

Third Sunday of Easter – May 5, 2019

For our column this week I have chosen the text of the beautiful Hymn

"Victimae Paschali Laudes" - the Easter Sequence

"Christians, to the paschal victim offer your thankful praises -- a lamb the sheep redeeming, Christ, who only is sinless, reconciling sinners to the Father. Death and life have contended in that combat stupendous; the prince of life, who died, reigns immortal. Speak, Mary, declaring what you saw when wayfaring. "The tomb of Christ, who is living, the glory of Jesus' resurrection; bright angels attesting, the shroud and napkin resting. My Lord, my hope, is arisen; to Galilee he will go before you." Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life obtaining. Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning! Amen."

Father Blake Evans, Pastor

MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY.



Immaculate Mary your praises we sing! Your reign now in heaven with Jesus, our King!



Thank you, Brother Michael Solomon, OP (Order of Preachers/Dominican). Last week we said farewell to Brother Michael who has served us on Sundays for about 7 months. He will finish his STB degree this year at CUA/Dominican House of Studies (a master's Level degree in Sacred Theology)

and continuing formation with the Dominicans and God willing be ordained a Deacon in circa 2021. A native of Massachusetts, Brother Michael was originally a seminarian for the Archdiocese of Boston before transferring to the Dominicans. He is a graduate of Franciscan University in Ohio as well. He will be studying and working in DC this summer. He may visit us. Keep him on your prayer lists! He will make his solemn vows soon followed by a graduation. He has already been invited to return and preach as a Deacon and certainly to celebrate Mass once he is ordained a Priest.

Mother's Day Candles available this weekend Saturday and Sunday May 4 & 5 2019 for purchase \$3.00.

Mother's Day Masses - the parish will offer 9 masses for all of our Mothers (Living & Deceased) during the Month of May. Please sign their name in the Marian prayer books on the altar rail. Certainly, we should pray for all of our Mother, grandmothers and godmothers as well.

Mary & the Saints in May - May is the month of the apparition of Our Lady to the poor shepherd children of Fatima Portugal. (May 13). This month is a great time to rediscover a love of the Rosary and pray for peace and in atonement for sins. May is also the month of St. Joan of Arc the Patron of France. Father Evans will offer a votive Mass of St. Joan during the daily masses of May.

Sodality Sunday - Thanks to the Nativity Sodality for sponsoring the Marian Rosary before the 8 am Mass and assisting with the May Crowning. May Our Lady Queen of All Saints bless us all!

Question of the week: Have I failed to recognize Jesus standing on the shore in the light of dawn, encouraging me try it a different way? How do I respond to a kind, empathetic suggestion to change the way I am doing things?

Mass Intentions

May 4 - 11, 2019

Sat. 5/4	8:00 am	No mass
	5:30 pm	Msgr. Oliver McGready
Sun. 5/5	8:00am	People of the Parish
	10:00am	Mike & Donna Leake
	1:00pm	Manuel Juarez
Mon. 5/6	12:00	+Leoncio Loza
Tue. 5/7	12:00	Carlos Lazo
Wed. 5/8	12:00	Deacon Jaime Morrison
Thu. 5/9	12:00	No mass
Fri. 5/10	12:00	+Deceased children of Maggie Wright
Sat. 5/11	8:00 am	Peace in Washington
	5:30 pm	People of the Parish

Please pray for the sick of our Parish:

*Alice R. Allen, *Amina Anderson-Pringle, *Ann Butler, *Carmen Dolores Campos, *Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, *Eileen Carroll-Doshier, *Carla Andrea Catacora, *Shawn Coleman, *William Corbel, *Maria Cruz, *Maurice & Flora Detiege, *Kevin Fagan, *Isel Fitzgerald, *Linda Foster, *Fr. Ricky Gancayo, *Charlie Gick, *Fr. Paul Grauls, SDB, *John Green, Sr., *Fr. William Gurnee, *Janet Henery, *Blanca Hernandez, *Lawrence C. Hill, *Lee Hobbs, * Sydney Horge, *Francis Howard, *James Humphries, *Elaine Hunt, *Helen Hurd, *Larry Ivy, *Irene Jimenez, *Geraldine Jones, *Charles Johnson, *Manuel Juarez, *Odile Kalla, *Michael Kelly, *Busara Keneddy, *Claude Kolthoff, *Betty Lawton, *Yavonna Lewis, *Emilio Lowey, *Sandra Lucas, *Eric Malcolm, *Edwin & Regina Mbanude, *Theresa McNair, *Edith Mebane, *Maria Magdalena Medrano, *Agnes Moore, *Clarence Morris, *Gina Myers, *Iris Newman, *Father *Larry Morris, *Everett Pearson, *D. Cynhia Peters, *James Pope, *Dorothy Richburg, *Fr. Vince Rigdon, *Auristela Roman, *Rosa Maria Santos, *Andre Sims, *Bonafacio Selayo, *Delores Sloan, *Adrian Smith, *Bernadette Smith, *Theresa Smith, *Louise Sweatt, *Suzie Thompson, *Isabel Valdes; *Dominic Valentine, *Dorothy Waring, *Paul Williams, *Florentina Zoretta.

**Attendance Report
4/28/2019**

Attendance:	413 souls
Offerings & Tithes:	\$4,410
Spanish Mass:	\$279
Utility fund:	\$170
Easter flowers	\$80



Rescheduled

Grab your work gloves and mark your calendar to join us for a Nativity Church spring cleaning of our outside campus grounds. We will also do some painting of the outside hand railings, so bring

a paint brush or two if you enjoy painting. We will get together on **Saturday morning, May 18, 10am - 12 noon**, gathering at the Youth Center. I'll break out the grill for a lunch of hotdogs, brats, and tacos, some vegan as well. For additional information, please contact Amado Alvarez 240-381-9276.

Congratulations to Deacon Ebuka! Our parishioner and longtime volunteer at Nativity Deacon Ebuka Mbnude has been studying for Priesthood for the ADW for 6 years, Friday May 3rd he graduated from Mount St. Mary's Seminary with two Masters Degrees, an M.A. in Sacred Scripture and his Masters of Divinity degree. He will be ordained at the Basilica by Archbishop Gregory on June 15th at the Basilica! Let us praise God

Father Ebuka's First Mass! June 16th is Father E's first Mass at Nativity at 10 am on Fathers' Day. 300 guests will be attending. A reception follows Mass in the Colonnade Room. **ALL** parish ministries are expected to attend the Mass. Father E. asks for all parish ministries to contribute to his Reception. Volunteers are needed for greeting, set up, clean up and serving.

Campus Matters: The Church AC has been broken on the West Side of the building for 3 years now. We have received no significant donations to repair it. Please expect very warm days in the summer for Masses. **2.** the A/C in the Colonnade Room is broken and being repaired, CCPS is paying for the repairs. **3.** The Ga. Ave. doors to the Youth Center and the gates must be removed and replaced due to code issues. CCPS will pay for these changes. **4.** The Parking lots is going to be repaved and repainted. The Archdiocese will cover these repairs in part from funds from the CCPS school.

Water issues - Please do not drink the tap water anywhere on campus, please do not use it to wash your face.

Shelter - The Women's shelter is the Catholic Charities' Shelter for Women "on the Nativity campus." It is not to be called the Nativity shelter. Nativity does not and is legally not allowed to run the shelter nor do intakes or consult on matters of clients or staff there. Should anyone need assistance they may call Cath. Charities or the shelter directly. The staff does not arrive until 5pm. The shelter operates 7pm till 7am. Sadly, the media frequently says that Nativity runs a shelter on Georgia Ave. we do not. We only own the building which is leased. Thank you!