

Fifth Sunday of Easter May 7, 2023

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Acts 6: 1-7

As the number of disciples continued to grow, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution.

So the Twelve called together the community of the disciples and said, "It is not right for us to neglect the word of God to serve at table. Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men, filled with the Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint to this task, whereas we shall devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word."

The proposal was acceptable to the whole community, so they chose Stephen, a man filled with faith and the Holy Spirit, also Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicholas of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these men to the apostles who prayed and laid hands on them.

The word of God continued to spread, and the number of the disciples in Jerusalem increased greatly; even a large group of priests were becoming obedient to the faith. The Word of the Lord. . . Thanks be to God!

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 33

Response: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Exult, you just, in the LORD; praise from the upright is fitting. Give thanks to the LORD on the harp; with the ten-stringed lyre chant his praises. R.

Upright is the word of the LORD, and all his works are trustworthy. He loves justice and right; of the kindness of the LORD the earth is full. R.

See, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who fear him, upon those who hope for his kindness, To deliver them from death and preserve them in spite of famine. R.

Second Reading:

1 Peter 2: 4-9

Beloved: Come to him, a living stone, rejected by human beings but chosen and precious in the sight of God, and, like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it says in Scripture: Behold, I am laying a stone in Zion, a cornerstone, chosen and precious, and whoever believes in it shall not be put to shame. Therefore, its value is for you who have faith, but for those without faith: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone, and A stone that will make people stumble, and a rock that will make them fall. They stumble by disobeying the word, as is their destiny. You are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own, so that you may announce the praises" of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. The Word of the Lord. . . Thanks be to God!



R. Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me.

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Gospel:

John 14: 1-12

Jesus said to his disciples:

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. **In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?**

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am

going you know the way."

Thomas said to him, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?"

Jesus said to him, **I am the way and the truth and the life.**

No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him,

"Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip?

Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me is doing his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else, believe because of the works themselves.

Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father." The Gospel of the Lord. . . Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ!

May Crowning

On Sunday, May 21, we will celebrate the Month of May with our annual May Crowning. The religious education program will help with the crowning.



Mask Optional

In keeping with the updates from the government and the Archdiocese, Fr. Paul and the Leadership Team have decided to move to a Mask Optional policy. Please feel comfortable with remaining masked if you feel so inclined. With the crowd holding at 150 or so, it is easy to maintain a sense of social distancing in the church. If you are not feeling well, PLEASE



STAY HOME or if unvaccinated — please remain masked.

Please be respectful of others and their opinions on this matter. Thank you.

Mass Intentions

April 30th, Mr. Ernest Bayless, on his birthday, May he rest in peace. Requested by Mrs. Norma Brooks-Perry.

May 7th: Mrs. Joyce Roberts, on the 11th anniversary of her passing, requested by her beloved sister, Mrs. Myra Clinton.

April 14, Mr. Raymond Sorillo, on the 5th anniversary of his passing requested by his beloved wife, Mrs. Dorothy Sorillo.

Friary Chapel: If you would like the friars to remember one of your intention at daily mass please use the envelopes on the info table and drop in the collection basket.

Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord and let your perpetual light shine upon them, may their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace, Amen



Holy Hour for Vocations

The next Holy Hour will be Sunday, May 21st, 2023 from 8:45 to 9:45am in the church. The hour will end with Rosary at 9:30am followed by benediction.

Graduate Recognition

We will recognize all those graduating from any school or program in a special way on Sunday, June 4th at mass. If you or someone in the family is graduating please sign them and their information at the info table to be recognized in the bulletin.



Tithe Update

4/23/23: Reg. \$3,215.00

Pentecost Church Convention is Back!



Here at St. Ambrose
Saturday,
May 20th, 2023
9:30am to 3pm
Deacon Bobby White,
Archdiocese of
Washington, DC

Theme: Unwrapping the
Gifts of the Holy Spirit!

We start the weekend before Pentecost
with preaching, praise and fellowship.
Get your Holy Spirit T-shirt as well!

Sign Up NOW!

Pentecost Sunday is May 28th, 2023

8 new Missionary Disciples to be
commissioned—God is Good!

Mother's Day Celebration



Sunday, May 14, 2023 is Mother's Day

A special blessing will be bestowed on all the Mothers gather here that day and a gift for all the mothers as well.



Fr. Paul's mother, Ms. Alice has a special treat for the day. Every lady present will receive a raffle ticket and one of ladies will win an Afghan crocheted by Ms. Alice. This is her way of saying **thank you** to the parish for all the special prayers for healing and a successful surgery.

Mother's Day Candles and Novena LAST DAY TO SUBMIT NAMES!

The Annual Mother's Day Novena of Candles and masses is available now. The envelopes are available on the info table. Please write the name of the person you would like to remember, living or deceased on the envelop and drop it in the collection basket. The candles will be on display on Mother's Day, May 14th. Donation: \$3.00. Envelopes on info table or call Trina at: 410-367-9918

Happy Retirement

We congratulate **Mrs. Josie Johnson** on retiring from Johns Hopkins Hospital after 48 years. Also to **Ms. Denise Daniel** for her retirement from 40 years of nursing care, with 33 years at Johns Hopkins Children's Unit. Well done ladies, enjoy these days of retirement!



First Holy Communion

On Sunday, May 21st, 2023
Elijah Lashley will make his
First Holy Communion



Mary Adderly, Helen Augins, Jean Bennett, Parrish Boyd, Karen Brown-Berkley, Annie Bruce, Renee Bruce, Al Butler, Anita Cole, Tonya Crowder, Eric Cullings, Dale Dyson, William Ford III, Eric Frazier, Sarah Gamble, Frances Gladden, JoAnn Glenn, Angela Johnson, Cornell (Nelson) Johnson, Josie Johnson, Joseph Jones, Sheila Leary-Smith, Jack Livers, Charles Manns, III, Kimberly Merrill, Allan Noble, Rhonda Rumbra, Linelle Russell, Ronald Schnurr, Carl & Bernice Shrieves, Daniel Smith Sr., Veronica Spears, Sr. Helene Therese Stanislaus, OSP., Augustine & Archie Stith, Rosalita Stone, Gloria Tate, Ernest Thames, Jean Thomas, Corey Williams, Charles Williams, William Young, Sr., and Alice Zaborowski.