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Worship Times

***Saturday Vigil Mass, 4:00p
Sunday Mass, 11:15a, En español, 1:30p
Daily Mass, Holy Days Consult Bulletin
Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturdays, 3:00-4:00p***

***Sunday Mass, 9:00a
Holy Days 7:00p
Communion Service Consult bulletin
Sacrament of Reconciliation By appointment***

Welcome, New Parishioners

We are a Stewardship Community, sharing our time, talent, and treasure, in the most life-giving ways possible. Parishioners are expected to participate in weekly worship, in our community life, and in our service among our dear neighbors.

Sacramental Life ~ Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Matrimony

For Sacrament preparation, you must be a registered, active member and attend preparation sessions.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

For those who desire to explore the Catholic Faith, spirituality, customs, and practices.

Anointing of the Sick

For those with chronic illness or who are pre-surgery, contact Father John or Sister Janis

***5th Sunday of Easter
May 9, 2021***

God shows no partiality...None-

Morning Church!

Growing up, my siblings would put my mother on the spot by asking her, “Who’s your favorite?” (I never asked since I knew I’m her favorite). Her response, always the same, “You’re all my favorite.” Today’s first reading, proclaims. *“God shows no partiality.”* God loves all of us exactly the same, (Happy Mother’s Day to my 104 year old mother in heaven!)

Today’s text from Acts marks a most significant turning point in the Church. It changed the path of the Church. For a clear understanding it’s best to read it from the beginning of the chapter. Cornelius, a member of the Roman cohort, is a religious, God-fearing man. Uncharacteristic of the occupying Roman army, Cornelius gains a favorable reputation for his generosity to the poor, and his faithful prayer life. During one of his prayer times, God spoke to him in a vision and thanked him for his great generosity to those in need.

Peter, too, has a vision and soon learns his vision has to do with Cornelius. Dismissing the religious bias that Jews don’t speak to Gentiles, much less enter the home of a Gentile, Peter goes to the home of Cornelius. He greets him and his household ~ and for the first time ever ~ as a Jew, Peter enters the home of Cornelius. Imagine how the generosity of the Spirit surprised the circumcised believers accompanying Peter! They have grown up believing God favors some people over others, as members of “The Chosen” Jewish people.

Those early Jewish-Christians are not unlike folks today. The divisive, exclusionary treatment of some groups over others is just like Biblical time. Today’s so-called Inferiors are the Gentiles of the first century. They are our sisters and brothers of color, (look at the horrific, random attack on Asian Americans); the refugees, immigrants, those who are poor, or those who struggle with mental illness or physical handicaps. God’s Spirit is not constrained or bound by our prejudice or favoritism. God’s love is for everyone.

The Spirit of God embraces those considered Outsiders and frees them from the concealed atheism of the Insiders. If you are who you say you are and you believe what you say you believe, then how can you pray to God of all who created all of us in God’s image, and refuse to treat others as your sisters and brothers?

Our relationship with God will always be tethered to our relationship with our neighbors. “Those who do not love do not know God.” (John 4:8) God makes no distinction or division among us. All of us are Children of God. We all have dignity and rights that flow from our dignity as God’s Children. To make those distinctions and create division is to go against Christ and the gospel. God, whose ever-expanding, impartial love needs to be made evident in all that we are, say and do. God never shows partiality. All of us are God’s favorites.

Today is a turning point on your faithjourney. What path will you take? The Way?

May you abide fully in your relationship with the God,
as you abide fully in your sisters and brothers, The Branches!

God’s blessings!

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| 5/16 Coming Prepared: Sunday Scriptures | |
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| Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26 | 1 Jn 4:11-16 |
| Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 | John 17:11b-19 |

☞ Reflecting on the Word _____

Theologians term for laying down one's life—
acompanar. Quote about mothers:
 "One becomes the noun by doing the verb."
 One becomes a mother by mothering.
 One becomes a follower of Jesus by living his way.
Accompaniment brings us into the daily lives
 of one's family, neighbors, and those who may be
 judged as outside God's embracing love.

ALTAR FLOWERS

If you wish to donate Altar Flowers
 for any Sunday, please contact Watson's Florist
 and speak with Donna who will help
 you make your choice. (336) 835-5235
Thank you very much!

| M A Y | |
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| 09 | 6th Sunday Easter <i>Happy Mother's Day!!</i>  |
| 11 | Communion Service, 12:15p Ministerial Association mtg: Racism, 3p FLC |
| 16 | <i>Feast of the Ascension</i> Combination Collection** |
| 18 | Communion Service, 12:15p |
| 23 | <i>Pentecost Sunday</i> |
| 25 | Communion Service, 12:15p |
| 30 | <i>Most Holy Trinity Sunday</i> |

**** May 16th Combo collection:**
 Catholic Relief Services, Works of Holy Father,
 Holy Land, Catholic University of America,
 Catholic Communications Campaign

RCIA Journey & Adult 1st Communion & Confirmation Preparation

If you, or an adult you know, is interested in
 exploring the Catholic Faith, or prepare sacraments.
 please call. (336)835-3007

Tri-C Christian Ministries

Any of the following items:
Any kind of bean, dried or canned
Pasta & sauce or sm. laundry detergent

| ☞ M A Y | |
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| 09 | All Mothers, living and deceased |
| 16 | +Byrdie Geckle (r/b Judy & Ron Berryman) Kevin McQuade (Birthday) +Buddy Blanton |
| 23 | St. Stephen Community |
| 30 | 2021 H.S. & College Graduates |



Birthdays & Anniversaries

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| 11 Antonio Crispin | 24 Gail Pieropan |
| 15 Ron Berryman | 26 Dale Cromartie |
| 16 Hannah Atkins | Lila Keller |
| 19 Lizette Hernandez | 28 Meg Bresse |
| 21 Louis Reikowsky | Stephanie Kelly |
| 21 Luz Reyes | 30 Mark Kroeger |
| 23 Aymes Davis | Brian Lopez |
| Morgan Orta | |
| Johnny Ramirez | |
| 15 Jennifer & Jason LaCashio | 19 Linda & Mark Kroeger |
| 15 Carmen & Brad Kitts | 22 Rosa & Juan Islas |
| 16 Rebekah & Ryan Treannie | 30 Joyce & Aaron Kelly |



*Give Out
of
Gratitude*

*Thank you for your ongoing support
 for St. S and Tri-C ministries...
 Please consider beginning regular
 donations to church, especially if your household
 hasn't contributed since March, 2020.*

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Thank you so much!!