Our Parish COMMUNITY

May 9, 2021
Sixth Sunday of Easter (B)
Acts 10:25–26, 34–35, 44–48
1 Jn 4:7–10
Jn 15:9–17

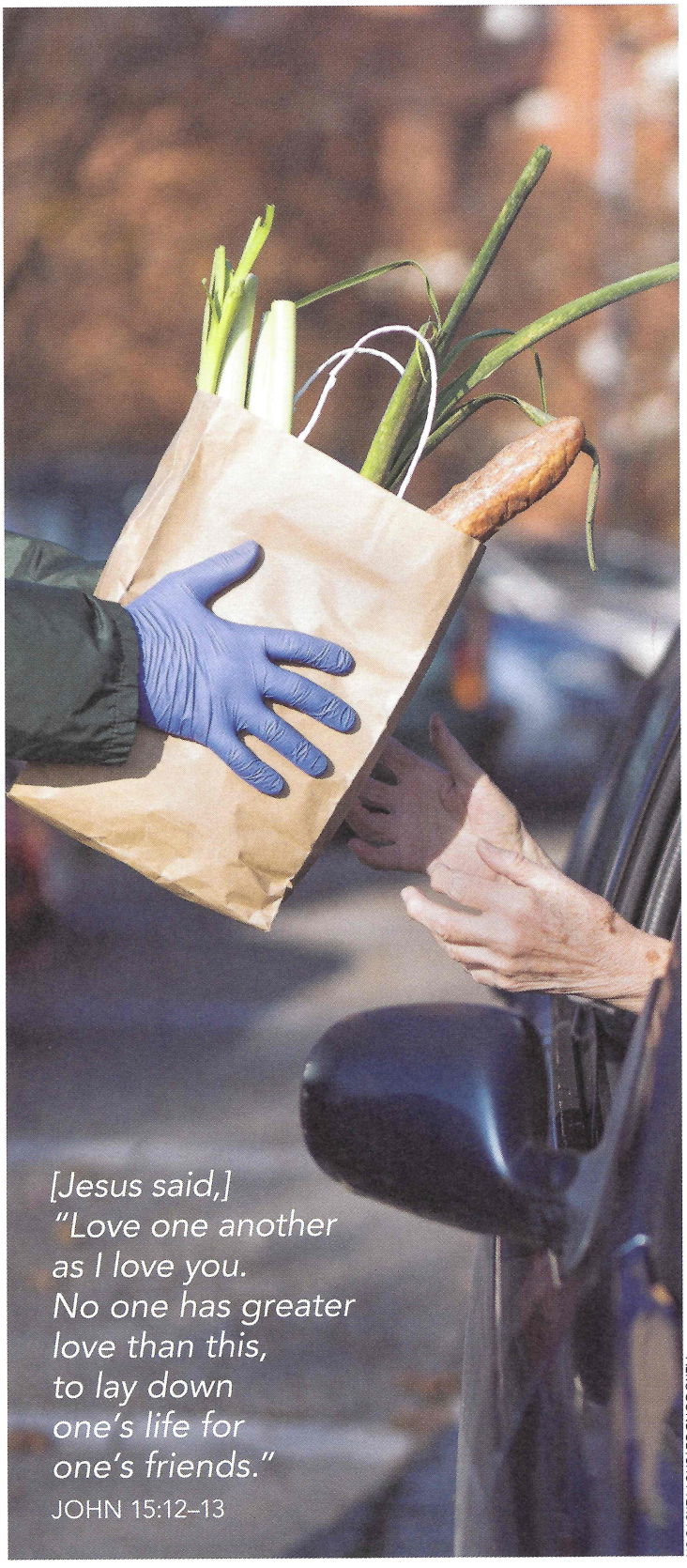
God's Call

The story about Cornelius shows that God's call is not restricted by our likes and dislikes. Cornelius was a Roman, a citizen of the nation that was occupying Israel. More than that, he served in a military that exercised harsh control over the inhabitants of the land. A man like this would not have been loved by the Jews of the day. However, Cornelius recognized Peter as a representative of God, and his fundamental faith opened him to the gift of the Holy Spirit. All those who were listening to Peter's words were then baptized. They were then one with the community of believers.

Faith, baptism, and incorporation into the community of believers are offered to Jew and Roman alike. They are offered today to those who are members of our own religious, racial, or ethnic groups and those who are not; those who are socially or politically vulnerable, and those with power. The issue is not who does God favor, but who favors God.

The Gospel story reinforces this point. It insists that God's love for us is the foundation of everything. We are told: "Love one another as I love you" (John 15:12). God's love is all-inclusive. So should our love be all-inclusive. If God's love is for all, it follows that we are all favored by God—all chosen and cared for by him. This includes even those who might be our political adversaries, or who might exercise exacting authority over us, or who cherish different religious ideas. Imitating God's love requires that we will goodness to others—even those with whom we disagree or who have caused us harm.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA



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FOR *Reflection*

- *Pray that you might be able to accept the goodness of people with whom you disagree socially, politically, even religiously.*
- *You belong to a believing community. Think of how this has strengthened your faith.*

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Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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Father Sweeney's Emergency # (865) 216-6453
Father Sweeney's Email: fmsdok@gmail.com
Parish Secretary: Mary Thew

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil Mass-5:00 PM
Sunday Mass-10:30 AM
Sunday Mass-12:00 PM
Thursday Mass-8:30 AM
Holy Days-7:30 PM

Sixth Sunday of Easter & Mother's Day
May 8 & 9, 2021

Requiescat in Pace

Saturday, May 8th at the 5:00 PM Vigil Mass
we pray for the soul of

Ann Silva

Requested by: The Roschli Family

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Requiescat in Pace

Sunday, May 9th at the 10:30 AM Mass
we pray for the soul of

Jose P. & Gregoria T. Terrado

Requested by: Marciana Jacobson

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May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. ***-Amen***

Sunday Mass Schedule for May:

* Families with last names starting with: A-K will be at the 10:30 Mass

Families with last names starting with: L-Z will be at the 12:00 Mass

Sunday Mass Schedule for June:

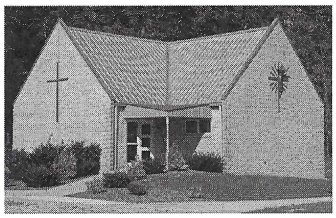
* Families with last names starting with: L-Z will be at the 10:30 Mass

Families with last names starting with: A-K will be at the 12:00 Mass

This is a suggestion to help alleviate the crowding at Sunday Masses. Multi-generational families with last names on the opposite end of the alphabet may still attend Mass together. Additionally, if the other Mass time is necessary for your schedule, it is perfectly okay to attend the other Mass.

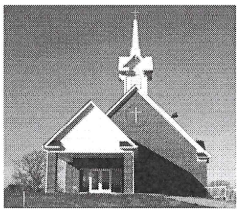
"Pray for one another, so that you too may be healed" (James 5:16)

We remember especially in our prayers: Kenneth Roberts, Alan Swicegood, Raymond Valdivia, Mary Margaret Wilson, Laurence Valdivia, Brent Woncki, Jack "Clyde" Smith, Timmie Douglas, Marciana Jacobson, Adelaine Nohara, Finn Erlandson, Faye Preston Angelo Ferrante, and all those in nursing homes, homebound & those on our prayer list.



Saint Ann Catholic Church
198 Ridge Road,
Lancing, TN 37770

Mass: Sunday 8:30 AM
(Eastern Time)



Saint Christopher Catholic Church
160 Holt Spur Road,
Jamestown, TN 38556

Vigil Mass: Saturday 6:30 PM
(Central Time)

Announcements

Please Update Your Info! Are you a new Parishioner? Has your address, phone number, email, or personal information changed? If you would like to register or update your information, please complete the registration form on our website:
www.blessedsacramentchurchandmissions.com
(click on the button titled "Parish Registration," select Blessed Sacrament as your Parish, fill in the information, and submit the form). Thank you! And Welcome to Blessed Sacrament!

Weekly Parish Communication Email: Do you feel like you are out of the loop or like you are missing out on important information? On Wednesdays we send out a communication email out to parishioners. This email provides in-depth prayer requests, announcements, funeral and Memorial Mass arrangements, a Catholic trivia question/answer called *Father's Penny Catechism*, and information from the parish. If you are not receiving the Communication email and you would like to, please contact Christine Roschli at our Communications email address:
BlessedSacramentCommunication@gmail.com
If you do not have access to email or the internet but would still like to receive the information in the email, contact the office at (865) 882-9838.

Baby Bottle Campaign: Baby Bottles are available in the Narthex to support Life Choices Resource Center of Roane County. Pick up a bottle, find its number and put your name next to the corresponding number on the sign –up sheet, and then when they are full bring them back to Narthex or the Office. Baby Bottles are due back by Father's Day, June 20.

The Parish Office is Open to Parishioners: The Parish Office is located in the Parish Center, and Office hours are Tuesday-Friday from 9:30-3:00. Feel free to drop by! You can also call the office and leave a message or email us to set up an appointment!

CCW Scholarship: If you have a high school senior at home preparing for college who might be interested in applying for the CCW Scholarship, please contact the office at (865) 882-9838 and leave a message!

BSC Columbarium: A final earthly resting place on Blessed Sacrament Church property
Blessed Sacrament Church is blessed with a beautiful and sacred space for its columbarium. It is located behind the Parish Center and is a return to the tradition of burial on church grounds to be near our family and faith community. If you would like to learn more about the Columbarium and how it works, please contact a member of the committee: Christine & Brian Roschli, Ron & Mary Jane Mahaley, and Ed D'Alessandro. Their contact info can be found in the church directory.

Attention Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Before the reception of the Eucharist, we ask that all Eucharistic Ministers sanitize their hands using the hand sanitizer at the front of Church. After you have received Communion, the altar servers will provide you with a sanitizing wipe before you distribute the Body of Christ to people in attendance. This new process will help us to better comply with Diocesan safety regulations.

Altar Servers Needed: Do you want to donate your time and talent to the Church? We are in need of altar servers and readers for both Sunday Masses. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Alicia Laffoon at (865) 250-5686 or alaffoon@tntech.edu

Praying the Rosary During May: Throughout the month of May, please join us in praying the Rosary every week before the Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:35 PM and before the Sunday 10:30 AM Mass at 10:10 AM.

Sunday Morning Rosary: Volunteers are needed to lead the Sunday morning Rosary prior to the 10:30 AM Mass during the months of May and/or October. If interested, please contact Eric Angros at (865) 376-2725 or email him at **ericangros@msn.com**

Priest's Convocation: Father Michael will be with the priests of the diocese for the annual convocation Monday June 7th. through Thursday June 10th. During that time father may be reached through his emergency phone number 865-216-6453. There will be no Thursday morning Mass at Blessed Sacrament on June the 10th.

Adult Confirmation Mass: The Adult Confirmation Mass will be Sunday May 23, 2021 (Pentecost) at 4:00 pm at the Cathedral of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Any adult (18 and over) who has had the sacraments of Baptism, First Communion, and Reconciliation, but has not been confirmed, can receive Confirmation then. If you wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, please contact the Blessed Sacrament Office at blessedsacramentoffice@gmail.com or (865) 882-9838 **no later than May 19.**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Corner:
Many people have said that what drew them to the Catholic Church was the Eucharist. As we reflect on recognizing Jesus in the breaking of the bread, think for a moment whether there is someone you could invite to Mass and to explore what else the Catholic faith might hold for them. Please call Susan or Jim Conover at (865) 684-9003 or (865) 247-1559, or you may email them at susan.jimrconover@gmail.com if you have questions or would like further information.

This Month at Blessed Sacrament:

Saturday, May 9: Rosary Before Mass-4:35 PM; Sixth Sunday of Easter **Vigil Mass**-5:00 PM
Sunday, May 10: Rosary Before Mass-10:10 AM
* Sixth Sunday of Easter **Mass**-10:30 AM (A-K); **Mass**-12:00 PM (L-Z)
Thursday, May 13: Thursday Morning Mass-8:30 AM
Saturday, May 15: Rosary Before Mass-4:35 PM; Ascension of the Lord **Vigil Mass**-5:00 PM
* Second Collection-Catholic Communications Campaign
Sunday, May 16: Rosary Before Mass-10:10 AM
* Ascension of the Lord **Mass**-10:30 AM (A-K); **Mass**-12:00 PM (L-Z)
* Second Collection-Catholic Communications Campaign
Thursday, May 20: Thursday Morning Mass-8:30 AM
Saturday, May 22: Rosary Before Mass-4:35 PM; Pentecost Sunday **Vigil Mass**-5:00 PM
Sunday, May 23: Rosary Before Mass-10:10 AM
* Pentecost Sunday **Mass**-10:30 AM (A-K); Mass-12:00 PM (L-Z)
Thursday, May 27: Thursday Morning Mass-8:30 AM
Saturday, May 29: Rosary Before Mass-4:35 PM; Feast of the Most Holy Trinity **Vigil Mass**-5:00 PM
Sunday, May 30: Rosary Before Mass-10:10 AM
* Feast of the Most Holy Trinity **Mass**-10:30 AM (A-K); Mass-12:00 PM (L-Z)

June at a Glance:

Thursday, June 3: Thursday Morning Mass-8:30 AM
Friday, June 4: First Friday **Mass**-6:00 PM; **Adoration**-6:30 PM; **Benediction**-7:30 PM
Saturday, June 5: Feast of Corpus Christi **Vigil Mass**-5:00PM
Sunday, June 6: Feast of Corpus Christi **Mass**-10:30 AM (L-Z); **Mass**-12:00 PM (A-K)

Blessed Sacrament Stewardship Report

Weekly Contributions for May 1 & 2, 2021	Total
Offertory	$3,775
Building Fund	$1,745

Saint Michael the Archangel Prayer:

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. ~Amen

Sacrament of Baptism: Contact Father concerning instructions for parents
Sacrament of Matrimony: Arrangements are to be made six months in advance
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays from 4:00-4:30 PM
(Communal celebrations of the sacrament during Advent & Lent)

Religious Education for Youth
Director: Alicia Laffoon
Alicia Mobile: 865-250-5686
Email: alaffoon@tntech.edu

The Council of Catholic Women
All women of BSC are members of the CCW.
Meetings: will be posted in your up coming Bulletin.
Watch for them!

The Knights of Columbus
Grand Knight: Chris Wilson
Phone: 865-466-5614 / Email: chriswilson1974@hotmail.com
Dedicated in Service to the Pope, Bishop, Priests, Religious, Parish, and Community.

BSC Communication
Director: Christine Roschli
Phone: 865-924-6902
Email: BlessedSacramentCommunication@gmail.com
For prayer requests, announcements, funeral arrangements, etc.

Adult Bible Study
Directors: Vic and Susan Landa
More Information will be available soon

Youth Ministry / CYO
Directors: Bridget & Mary Thew
Email: cyoblessedsacrament@gmail.com

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
Do you have questions about the Catholic Faith? If you, or someone you know, would like more information about the teachings of the Catholic Church, please contact Susan or Jim Conover at 865-684-9003 or 865-247-1559, or email them at susan.jimrconover@gmail.com

Forever

A mother is forever
Loving, brave, and true
A constant guide
In everything you do

She carries life within her
Through every joy, pain, and prayer
Both warrior and queen
Imperfect, beautiful, kind, and fair

From lullabies and night-night hugs
To grey-hair battle scars
With weathered hands, soft yet strong
Her love's written in the stars

Her hugs have magic powers
And kisses heal all wounds
Her wrinkles show hidden cares
But her smile lights the room

She's always by your side
In all that you go through
A comfort and a steady hand
Looking out for you

A mother is forever
Even if you are apart
She is in everything you are
Engraved forever on your heart
~Anonymous

Happy Mother's Day!

"Motherhood is a woman's vocation. It is an eternal vocation, and it is also a contemporary vocation… We must do everything in order that woman may merit love and veneration. We must do everything in order that children, the family and society may see in her that dignity that Christ saw."~ **Pope Saint John Paul II**

Dear Padre,

How does a priest keep the confession of a grievous sin by someone he knows from affecting their personal relationship?

One of a priest's most sacred responsibilities is the confidentiality of the confessional. This confidentiality encompasses everyone—even the priest and penitent outside the confessional. A priest is not allowed to discuss the confessed sin with the person outside the confessional unless permission is granted for further counseling.

The confessor is also forbidden to use any knowledge gained through the sacrament of reconciliation to restrict the penitent. For instance, if a pastor's bookkeeper confessed he was embezzling money, the pastor could not use the knowledge acquired in the confessional to fire the person.

Priests generally try to forget the specific sins parishioners confess to us, and it really isn't that difficult. Contrary to what many think, a parishioner's sins do not rush into my mind when I speak to him or her.

CATHOLIC NEWS SERVICE/SEAN GALLAGHER, *THE CRITERION*

We have all sinned, done things we are ashamed of, things we wouldn't want anyone to know about, things we wouldn't want others to define us by. This knowledge and the grace of the sacrament help us look past the mistakes of others and recognize Christ within them.

Fr. Rick Potts, CSsR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Reconciliation itself is a benefit that the wisdom of the Church has always safeguarded with all her moral and legal might, with the sacramental seal....It is indispensable for the sanctity of the sacrament and for the freedom of conscience of the penitent...that the sacramental conversation will remain within the secrecy of the confessional.

ADDRESS TO APOSTOLIC PENITENTIARY, MARCH 29, 2019

Calendar

Monday
MAY 10
Easter Weekday
Acts 16:11–15
Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday
MAY 11
Easter Weekday
Acts 16:22–34
Jn 16:5–11

Wednesday
MAY 12
Easter Weekday
Acts 17:15, 22—18:1
Jn 16:12–15

Thursday
MAY 13
Easter Weekday
Acts 18:1–8
Jn 16:16–20

Friday
MAY 14
St. Matthias, Apostle
Acts 1:15–17, 20–26
Jn 15:9–17

Saturday
MAY 15
Easter Weekday
Acts 18:23–28
Jn 16:23b–28

Sunday
MAY 16
Ascension of the Lord
Acts 1:1–11
Eph 1:17–23
or Eph 4:1–13
or 4:1–7, 11–13
Mk 16:15–20

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