (CCC 1312). If someone had been confirmed in a Church that has apostolic succession, their confirmation would be considered valid, and the person wouldn't be reconfirmed.

Timely topics viewed with a Catholic perspective

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Most Christian churches have a common understanding of what the sacrament of baptism is, but while other churches might have communion, confirmation, and ordination, their celebration of those sacraments may not include all the requirements necessary for the Catholic Church to consider them valid. ●

Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSSr
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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
May 15	May 16	May 17	May 18	May 19	May 20	May 21
Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Ascension
Acts 16:11-15	Acts 16:22-34	Acts 17:15,	Acts 18:1-8	Acts 18:9-18	Acts 18:23-28	Acts 1:1-11
Jn 15:26-16:4a	Jn 16:5-11	22-18:1	Jn 16:16-20	Jn 16:20-23	Jn 16:23b-28	Eph 1:17-23
		Jn 16:12-15				Mt 28:16-20



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

[The Holy Spirit] is the Gift of God; he is God himself, who helps us to be free people, people who want and know how to love, people who understand that life is a mission to proclaim the wonders that the Lord accomplishes in those who trust in him.

REGINA CAELI, ST. PETER'S SQUARE, MAY 17, 2020

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