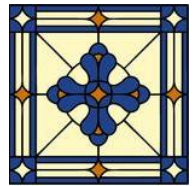
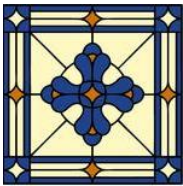


THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY – MAY 19, 2019



Dear Friends in Christ,

In the Gospel for this the Fifth Sunday of Easter, the Church wants to remind her children of the “*New Commandment*” that Jesus, the Builder of the Church, gave to the Apostles at the Last Supper after Judas had left. The new commandment is: love one another. Is that new to humankind? It is really old, isn’t it?

Saint Augustine wrote: “*Why does the Lord call it new when it is clearly so old? Or is the commandment new because it divests us of our former selves and clothes us with the new man? Love does indeed renew the man who hears, or rather obeys its command; but only that love which Jesus distinguished from a natural love by the qualification: As I have loved you.*”

He continued: “*This is the kind of love that renews us. When we love as he loved us, we become new men, heirs of the new covenant and singers of the new song.*”



When we come to Church, besides focusing on Jesus in the Tabernacle, we should also focus on the crucifix which reminds us that is how Jesus Christ has loved us, and He loved us to the end!

And Jesus asks us to love one another as He has loved us! Do you think that Jesus asks “*TOO MUCH*” of us? I do not think so. Remember what Jesus said to the Apostles: “*If you love me, you will do what I command!*” That was Jesus’ command. So the first question or challenge that we must answer or overcome is: Do we truly love the Lord Jesus Christ? Don’t jump too fast to the answer! Take your time to think, meditate, and ponder it.

If your answer is: “*Yes, Lord. I love you,*” then you will obey His command. His new commandment is: Love one another as He has loved you!

Jesus loves us and gathers all together as members of His Mystical Body, the Church, with His tender bond of love. He also wants to see that we, as members of His Church, will be bound to one another with that same love that Jesus demonstrated to the whole world, particularly on the cross.



There are people who continue to live in sin, knowing that they are condemning themselves and placing their souls in the hands of Satan. There are people who promote immoral acts and “*help*” others to commit spiritual suicide, and call themselves Catholics. There are people who try to change the “*Divine Law*” by saying white is black or black is white. We must love them all and pray for them, and also for ourselves who are sinners, so that the MERCY of GOD will transform all of us. And then we will all recognize the Love of our Risen Christ: I do not want to lose anyone whom the Father has given me!

May the Lord sustain us with His graces. May we all be the Lord’s truthful and faithful disciples and see “*the holy city, a new Jerusalem.*” Amen.

Peace, Fr. Tien

The Sanctuary Lamp this week is
in memory of Stephen H. Swanson.



STEWARDSHIP

Budgeted Weekly Needs \$4,825

Envelopes/Cash/Online \$5,201



Attendance

Saturday	5:00 P.M.	95
Sunday	9:00 A.M.	393
	11:30 A.M.	250

Thank you to all who faithfully contribute
and are so generous to our Parish.

CLASSES - MEETINGS

Sunday ... Faith Formation ... 10:30 am-11:30 am

Monday ... Women’s Guild Meeting ... 10:00 am
(*Second Monday of each month*)

Monday ... R.C.I.A. ... 6:30 pm

Tuesday...Craft & Sewing Group...10:30 am - 12:30 pm

Tuesday...Knights of Columbus Meeting...7:00 pm
(*First Tuesday of each month*)

Wednesday...First Communion Class...7:00 pm

Thursday...Choir Practice...3:00-5:00 pm



Next weekend 47 of our Faith Formation students will be making their First Holy Communion! Please keep them in your prayers.

The second collection this weekend combines five collections into one. This International/National Combined Collection contributes toward the Catholic Relief Services Collection, the Collection for the Holy Land, the Collection for the Works of the Holy Father, the Catholic Communications Campaign, and the Catholic University of America. Please be generous to these programs.



Vacation Bible School coming to St. Francis on July 22nd through the 26th for children, kindergarten to 5th grade. Save the date!

If you forget to get a bulletin one weekend (or if we've run out) you can go to our website - stfrancisassisifranklin.org. A copy of the bulletin, along with lots of information and pictures, is available! Check it out!



Would you like to have a Mass offered for a family member or friend, living or deceased? Please contact the Parish Office.

The annual Diocese of Charlotte Eucharistic Congress is Sept. 6-7, 2019 at the Charlotte Convention Center. The two-day event is held annually in the Diocese of Charlotte, and is led by Bishop Peter J. Jugis. It features a Eucharistic Procession through uptown Charlotte, educational speakers for children and adults, vendors, adoration and Mass. Best-selling author and renowned biblical scholar Scott Hahn will be speaking this year!



Check the back of the bulletin and be sure to support these businesses who have sponsored our bulletin covers.

Pray for everyone who seeks healing: Eric Baquet, Ray Behr, Dean Birchard, Alexander Canelas, Michael Ciochetti, Tom Coffey, Mary Cude, Craig Currier, Dotti Currier, Heath Currier, Patti Dameron, Dan DeBetta, Kathy DeBetta, Lillianne Duong Davis, Ron Gralewski, Curt Halter, Monte Hamilton, Lori Bourgeois Harvey, Peggy Hewlett, Joyce Hillard, Bill Himschoot, Emilee Janson, Edline Jiglau, Florencio Jimenez, Jerry & Sue Kempinski, Lauren Kennedy, Doris Lobeck, Brandon Lowery, Bill Matthews, Lenore Maynard, Danny Mercer, Sue Merry, Millard Michaels, Dakota Miller, Bill & Dee Moffitt, Germaine Moffitt, Kathy Moffitt, Laura Moore, Wade Morgan, Cheryl Murphy, Wanda Orf, Nonie Ortiz, Chris Richards, Josette Roisin, Derrick Scaletta, Bill Shaw, Bena Lee Shields, Cora Shope, Marlene Taber, John Tastinger, Elijah Thomas, Ronald Thomas, Ed Tisdale, Irene Tisdale, Teresa Williams, Thomas Wimpey, Charlene Youdell, Alice Yuzzi, Adan Vanbourgardien, Mary Ann Zoeckler.



Elderly & shut-in: Barbara Elliot, Candida Hernandez, Peggy Gibson,
Parishioners & all armed forces: Aaron Brooks, William Crunkleton, Patrick Debo, Michael Douglas, Brandon Dziurgot, Jeremiah Elam, Jacob Ewing, Joseph Hagge, Russell Helma, Christian Houston, Ben Hunter, Carol Hysell, Thomas Hysell, Raymond Hysell, Amy Hysell, Stephen Karcher, Kyle McCormick, Chris Richards, Michael Ricke, Brandon Sanchez, Elizabeth Scoone. *Thank you for your service!*

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, May 18

Saint John I, Pope and Martyr

5:00 P.M. † Chuck Perreault by Rosalie Perreault

Sunday, May 19

Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:00 A.M. † Veronica Steele, † Christopher Wimberly

11:30 A.M. Parish Peoples Mass En Español

Monday, May 20

Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest

9:00 A.M. † Ron Newland by Larry and MaryAnn Bastura

Tuesday, May 21

Saint Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

8:00 A.M. Bill Matthews

Wednesday, May 22

Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious

5:30 P.M. Cecilia Cruz, David Ruiz by Basilia Ruiz

Thursday, May 23

9:00 A.M. Holy Souls in Purgatory by Basilia Ruiz

Friday, May 24

9:00 A.M. Jose Antonio Ortiz Ruiz,
Abigail de los Angeles Ortiz Ruiz by Basilia Ruiz

Saturday, May 25

Saint Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church;
Saint Gregory VII, Pope;

Saint Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, Virgin

5:00 P.M. † Harrison Coffey by Joe and Marilyn Ricke

Sunday, May 26

Sixth Sunday of Easter

9:00 A.M. † Daniel Birchard by Lori Birchard

11:30 A.M. Parish Peoples Mass En Español

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday from 4:00 to 4:45 P.M.

Wednesday at 6:15 P.M.

The Rosary and The Divine Mercy Chaplet

The Rosary is recited everyday one-half hour before each Mass except for first Saturday.

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is recited each Friday at 3:00 P.M.

You are not a mistake, you were made in my image. I knit you together in your mother's womb and brought you forth on the day you were born. In me you live and move and have your being, for you are my off spring, my child, and I am your Father. *God*