



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER ✕ MAY 5, 2019



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First Reading: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41

The high priest chastised Peter and the other apostles for continuing to preach when they had been ordered to stop. Peter replied he would rather obey God than men, considering God's power even over death. They are again warned to stop speaking of Jesus, and then freed.

Second Reading: Revelation 5:11-14

John had a vision of many angels and all the living creatures of the world gathered around a throne. The angels cried out that the slain Lamb was worthy of receiving power, glory and praise. Then every creature on earth called out praise to God and the Lamb, and the elders fell down and worshipped.

Gospel: John 21:1-19

Jesus appeared to the disciples for the third time since his resurrection while they were fishing. They hadn't caught anything, and then Jesus advised them to cast their net from the other side of the boat. When they did this, they caught a great number of fish. Jesus then asked Peter three times, "Do you love me?" When Peter said he did, Jesus asked him to tend and feed his sheep.



Sunday, May 5	8:00 am	People of the Parish
	10:30 am	Our 30th Anniversary Req. by Mr. & Mrs. William Long
Monday, May 6	8:00 am	Special Intention
Tuesday, May 7	8:00 am	In Memory of Angeline Edes Req. by Mrs. Richard D'Arcy
Wednesday, May 8	8:00 am	Intention of Monica Pham T. Chien Req. by the Nguyen Family
Thursday, May 9	8:00 am	In Memory of Walter Yewdall Req. by Joe & Sue Francis
Friday, May 10	8:00 am	Intention of Coleen Masslofski Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Art Blades
Saturday, May 11	8:00 am	Special Intention
	5:30 pm	Our Deceased Relatives Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Mike Dash



Sunday

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41;
Rv 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

Monday

Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday

Acts 7:51—8:1a; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday

Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday

Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51

Friday

Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday

Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69

Upcoming Second Collections

**Today
May 12
May 19**

**Building Fund
Special Parish Needs
Diocesan Retired Priests**



The Rosary, one of the most beautiful prayers, is recited **Monday through Saturday after the 8am Mass**. Please feel free to participate even if you are unable to attend Mass.



Food for the Poor

The spring/summer seasons particularly are the hardest time to collect food for the poor. Parishioners, please help by keeping the box "food for the poor", located in the vestibule, filled. **DONATING ONE CAN OF FOOD CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.** For questions, please contact Hawla Donley at St. Clare's office.



***** Parish Schedule *****

Sunday, May 5

May Crowning during 10:30am Mass

Thursday, May 9

Choir Practice, 7pm

Knights of Columbus: Rosary, 7pm

Meeting, 7:30pm, church basement

Saturday, May 11

First Holy Communion, 10:30am Mass

Next Week's Parish Schedule

Sunday, May 12

Mother's Day Celebration Mass: 8:00 & 10:30am

Thursday, May 16

Choir Practice, 7pm



***** Religious Education News *****

May Crowning at conclusion of 10:30am Mass TODAY followed by End-of Year Ice Cream Social

TODAY, Sunday, May 5th – 2nd graders

First Holy Communion Practice between Masses

Saturday, May 11th – First Holy Communion

10:30am Mass followed by Reception in the Church Basement



Please pray for our students preparing to receive

First Holy Communion on

Saturday, May 11th, 10:30 Mass.

Parishioners are invited to attend the Mass and the reception, which immediately follows in the classrooms.

7th Graders: Earn Community Service hours by helping set up, serve and clean up at the First Communion reception on **Saturday, May 11th, 10am – Noon.** Contact Deacon Mike.

Deaconmike@stclareclifton.org

703-266-1310

Women's Choir

Thank you to our devoted Women's Choir members who work so hard all year to serve our Lord through music. We are especially grateful for their dedication during Lent, Holy Week, and Easter. You are a blessing for our parish community. Thank you,

Mary and Pam



Have you picked up your Mother's Day Card yet?



Please join us in honoring our Mothers with a mass on **Sunday, May 12th**. They will be remembered at the 8:00 & 10:30 AM masses as Fr. Lehning celebrates in observance of Mother's Day. Available in the vestibule are special Mother's Day cards for you to utilize. Please be sure to fill out the intention envelopes and drop it in the designated box by **Tuesday, May 7th** so the names may be inserted in the bulletin.

Henderson Road Cleanup Project



All adult parishioners (18 or older) are invited to participate in a road cleanup of Henderson Road after the 8:00am Mass on Saturday, May 18th. The Knights of Columbus will provide breakfast before the event. Bring a pair of gloves and wear sturdy shoes. Safety vests and trash bags will be provided. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Chris Grecek at cgrecek@comcast.net or at (703)895-5651. Thank you!

******* AROUND THE DIOCESE *******

Divine Mercy Care's Infant Memorial Service On **May 11th at 7pm** at **St. Leo the Great Catholic Church**, Divine Mercy Care is hosting an interdenominational infant memorial service for all those who have experienced any form of infant loss at any time in their life. Please register at divinemercycare.org. We hope the service brings healing to those in mourning.

Join Bishop Burbidge for a Listening Session on Racism

Join us for a Listening Session on Racism, a diocesan response to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishop's pastoral letter against racism, "Open Wide Our Hearts; the Enduring Call to Love." Bishop Michael Burbidge and Bishop Shelton Fabre (Bishop of Houma-Thibodaux and Chairman of the USCCB Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism) host the listening session. The event will take place at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More Burke Hall, Arlington, **Tuesday May 21, 2019 from 6-8 p.m.** Doors open at 5:30 pm. Seating is very limited and RSVPs are required on or before Friday, May 17. Please email mcm@arlingtondiocese.org to RSVP.

LoveOurMothers Campaign

In the month of May, during which we honor our Blessed Mother, as well as all mothers, the Diocese of Arlington will launch #LoveOurMothers, a month-long social media and website campaign celebrating all mothers in the Diocese. We will share the stories of four mothers who the Church serves through its various ministries. Watch videos of these remarkable mothers and share who you love your own mother by using the #LoveOurMothers hashtag. A special webpage, www.arlingtondiocese.org/loveourmothers will be launched in May!

Weekend Discernment Retreat for Women

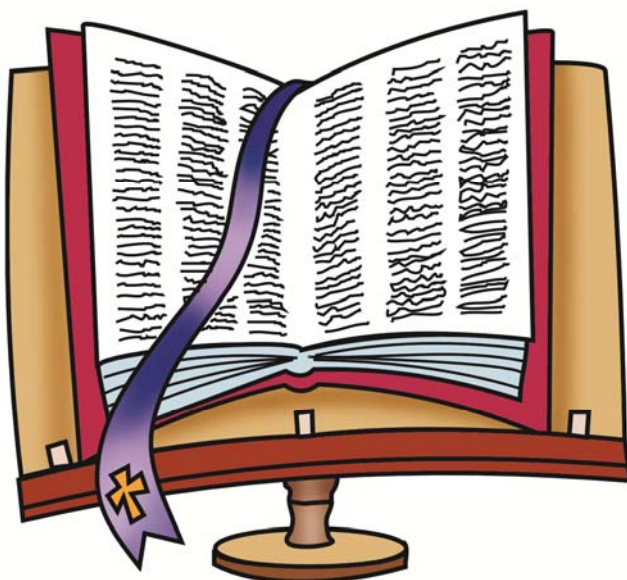
Could Christ be calling you to the religious life? Take a step to find out. Attend the weekend discernment retreat for women (ages 18-50) **June 14-16**. This is a great opportunity for prayer and discernment and talking with religious sisters and other women discerners. Cost is \$60 and includes overnights and all meals (financial assistance is available if needed). Retreat starts Friday at 6:30 p.m. and concludes Sunday after lunch. For more information or to register, contact Fr. Michael Isenberg at (703) 841-2514 or vocations@arlingtondiocese.org. Space is limited; deadline to register is Friday June 1.

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“But Peter and the apostles said in reply, ‘We must obey God rather than men. The God of our ancestors raised Jesus, though you had him killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as leader and savior to grant Israel repentance and forgiveness of sins. We are witnesses of these things, as is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.’”

When people wonder how to get started in learning about the Catholic Church, or to read the bible, the clearest answer is found in this or any other sermon of St. Peter and St. Paul in the Acts of the Apostles. These teachings from the bible introduce us to Jesus Christ and His saving mission. Because of my encounter with Jesus through the announcement of Peter, I am moved to learn more as He accompanies me.

The talks summarize what is most important – Jesus is Savior, He died and rose, and has been glorified. I suggest that you look at similar teachings, which will provide the foundation of this great time of Easter. Look at the Acts of the Apostles chapter 2,3,4,9,19. These are called the kerygm, or the announcing sermons of Peter and Paul.



HIS WORD TODAY

BY REV. WILLIAM J. REILLY

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON
THE SUNDAY READINGS