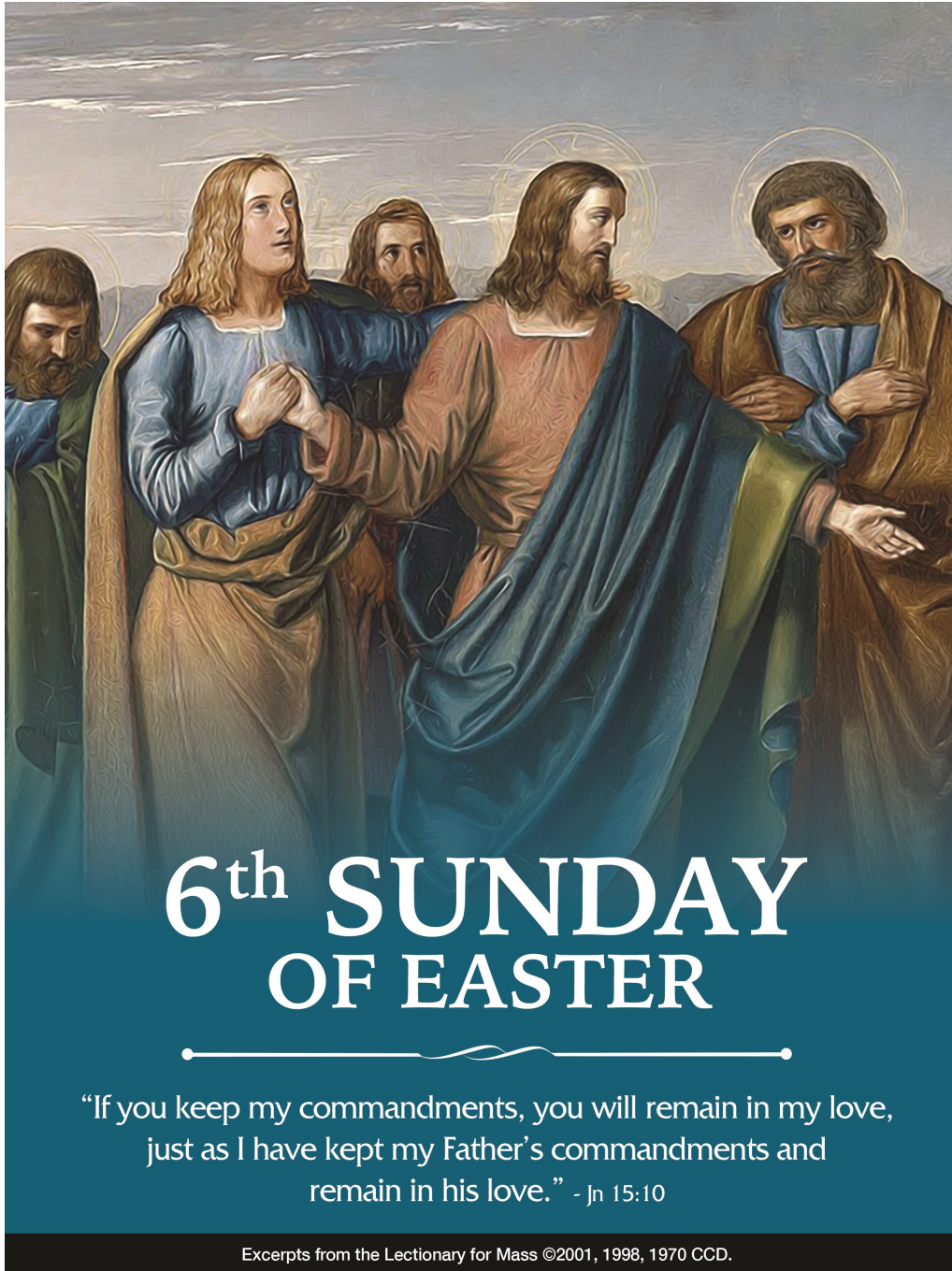


Saint John Catholic Church Iglesia Católica San Juan

May 6, 2018 – Sixth Sunday of Easter
6 de mayo de 2018 — Sexto Domingo de Pascua



LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday5:30 p.m.
Sunday..... 9:00 a.m.
Daily Masses: ..Thursday 8:30 a.m.
 ..Wednesday and Friday 12 noon
CONFESSIONS (Saturday)..... 4:30 p.m. or by appointment

HORARIO DE OFICINAS

LUNES—JUEVES: 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
VIERNES: 9:00 a.m. - 12 del medio día

HORARIO LITURGICO

Domingo.....12:15 p.m (Español)
Misa Diaria: ..Jueves 8:30 a.m (Ingles)
 ..Miércoles y Viernes 12:00 del medio día
CONFESIONES (Sábado)..... 4:30 p.m. o por cita

OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday: 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
Friday: 9:00 a.m.—12 NOON

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St John Parish Calendar

SATURDAY

MAY 5, 2018

4:30 PM

Reconciliation

5:30 PM

Mass soul of Julius Bas

SUNDAY

MAY 6, 2018

9:00 AM

Mass souls Feliciano Flores & Melchor Pasarda

10:00 AM

Rosary

12:15 PM

Misa

WEDNESDAY

MAY 9, 2018

12:00 Noon

Mass for soul of Frederick McMahon

THURSDAY

MAY 10, 2018

8:30 AM

Mass soul Erica Parris

FRIDAY

MAY 11, 2018

12:00 Noon

Mass soul of Adriano Mannino

SATURDAY

MAY 12, 2018

4:30 PM

Reconciliation

5:30 PM

Mass souls Melchor Pasarda & Lea Flores

SUNDAY

MAY 13, 2018

9:00 AM

Mass all Mothers living and deceased

10:00 AM

Rosary

12:15 PM

Misa parroquianos San Juan, San Pedro Y San Patricio

ST. PETER OFFERS MASS DAILY AT NOON



Pray for

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS/

RECUERDE EN SUS ORACIONES: Keith

Pinney, Rudy Calo'oy, John Kolakoski, Ron

Price, Jr., Red and Nancy Goodman, Pat

& Jerry Nolte, Richard Painter, Maxine

DiMarino, Melanie Patterson, Lillan Arthur,

Mary Helen Sohaski, Thomas Whitehead, Esperanza Godinez,

Sherry Wright, David Stull, Otts Miskimon, Dan Mages, Austin

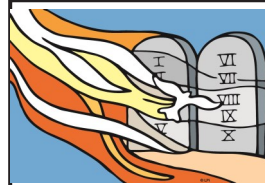
Okoli, Jr., Georgina Gerhardt, Sulma Rojas, Elena Chavez, Doris

Bartlett, Fred Brown, Judy French, Lynn Miskimon, Suzanne Di-

Marino, Donald Barock, Martha Livingston, James White, Patrick

Stanley and John Loughran.

If someone you know is sick, hospitalized, or home bound and would like our Eucharistic ministers or a priest to visit, please call the office. **Unless you call we have no way of knowing.** If you need a priest for someone who is dying or gravely ill, call our emergency number 804-402-1221.



"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." - Jn 15:10-11

Readings for the Week of May 6, 2018

Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/
1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/
Jn 15:26--16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [7c]/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22--18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or
Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]/Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10 [8a]/Jn 16:23b-28

Next Sunday: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20
[19a]/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19

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MASS ATTENDANCE

**5:30
71**

**9:00
165**

**12:15
210**

The item being collected for **FISH** for **May**

Pork and beans

En el mes de **mayo** necesitamos

Enlatados de Frejoles y Cerdo

**The Board of Directors of Eastern Henrico FISH is
sponsoring the 5TH ANNUAL BENEFIT GOLF TOUR-**

NAMENT at Queenfield Golf Club, Saturday June 9th,
2018—12 –1:00 PM. Registration and lunch. 1:00 PM Shot-
gun start. After golf: BBQ Dinner, Raffle Prizes and awards.
Registration information. Registration per golfer \$70.00,
Hole Sponsorship Sign \$100, Mulligan's 2 per player \$10,
Raffle Tickets 2 for \$5.00.Contact: Lloyd Mercer at 804-737
-6333 or jmercer@comcast.net or cell 804-687-3404

Pastor Message

"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.'"

These are the first words from the first reading this Sunday.

It is an exchange between Cornelius and Peter. When Peter enters the room, Cornelius wants to bow down to him. After all, he has likely heard some pretty amazing things about what Peter has been doing and saying. The same thing happened when Paul went to Greece. Paul and Barnabas healed a man in Greece and pretty soon all the people wanted to start offering sacrifice and burning incense to Paul and Barnabas because they thought they were gods.

Both Peter and Paul have the same response to these acts of near worship – they effectively say 'give the praise to God.'

You may think, 'how ridiculous those foolish people of that time...wanting to make Paul and Peter into gods.' It was pretty foolish of those people. I guess they were sort of caught up in the excitement. I guess all those people were looking for something and when Peter and Paul started to show them the answers, they wanted to make them gods, even though they were just the messengers.

What they should have been worshiping is the God behind the words of Peter and Paul. They should have been hungering and seeking the God behind the miracles that Peter and Paul were performing.

I think people have the tendency to do the same thing today. I think people today do the same thing the foolish people did back then. I think people tend to make gods out of people.

They may not offer incense to them, as they tried to do back then, but they certainly make sacrifice to them. They sacrifice their most prized possessions to them. They sacrifice their time, their money, their loyalty, their allegiance – they even make them hope.

Who am I talking about? Who are these people who other people try to make gods of today?

Politicians.

People today try to make gods out of politicians.

You may say, 'I don't try to make gods out of politicians, I hate politicians.' To which I would respond, you hate them because you want them to be gods but, in fact, they act as mere humans.

People make gods out of politicians because they want them to have all the answers.

Don't get me wrong, there are abominable politicians. Many are spineless and badly formed, intellectually.

But one of the reasons people dislike politicians is because they expect too much from them. The reason they expect too much from them is because they think they are, or at least want them to be, godlike. And they are not. They are human. And as such, they have a tendency to be selfish, cowardly, egotistical, and money-seeking, just like everyone else. If you don't have any of those tendencies or any other bad tendencies, then you are already a saint and I ask that you pray for us mere mortals.

People, of which politicians are drawn from, are very limited in their ability to fix complex things, and most big problems are very complex and have been around since Adam. Although someone (a politician) might stand up and say that they have figured out the solution, and articulate it in a catchy phrase, they are simply making promises that are impossible for them to accomplish. The answers are way too complex. But people want there to be an answer to the suffering in their lives and in the world. People want there to be a fix. And so when someone says they got the answer, people are continually, unfortunately, fooled into believing it.

If it seems as though this problem is getting worse, the hatred for politicians who fail to live up to the godlike expectations placed upon them, then I would attribute that to a culture that is more and more devoid of the one who can actually fix the problems, God.

People want gods, because they want their problems to be fixed, but they don't want God, who can actually fix their problems. It was the same back in the day with Peter and Paul, it's the same now.

Fr Rossi

From the Religious Education office...

Last weekend we celebrated the closing of another wonderful Catechetical year. Catechists, youth and children gathered in the social hall for a wonderful prayer service to give thanks to our Lord for all the blessings received through the year. Fr. Rossi and Deacon Rivera, did a great job blessing everyone at the Prayer Service. After we got our blessings the children and youth went outside to enjoy the cookout, and fun activities. Everyone had fun. This year we enrolled 123 children. Congratulations and thank you to those parents who brought their children to class every, or almost every, Sunday – rain or shine. They are truly fulfilling the obligations that they made at the baptism of their children. During this Easter season, we received into the church three newly baptized and one in full communion. Today, 23 children will be receiving their First Communion, and on May 20, fourteen young men and young women will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. All this amazing work could not have been done without your prayers, your support and, most importantly, our wonderful catechists. A big thank you and endless praise to each one of them. If you see one of them around, please thank them for the marvelous job they do to pass along the faith to our children and to every man and woman that is searching for their faith. Our catechists are Lisa Murillo, Dania Chamale, Janice Mayer, Carmen Turkoff, Gisela Estrada, Leticia Mancía, Julie Hinman, Joshepine Austin, Judy Patterson, Rene Tudon, Sharon Lucas, Rocio Carrillo, Neilann Brown, Maria Garcia, Dan Mages, Ed Gillikin, Rodolfo Velazquez, Emiliano Velazquez, Zoila Arteaga, Juan Coronado and our Religious Education coordinator of events Mary Miskimon; I want to personally thank all of them for sharing their time and talents. I also give thanks to the Lord for all of you that make it possible for St. John's to have a Religious Education Program. Muchas Gracias. May God always bless you. Paulita Matheny. Director