

May 2, 2021

Let us love not in word or speech
but in deed and truth.

— 1 John 3:18

Readings

First Reading — Barnabas reported to the apostles how Saul had seen the Lord on the way (Acts 9:26-31).

Psalm — I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people (Psalm 22).

Second Reading — This is God’s commandment: that we may believe and love (1 John 3:18-24).

Gospel — I am the true vine; whoever remains in me will bear much fruit (John 15:1-8).

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 1

5:00 PM (P) Claude Simpson Family

Sunday, May 2

8:00 AM (J) Bill Wiegard

11:00 AM (C) Audrey Dye

Monday, May 3

8:30 AM (C) ASC community

Tuesday, May 4

7:30 AM (J) PSR Students

Wednesday, May 5

11:00 AM (P) Billie & Tony Eichenseer Family
Gib & Leta Rae Bauer Family

Thursday, May 6

8:00 AM (J) Fr. Dale Maxfield

Friday, May 7

8:30AM (C) ASC community

Saturday, May 8

5:00 PM (P) No Mass

Sunday, May 9 MOTHER’S DAY

8:00 AM (P) For all Mothers living and deceased

9:30AM (J) For all Mothers living and deceased

11:00 AM (C) Living & Deceased of Judy Goeckner Family
**MASSES CELEBRATED AT THE RUMA CONVENT
WILL NOT BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AT THIS
TIME**

PRAYER REQUEST

All homebound, nursing home residences, cancer patients, COVID-19 patients, Tom Ellner, Pam Ozier, Regina, Roger & Carol Hess, Cindy Wilhelm, Ruth Henry, Doris Wilson, Wanda Honer, Tom Candelario, Gene Clerc, Steve Wallach, Ruby Dickinson, Joan Schaefer, Ray Hess Michael Brand, Armin Depper, Charles Goessling, Steve Deterding, Rhonda Schaefer, Kathy Ghahkenshah, Melvin & Verona Schwartz, Kathleen Shoemaker Laura, Benjamin & Miles Marler, Marion Melliere

CHURCH SUPPORT-April 24th & 25th

St. Patrick’s

Envelopes \$4,472 Loose \$60 M. Appeal \$75 COIVD \$50 Seminar. \$25 Human Dev. \$25 M. Charity \$100

St. Joseph’s:

Envelopes: \$1560 Loose: \$35, Easter Make-up, \$25 , Weekly goal: **\$1,700.**

FR. SEBASTIAN’S WEEKEND REFLECTIONS

The first reading (Acts 9:26-31) tells us the type of fearful reception that Paul got in Jerusalem among the early Christian community due to his past. Barnabas had to stake his integrity, vouched for him and brought him into the fold.

The second reading (1 John 3:18-24) tells us that we should show our love for God through our actions and deeds. As long as we keep his commandments, he remains with us and we, in him.

The Gospel (John 15:1-8) reminds us of the words of Jesus, that he is the true vine. As long as we remain in him, we will bear fruit. When we are distant from him, we bear no fruit and life loses meaning. May we continue to bear good fruit as branches of the vine. Amen.

Fr Sebastian Ukoh CM

RESPECT LIFE CORNER

“When Saul arrived in Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples, but they were afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple.” In Reading 1 from Acts of the Apostles, we are aware of the conversion that Saul, now Paul encountered on the road to Damascus, when he encountered the Risen Christ. Christ implored him to stop persecuting Jewish followers of Jesus. Barnabas spoke on behalf of Saul, later Paul, and opened up a dialogue that no one in the circle of the disciples was expecting. Barnabas took Saul under his wing and gave him a proper introduction and a proper welcome into the Jewish Christian community. **Learn, Act, Connect and Pray-** In the Gospels, we see that Jesus is deeply involved with the concerns of individual people, not entities of power. Jesus teaches us to take the same path, the path of dialogue. Who can we begin to really talk and listen to here in our own community? We are called to engage in subsidiarity, working with people and communities nearest to a problem and encourage them as they work to devise a solution. Guide our efforts, Lord, to truly help serve the needs of the poor and the oppression, not for our sake, but for theirs.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Our parish partnership is working together to form a combined youth ministry group. Interested in helping out???? Call the parish office...282-3176 or 284-3314. Next adult meeting May 19th @ 6:30PM in the Red Brick School.

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

Has landed at St. Joseph’s if you or someone you know is in need of a box of groceries please call the rectory 618-284-3314 and we can deliver or you can stop by. All requests are kept in the strictest of confidence.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

We will never outgrow our need for Jesus.

PARTNERSHIP CORNER

Mass schedules for May are: 5pm Saturday at St. Patrick’s and 8am Sunday morning at St. Joseph’s.

NOTE TIME CHANGE FOR MOTHER’S DAY WEEKEND. MOTHER’S DAY WEEKEND MASSES WILL BE 8:00AM AT ST. PATRICK’S AND 9:30AM AT ST. JOSEPH’S. THERE WILL BE NO SATURDAY EVENING MASS THAT WEEKEND. DON’T FORGET THAT RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE FOR ALL MASSES SO WE ARE ABLE TO GO BACK AND CONTACT TRACE IF NEEDED. 284-3314-St. Joseph’s, 282-3176-St. Patrick’s.

300th ANNIVERSARY—UPDATE!

Brick ordering deadline is July 1st.

A few short months until the opening Mass for our 300th If you have any pictures or stories that you think are unique to our parish please share them.

SHIRTS ARE IN! You can pick them up after Mass if you haven’t already picked them up.

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to all who have volunteered to help Jill with the camera. She will post a schedule each week in the bulletin. She will hold a learning session Monday May 3rd at 5:30pm & Tuesday morning May 6th after Mass.

BE A BLESSING COMMUNITY GARDEN

Intends to grow produce that will be taken to inner city communities and given to people who can’t afford and do not have access to these products. This project allows you to share your gifts with people who could use your help and gives you an opportunity to connect with people in your area. The garden is located behind the convent and is shared with the sisters. Responsibilities include: weeding, watering, harvesting and delivering produce. Planting season will begin soon. If you are interested in volunteering in the garden, please contact Robin Steinmann contact for St. Patrick’s at 618-340-2912 and Tom Beshoar contact for St. John’s at 618-977-6232. **HELP US FEED THE HUNGRY. WE ARE ALL CALLED TO BE A BLESSING IN EACH OTHER’S LIVES.**

QUILTING

St. Patrick’s quilting has begun on Wednesday’s at 9AM in the Red Brick School. Any question contact Kathy Schmidt at 284-7274.

MOTHER’S DAY ROSES

Remember those special women in your life with a rose. Roses will be available next weekend after both Masses at St. Patrick’s and St. Joseph’s.

HONORING THE GRADUATES

On Sunday May 16th St. Joseph’s will honor the kindergarten, Eighth grade and High school graduates. We asked all the graduates and their family members to attend, and to participate in this happy celebration. This year we will be honoring 13 graduates.



St. Patrick’s Parish monthly takes a set amount (\$100) from the collection and donates it to a needy charity/family, locally or globally. May’s collection will go to Rhonda & Neal Schaefer, to help with medical expenses. Please keep their family in your prayers. If you would like to make an additional donation, please mark it and place it in the collection basket.

KUDOS

- To the Knights of Columbus Council 1952 for donating the books “I Am With You” available in the back of church.
- To Elite Ag, LLC/Channel Fertilizer & Custom Spreading, our bulletin advertiser of the week.

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

Grant Cowell 5/3, Jason Roy 5/4,
Kathy Goetting 5/5 , Lori Henry 5/6, Alex Suhre 5/6,
Ben Sauer 5/6, Carolyn Schneider 5/7,
Casey Steinmann 5/7, Lilian Popejoy 5/8
Mark & Evelyn Marquardt 5/2,
Jacob & Tina Arbieter 5/6

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Gracious God, You have called us through Baptism to discipleship, believing in your Son, Jesus Christ, who has sent us to bring the Good News of salvation to the world. We pray to you, asking that you grant us more priests and religious who will help us build up your Church in the Diocese of Belleville and the world. Stir up the grace of a religious vocation in the hearts of many of our youth. Grant to them the willingness and generosity to give of themselves in service to our Lord Jesus and his people. May a new generation of priests, deacons, sisters and brothers be a sign of your presence among us. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

ST. PATRICK’S DRIVE-THRU CHICKEN DINNER

Sunday, May 16th from 11am-till sold out. All dinners include ½ fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, coleslaw, roll with strawberry jam. One-way drive-thru. Enter at 2 Pioneer Lane (Adorers of the Blood of Christ entrance), Exit at 1 Pioneer Lane. Please help spread the word. We will be setting up/cleaning the hall for the drive-thru on Saturday, May 15th after the 5PM Mass. Lots of hands needed.



REMEMBERING OUR MILITARY MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES SERVING OUR COUNTRY.