

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – June 10, 2018

Christ the Victor!

Readings: Gn 3:9–15; Ps 130:1–2, 3–4, 5–6, 7–8;
2 Cor 4:13–5:1; Mk 3:20–35

In today's Gospel Our Savior has just been healing and casting out demons in Galilee. Along with the crowds, who flock to Him so that He can't even take a break to eat, come people who do not understand what He is doing. Even His friends think He has lost His mind and needs to be taken away for a while. But the scribes who came down from Jerusalem are not just honestly mistaken; they accuse Him of being possessed by the prince of demons.

The reality is just the opposite. Jesus is revealing Himself as the one promised in our first reading. He is the seed of the woman who has come to crush the head of the demonic serpent. In the parable of the strong man, Jesus reveals that He has come not just to punish the devil but to free those bound by him. As St. Bede explains, "The Lord has also bound the strong man, that is, the devil: which means, He has restrained him from seducing the elect, and entering into his house, the world; He has spoiled his house, and His goods, that is men, because He has snatched them from the snares of the devil and has united them to His Church."

The scribes blaspheme by attributing this work of the Holy Spirit to demons. Jesus adds a statement that shocks us at first: "whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness." That does not mean that there are any limits to the mercy of God (CCC 1864). Rather, the only sin that cannot be forgiven is the deliberate refusal to accept the mercy offered through the Holy Spirit.

Instead, we must imitate those who sat at Jesus' feet. For, as He said, "Whoever does the will of God is my brother, and sister, and mother."

Father Blake Evans, Pastor

Rest in Peace



Mr. Willie Poole died on Thursday, June 7. Funeral Mass at Nativity on Friday June 15 at 11 AM.

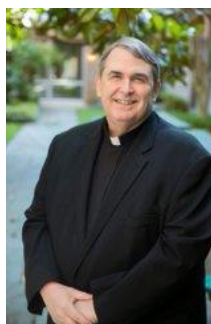
Eternal Rest Grant Unto him, oh Lord!

Congratulations!

To all Seminarians, especially to our own Ebuka Mbanude on their ordination as Deacons. Come Holy Spirit!

The Knights of Columbus, Keane Council #353, will hold a small reception in the Lounge after the 10:00 AM mass. All are welcome! Please join us to congratulate Deacon Ebuka Mbanude

Ordination Day: Priesthood! "Behold...your sons become your Fathers". Join thousands of faithful from the ADW as we celebrate & thank God for our new Priests, Saturday June 16th at 10am at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception.



News from Rome! Congratulations to ADW's Father Michael Fisher who has been named by Pope Francis as our new Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese--filling the position vacated by Bishop Barry Knestout when he was appointed as Bishop of Richmond. Bishop-elect Fisher will be ordained/consecrated on June 29th by Cardinal Wuerl. Fisher serves as the

Vicar for Clergy and head of Priest Personnel. Fr. Fisher is a graduate of Mount St. Mary's Seminary.

ADW news: Dr. Susan Timoney after 10 years of working in the Office of Ministerial Leadership has been appointed Faculty at the Catholic University of America where she will be teaching in the school of Pastoral Studies.



Mass Intentions

June 2 - 9, 2018

Sat. 6/9	8:00am	+Glyssa Diane Villacorta
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Sun. 6/10	8:00am	People of the Parish
	10:00am	Deacon Ebuka Mbanube
	1:00 pm	+Dionisia Amaya
Mon. 6/11	Noon	Deacon Ebuka Mbanube
Tue. 6/12	Noon	Deacon Ebuka Mbanube
Wed. 6/13	Noon	Mr. & Mrs. Aaron Wilkinson (newlyweds)
Thu. 6/14	Noon	NO MASS
Fri. 6/15	11:00am	+Willie Poole (Funeral)
Sat. 6/16	8:00am	All Fathers living & deceased
	5:30pm	+Winslow Vickerie

Please pray for the sick of our Parish:

*Alice R. Allen, *Amina Anderson-Pringle, *Ann Butler, *Carla Andrea Catacora, *Shawn Coleman, *William Corbel, *Maria Cruz, *Maurice & Flora Detiege *Isel Fitzgerald, *Dion A. Fortune, *Linda Foster, *Charlie Gick, *John Green, Sr., *Janet Henery, *Blanca Hernandez, *Lawrence C. Hill, *Lee Hobbs, *Francis Howard, *Elaine Hunt, *Helen Hurd, *Larry Ivy, *Geraldine Jones, *Odile Kalla, *Michael Kelly, *Busara Keneddy, *Claude Kolthoff, *Betty Lawton, *Yavonna Lewis, *Sandra Lucas, *Eric Malcolm, *Edwin & Regina Mbanude, *Edith Mebane, *Maria Magdalena Medrano, *Agnes Moore, *Robert Myers, *Iris Newman, *D. Cynhia Peters, *Willie Poole, Jr., *James Pope, *Margaret Pope, *Dorothy Richburg, *Rosa Maria Santos, *Bonafacio Selayo *Delores Sloan, *Adrian Smith, *Alice Smith, *Bernadette Smith, *Theresa Smith, *Louise Sweatt, *Emily Towles, *Dominic Valentine, *Dorothy Waring, *Paul Williams, *Florentina Zoretta

Youth Faith and Fun day

June 16, 2018

9 am – 3 pm

For young people starting at 3rd grade to Senior in High School

Sign up in advance!

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

Our Lady of Bethesda center will run the program - 1 Priest, 1 Brother, 1 Lay Youth Missionary; and 6 High School volunteers

Chaperones and other helpers are welcome. Cost \$5 per person (for food/drinks and material expenses)

ATTENDANCE REPORT

6/3/18

Attendance: 384 souls

Offerings & Tithes: \$8,976

Spanish Mass: \$194

Utility fund: \$379

School Repair Fund balance: \$282,184.56

Thank you to the Tanzi Council for their \$500.00 donation
And to the Sacred Heart League for their donation to the Utility Fund.

Grant: Cardinal Wuerl has approved a \$75,000 grant to Nativity to help with Church repairs and campus repairs. Thank you, Cardinal Wuerl! The Pastor is also working with the Office of Real Estate and the Finance Council on matters related to:

- Repairs to the School Roof \$ 175,000 funds from the School Repair fund will partially cover this work
- New AC Compressor for the Church \$28,000
- Parking lots repairs
- Over \$51,000 of damages to the Youth Center

Donations to Nativity are DOWN \$31,000 in comparison to last year. Our utilities and costs for running the parish rise as always. For those who do not give regularly **please prayerfully** consider becoming a regular contributor. We cannot operate a large property without significant contributions. For those who give and are generous thank you!

Examples: for one-year Nativity pays

Electricity for Church - \$10,280

Water - \$15,058

Heat - Youth Center \$7,393

Heat Church - \$15977

2018 Annual Jubilarian Mass – Cardinal Donald Wuerl will celebrate the Annual Jubilarian Mass honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 50+ years on Sunday June 17, 2018 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Please call the rectory at 202-726-6263 or use the sign-up forms located at both entrances to the church to register.