



Sts. Peter and Paul Chapel

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CLERGY MASS SCHEDULE

All Services at 2:00 PM unless otherwise indicated.

May 2, 2021:	Fifth Sunday of Easter	+Fr. Carl
May 9, 2021:	Sixth Sunday of Easter	+Fr. Bob
May 16, 2021:	Seventh Sunday of Easter	+Fr. Carl
May 23, 2021:	Pentecost Sunday	+Fr. Bob
May 30, 2021:	Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity	+Fr. Carl

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Prayer Intentions

If you would like us to remember a special intention for you at Mass, please contact one of our priests.

If you or someone you know is in need of spiritual assistance (prayers, Sacrament of the Sick, etc.), please contact one of our priests.

Inquiries regarding the administration of Sacraments or services (Baptisms, First Communion, Marriages, and Funerals) are welcomed.

Sunday Scripture Reflections

+Fr. Bob Catlett, M.Div., Pastor

May 2, 2021 – 5th Sunday of Easter: “Ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you.” This promise is made to those disciples who remain united to Jesus as branches on a vine. St. John echoes this by saying that if one’s conscience is clear, God is with them, and that person *will receive at his hands whatever is asked*. One gift received will be peace similar to that which the early Church enjoyed. (Acts 9:26-31, 1 John 3:18-24, John 15:1-8)

May 9, 2021 – 6th Sunday of Easter: “God shows no partiality.” Peter became aware of this when he recognized the Roman, Cornelius, to be a man of God. Jesus expects his followers to see God in everyone and to love as unselfishly as he did, even to the point of laying down “one’s life for one’s friends.” “Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love.” (Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48, 1 John 4:7-10, John 15:9-17)

May 13, 2021 – The Ascension of the Lord: Jesus promised the Eleven that they would be given the ability to work great wonders and signs in his name. *They were to distribute this glorious heritage freely to the members of the Church*. All this would be possible because of the constant presence of the Holy Spirit. Jesus ascended into heaven and yet through his body, the Church, he continues to work throughout the world. (Acts 1:1-11, Ephesians 1:17-23, Mark 16:15-20)

May 16, 2021 – 7th Sunday of Easter: The apostles choose a replacement for Judas, who betrayed the Lord. Matthias is now one of the Twelve. His is fully aware that “whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him.” With the others he awaits the coming of the Paraclete, the Spirit of Truth, who will confirm and consecrate them in the truth. (Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26, 1 John 4:11-16, John 17:11b-19)

May 23, 2021 – Pentecost Sunday: Paul urges us to “live by the Spirit.” Among the fruits of the Spirit are “love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity.” What a challenge! If we fail, we can turn with trust to the Lord Jesus, who gives us the gift of forgiveness through the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:1-11, 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13, John 20:19-23)

May 30, 2021 – Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity: “The Lord is God,” Moses told the Israelites, “and there is no other.” Jesus’ followers also held that God is unique, but that had come to know that in God there are three divine Persons, as we can see in today’s passage from Romans. Moreover, God has made each of us *his child and heir*, and as we read in the Gospel, the Lord *will be with us until the end of time*. How can we express our gratitude? (Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40, Romans 8:14-17, Matthew 28:16-20)



In our Catholic Faith Piety, the month of May is Mary's Month.

Remember the May Crowning and the May Rosary Processions of your youth?

"Prayers said to Mary are never in vain. Mary listens as a mother, just like, and more than, every good mother. Mary defends us from danger, she is concerned about us even when we are concentrated on our own things and lose a sense of *the way*, and when we put not only our health in danger but also our salvation. Mary is there, praying for us, praying for those who do not pray. She is there to pray with us. Why? Because she is our mother."

Pope Francis, 2021

"The beauty of the images (of Jesus, Mary, and the saints) moves me to contemplation, as a meadow delights the eyes and subtly infuses the soul with the glory of God."

St. John Damascene (c. 676-749 AD)

Questions for pondering: **as we walk along *the way***, would we personally (and our homes, our family, our symbols of affiliation, our behavior) enable us to be recognized as Catholic Christians? **as we walk along *the way***, do we have in our lives the symbols of faith (crucifix; medals, statues, pictures, icons, of Mary and the patron saints of our Baptism and Confirmation, as well as other saints who have been helpful to us)? **as we walk along *the way***, do we pray asking particularly Mary, and our special saints, to intercede for us before God for our own and our family's spiritual and physical needs? **as we walk along *the way***, do we at least occasionally surround ourselves with beautiful and uplifting music that raises the spirit of love and devotion in our lives?



From the Pastor's Desk

+Fr. Bob Catlett, M.Div.

Happy Mother's Day! The parish extends its best wishes to all mothers in the parish who will celebrate Mother's Day on Sunday, May 9, 2021. A special blessing for all mothers will be conferred at mass that day.

Worship Service Times: In-person worship has returned to Sts. Peter and Paul! All service times are 2:00 PM unless otherwise noted!

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Birthdays:

5/6 – John Williamson
5/14 – Sandra Murdock

Anniversaries:

5/20 – John and Jan Williamson

Blessings to all who will celebrate these occasions!