



Sixth Sunday of Easter

MOTHERS' DAY 2021

Sisters and brothers, we gather this morning as the community of the Risen Christ—remembering Mothers' Day on this Sixth Sunday of Easter.

John's Gospel places us in the context of the ***"Last Supper,"*** as Jesus prepares his apostles for his farewell. What he says to them he says to us--"I *no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father.*" Jesus offers a new understanding of his relationship with them and says: ***"I have called you friends."***

It is important that we have a healthy definition of what it means to be a friend. A true friend chooses to stay with you through the thick and thin of life. Someone we can share our true-self with. Be it our problems and disappointments, hopes and dreams, strengths and weaknesses.

Church, **FRIENDSHIP** is more than all the hits we had on FACEBOOK, or someone we went to school with from a class of a thousand students. From the Book of Proverbs, we read that a FRIEND ***"is a sturdy shelter, in a time of storm."*** In the days of Jesus, the term "friend" was not taken lightly, it was a term signifying a deeper interpersonal relationship with another person. The disciples lived with Jesus under the threats of oppression and death, yet they chose to be true friends of Christ.

Sisters and brothers, what about us? Jesus reminds us that "I have chosen you...and I have called you by name! ***I call you friends!"*** To be a friend of Jesus in this contemporary culture is NOT easy, when so many people ***"just want to sort of know Jesus!"*** In the words of the author and founder of L'Arche, an international network of communities for intellectual disabilities, Jean Vanier says—
...to love people as Jesus loves them is ***'to wash their feet!'***
...to love is to ***"live in communion with others!"***
...to love is ***to offer his friendship*** as we are invited to become **his beloved!**

Church, you and I are ***called in communion*** to become what we receive. We are called to live in friendship with our sisters and brothers, family and friends where we find unity because of the **Christ Who calls and unites us as one!**

You and I are offered the FRIENDSHIP of Jesus to be numbered among the Beloved! We are living branches, sisters and brothers united to Christ the VINE, as we become those ***branches of welcome and invitation, healing and forgiveness to others.***

Today, we celebrate Mothers' Day, throughout our nation....by acknowledging our Mothers, and grand—mothers, God—mothers and spiritual mothers, who have given us LIFE and brought and taught us about JESUS! Let us thank God **for the gift of Motherhood...** as we honor and reverence this sacred God—given call ***to be generative and nurturing, loving and tender*** in the call to be life—bearers!

We also remember in our prayers, our mothers and grand-mothers, whose life time of love and sacrifice have borne, birthed, and raised their children as citizens of the nation and of the kingdom of God. May they rest from their labors in the House of the Father. And we call upon Mary, Mother of Jesus and Mother of the Church....to gently lead her sons and daughters to Jesus WORD—made—Flesh!

Finally, Church...let us pray for those **new and expectant MOMS**, who await the miracle of birth as they share the gift of being co-creators with their husbands and with the Creator God.

Church—Family of St. Benedict the Moor, may we take time to be grateful and thankful for the GIFT of our humanity....the gift of Creation....the gift of Mary—Mother & Virgin. I would like to offer my greatest gift to all of you today, as I celebrate the Lord's Eucharist on behalf of all our Mothers, Grand—Mothers, God—Mothers, and Spiritual Mothers both living and deceased.

This Eucharist is for YOU! The very greatest gift we can offer and give is none other than the Lord Jesus, Himself. Be blessed! Be assured of our love!

Your sons and daughters
in Christ Jesus,

Friar Noel & the Church—Family
of St. Benedict the Moor

Weekly Finance Report: May 2

Offertory: \$3031.00 (Online \$250.00)

Kitchen Reno: \$230.00

Utilities: \$165.00

Church Repair: \$15.00 (Online \$25.00)

St. Benedict the Moor Church



Our Mission

St. Benedict the Moor is a Catholic Christian Community that celebrates its African-American heritage and welcomes cultural diversity. Join us at the Table of the Eucharist as sisters and brothers in the Lord. We are committed to grow and diversify the Church through the new evangelization, family, catechesis, young adult ministry and outreach to the poor. In the spirit of the prophet Joshua, we can say:

"As for me and my household; we will serve the Lord."

May 9, 2021

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

***"The Lord has revealed to the nations,
revealed his saving power."***

St Benedict the Moor Parish

Sunday Mass: 10:30 am
Daily Masses: Mon.,Wed.,Fri. 12:00
Tues.,Thurs. 11:00am
Saturday: 8 am

Holy Days of Obligation:
Mass: 12 noon & 6:30 pm
(Exceptions will be posted)
Sacrament of Penance: Divine Mercy
Room Saturday 8:30-9:30am
or by Appointment

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Pastoral Concerns

In your charity, please pray for **Michael King**, the husband of Pam King, who is in hospice at Columbus Hospice on Moon Road.

Thank-you- to all those who took part in the Coronation of Our Lady as Queen of Heaven and of Earth. Special thanks to Marcel Dawson for crowning Our Lady and for Mrs. Gail Buffong for helping coordinate the Coronation. Finally, our thanks to the Choir and members of the Legion of Mary for your participation.

Honoring Graduates- Next Sunday, May 16th we will be recognizing our High School Graduates during the Sunday Eucharist. They are:

Ayokunle (Ayo) Babatunde Ayinmide
a Graduate of Central High School
Phenix City, Alabama

Marcel Ellis Dawson
a Graduate of St. Anne Pacelli High School
Columbus, Georgia

Presentations will be given by the Men of St. Benedict

Moderna Vaccine- we will continue to offer the Moderna Vaccine at St. Benedict the Moor on Thursdays at 11 AM whenever we are able to register 10 recipients. Please make an effort to encourage someone who has not yet been vaccinated to seize the opportunity to safeguard their own life and those of the nation. Let us work together to end the scourge of COVID-19 in our world. Please register at the Church Office and bring your I.D.

Baby Bottle Boomerang



Please consider participating in the **Baby Bottle Boomerang for 2021**. This effort benefits Sound Choices Pregnancy Center. Please take a baby bottle home, fill it with a check, cash or coins and return it on Father's Day. Sound Choices ministers to women every week who are facing an unplanned pregnancy. They do this by offering free pregnancy testing, counseling, and an ultrasound. These women are given the opportunity to see their baby, and to understand how much God loves them.



Thinking of you on Mother's Day.

And saying a special prayer –

THAT GOD

Who knows how dear you are

Will keep you in His Care.

That He will bless your daily life

With joys of every kind –

With perfect health and happiness

And peace of

HEART AND MIND.

Mass Intentions

Sixth Sunday after Easter/ Mothers' Day

Sunday, May 9th 10:30 AM

for all Mothers, Grand-Mothers, God-Mothers
both living and deceased

St. Damien de Veuster/priest & leper

Monday, May 10th 12 Noon

+Mattie Jane Wormley

Easter Weekday

Tuesday, May 11th 11:00 AM

+Felician Sister Maria Consolata

Easter Weekday -- the Martyrs

Wednesday, May 12th 12 Noon

Deceased Felician Sisters of North America

Easter Weekday

Thursday, May 13th 11:00AM

+Eva Brown/Grandmother of Brett Dawson

Saint Matthias, Apostle

Friday, May 14th 12 Noon

Bob Danielewicz on his birthday

Saint Isidore

Saturday, May 15th 8:00 AM

Fr. Noel's 45th Anniversary of Priestly
Ordination



A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on
May 11, 2021 at 12 noon
at Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Reisterstown, Maryland
for

Eva Beatrice Brown

Sympathy to Brett and family. Take comfort in the
many prayers offered in faith for and your family.
"If we have died with Christ, we believe we shall
also live with Him."

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READING 1 Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

When Peter entered, Cornelius met him and, falling at his feet, paid him homage. Peter, however, raised him up, saying, "Get up. I myself am also a human being." Then Peter proceeded to speak and said, "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him." While Peter was still speaking these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the word. The circumcised believers who had accompanied Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit should have been poured out on the Gentiles also, for they could hear them speaking in tongues and glorifying God. Then Peter responded, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit even as we have?" He ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

RESPONSORIAL

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done wondrous deeds;
His right hand has won victory for him,
his holy arm.

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

The LORD has made his salvation known:
in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice.

He has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness
toward the house of Israel.

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation by our God.

Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands;
break into song; sing praise.

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

READING 2 1 Jn 4:7-10

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love. In this way the love of God was revealed to us: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life through him. In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins.

GOSPEL Jn 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples:
"As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy might be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another.

In Our Prayers

Our sick list is for parishioners, family and friends in need of prayer. Please keep our list current by calling the office to add or remove a name.

Fr. Noel Danielewicz	Elvia King
Valentina Nejfelt	Lenny Korona
Sr. Apollonia, cssf.	Shirley Labbe
Sr. Delores Anne, cssf	Ida Ruth Lane
Helen Bell	Mittie Lewis
Amanda Cole	Delores McLeod
Mik Cole	Ruben Meinhofer & Fam.
Robert Cole	Denvey Nelson
Ola Danielewicz	Major Nettles
Robert Dozier	Cordell Parker
Carl English	Gwendolyn Parker
Stephanie Findlay	Debra Pough
Yvonne Gilberti	Evelyn Pough
Elizabeth Grey	Joe Ravalese
Ginnette Hughes	Joan Rogala
Cecelia Hyams	Lydia Sliva
Clarence Johnson	Madeline Smith
Cecil Jones	Emi Talbert
Donald Julien	Friar Steven Tremier
Michael King	Dorothy Washington
Earl King	Friar Carl Zdancewicz

