

## Sixth Sunday of Easter – May 26, 2019

Today we are brought back to the night of the **Last Supper**.

- We take our places with the Twelve Apostles, gathered around the sacred table with Christ, Our Lord.
- We **listen** to his words, which are both mysterious and glorious.
- It is Christ's **last meal** with his closest followers. He wants to leave them a **parting gift**.
- What is it? What does Christ want to bequeath to his Apostles at the Last Supper?
- **Peace**. "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you."

And what does he **mean** by peace? Not what we usually think: "Not as the world gives do, I give it to you."

Christ's peace is **lasting**. It is interior **peace of heart**, which **overflows** into peace in families, in communities, in entire nations.

- It is the peace that comes from knowing without any doubt whatsoever that we are **loved** by him.
- It is the peace that comes from knowing without any doubt whatsoever that whenever we offend him, he will always be **ready to forgive us**.
- It is the peace that comes from knowing without any doubt whatsoever that we have a **purpose** in life, a **mission** - the very mission that Christ himself has given us: **to spread his Kingdom**. As today's Psalm puts it, to "make his way known upon earth; among all nations, his salvation."

Only because Christ has given us this peace, by giving us **faith** in his love, mercy, and mission, he can **command** us: "Do not let your hearts be **troubled or afraid**."

- If our peace were based on **anything else**: popularity, wealth, comfort, or power, it would be **unstable**, because all those things are vulnerable to change.
- But **Christ's peace isn't vulnerable**, because it's based on his love, mercy, and mission, and those are **everlasting**.

**Father Blake Evans, Pastor**

*Congratulations!*

To Nativity Youth! Some of our young people who attend CCCPS Brightwood won 1st Place in a choir concert/competition. A free concert was held last Sunday at St. Martins parish on North Capital Street! God bless our kids!



Picture from Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostol, 1725 Rhode Island Avenue, NW

**Mary Help of Christians.** Feast day May 24.

Saint John Chrysostom was the first person to use this Marian title in year 345 as a devotion to the Virgin Mary. Don Bosco also propagated Marian devotion under this title. The title of *Mary Help of Christians* is associated with the defense of Christian Europe (Latin and Greek), the north of Africa and the Middle East from non-Christian peoples during the Middle Ages.

Mary Help of Christians, pray for us.

**Catholic Daughters. Our Lady of the Americas, Court 2344,** will meet on Sunday, May 26. All Catholic Daughters are encouraged to arrive promptly at 7:30 am. After the Litany and Mass, the CDA Court will meet in the Lounge for regular meeting.

**Father Ebuka's First Mass! June 16th is Father E's first Mass at Nativity at 10 am.** 300 guests will be attending. A reception follows Mass in the Colonnade Room. **ALL** parish ministries are expected to attend the Mass. Reception goal \$2,000, so far, we have \$945. ALL donations are welcome! Please write in your check "donation for Fr. Ebuka's reception". Thank you!

# Mass Intentions

**May 25 – June 1, 2019**

|           |         |   |
|-----------|---------|---|
| Sat. 5/25 | 8:00 am | Clara Castillo                            |
|           | 5:30 pm | +George H. Ruth                           |
| Sun. 5/26 | 8:00am  | Catholic Daughters                        |
|           | 10:00am | People of the Parish                      |
|           | 1:00pm  | Youth of the Parish                       |
| Mon. 5/27 | 10:00am | All deceased US Veterans & Victims of war |
| Tue. 5/28 | 12:00   | All mothers living & deceased             |
| Wed. 5/29 | 12:00   | +Helen Alexandre-Alexis                   |
| Thu. 5/30 | 12:00   | +Reed Palier                              |
| Fri. 5/31 | 12:00   | +George H. Ruth                           |
| Sat. 6/1  | 8:00 am | Howard Weinstein (healing)                |
|           | 5:30 pm | Nativity: Confirmands                     |

**Please pray for the sick of our Parish:**

\*Alice R. Allen, \*Amina Anderson-Pringle, \*Catherine Baum, \*Ann Butler, \*Carmen Dolores Campos, \*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., \*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, \*Iris Newman, \*Larry Morris, \*Everett Pearson, \*D. Cynhia Peters, \*James Pope, \*Dorothy Richburg, \*Fr. Vince Rigdon, \*Auristela Roman, \*Rosa Maria Santos, \*Robert Schaeffer, \*Andre Sims, \*Bonafacio Selayo \*Delores Sloan, \*Adrian Smith, \*Bernadette Smith, \*Theresa Smith, \*Louise Sweatt, \*Suzie Thompson, \*Dominic Valentine, \*Dorothy Waring, \*Paul Williams, \*Florentina Zoretta.

Almighty and Eternal God, You are the everlasting health of those who believe in You. Hear us for Your sick servant (N...) for whom we implore the aid of Your tender mercy, that being restored to bodily health, he (she) may give thanks to You in Your Church. Through Christ our Lord.

**Question of the week:** What do I found inspirational in welcoming all people to our parish and community, and what do I find uncomfortable? How can the Holy Spirit affect my reaction?

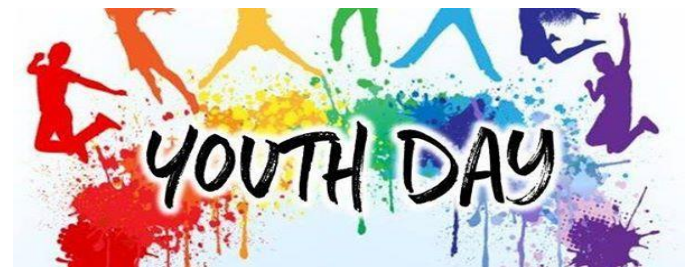
**Attendance Report**

|                     | 5/12/19          | 5/19/19          |
|---------------------|------------------|------------------|
| <b>Attendance:</b>  | <b>405 souls</b> | <b>583 souls</b> |
| Offerings & Tithes: | \$5,288          | \$6,289          |
| Spanish Mass:       | \$660            | \$226            |
| Utility fund:       | \$101            | \$180            |
| Donations           | \$2,800          | \$40             |

For those who tithe and give regularly thank you! For those who do not please prayerfully consider giving a sacrificial gift to keep your Nativity parish home strong and alive. Your ADW taxes help support the St. Anthony school in NE Washington and many other regional schools.



**Memorial Day** - Monday Nativity will offer One Mass on at 10am for our beloved deceased veterans and victims of war. Dating since the era of Civil War, this day is not about the start of summer or beach days, though anyone is free to do as they wish as it is a Federal Holiday, it is a day of prayer tribute and honor. Kindly remember the Dead veterans and victims of war who died serving the nation in your daily prayers, rosaries, or stop by any Church or cemetery to honor them.



**Youth Faith and Fun day. June 8, 2019**

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

For young people starting at 3<sup>rd</sup> grade to Senior in High School

- ✓ fun, games, lessons, lunch, daily mass, mentor help from young peers

At Nativity Church with volunteers from Our Lady of Bethesda Center 1 Priest, 1 Brother, 1 Lay Youth Missionary; and 6 High School volunteers. Chaperones and other helpers are welcome. Cost \$5.00 per person (for food/drinks and material expenses). Donations are welcome! -