

May 6, 2018

Sixth Sunday of Easter

# St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church



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St. Anthony of Padua Catholic

**Office Hours:**

Monday-Friday

8:45am-2:45pm

## Pastoral Staff

**Fr. Fredy Angel**

Pastor

**Deacon Ray Brown**

## **Mass Schedule Sunday**

English 10:00am

Spanish 12:30am

Classes 11:15am

Mon-Wed Service 12 PM

## **Confirmations**

May 27, 2018

## **Adoration**

June 2, 2018 from 7pm  
to midnight.

## **Rosary Ministry**

Our Rosary makers meet  
every 3rd Thursday of the  
month at 11:30am. For more  
information please contact  
Kathy Giddens at  
(229)482-2364

## **Knight of Columbus**

Round table meeting 2nd  
Tuesday of the month at 7pm.  
Next: May 8, 2018

## **LOVE ONE ANOTHER**

In the Gospel for the Sixth Sunday of Easter we are met with an extraordinary challenge: Jesus commands us to "love one another as I love you" (John 15:12). The letter from John echoes this command. Of course, we are to love those in our family, those we work with, those we like.



But the scriptures make clear that we are also to love those we never notice, those we purposely avoid, and even those we are tempted to despise. In this Sunday's selection from the Acts of the Apostles Peter shows us how far God's love extends, and how far our love should extend in response. Peter realizes that God no longer "shows partiality" to the Jews, sharing divine love exclusively with them. Christ has revealed that God's love extends to all people, and so should ours. -Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

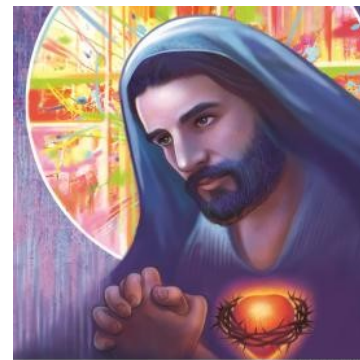
## **MULTIPLE CONVERSIONS**

The story described in our first reading is a major turning point, both in the book of Acts and in the early Christian community. In Acts 10 and 11, we hear a story of multiple conversions: of Cornelius, of Peter, and of the church. Cornelius embraced the path of Jesus and received the gift of the Holy Spirit. Peter, through his earlier visions and the pouring out of the Spirit on Gentiles, began to understand how God was breaking through his pre-conceived ideas.

The story concludes in the next scene with the meeting of the leaders in Jerusalem. As Peter described to them what happened to him and to Cornelius, the leaders were amazed at what God was doing. God was breaking down barriers and inviting everyone to God's table. The church realized that it had to rethink how it understands God and itself as church.

## **OUT AHEAD OF US**

In the book of Acts, we learn that God is the primary active agent in the world. God is indeed active within the church. But here we learn that the Holy Spirit also is out ahead of us, working in the lives and communities of people who are different from us. God is busy within and among people who don't know God, or who understand God differently, or who struggle to understand God. Like Peter and the early church, many of us somehow learned, often in childhood, whom to trust and who should be avoided. God, however, seems to be fond of crossing boundaries. The Spirit is stirring in our neighborhoods, workplaces, and public spaces. Many of us will need to learn to pay attention to this. The Spirit invites us to find God there and to join in God's work. Our parishes are invited to embrace our local communities. As we listen and learn from our neighbors and share God's love with them, we will deepen our understanding of being the church today.



## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITIONS

In ancient Rome, the beautiful month of May was dedicated to the goddess Flora, the patroness of flowers and new life. May 1 was considered the beginning of abundant growth, and a day for public festivals aimed at expelling winter. Even after Christianity took hold, the customs of the pagan feast lingered behind. Long ago, there was a thirty-day devotion to Mary, sometimes called "Lady Month," which began on August 15. By the eighteenth century, the custom of assigning devotions to months of the year was developing. June, for example, was the month of the Sacred Heart, and October was for the Holy Rosary. Beginning with the Jesuit Order in Rome and spreading throughout the world, May has been celebrated as the month of Mary, the Blessed Mother, for more than two hundred years. That was a welcome remedy to some enduring pagan practices, such as maypole dancing and the crowning of the May Queen. Some historians say that in ancient times the May Queen was a human sacrifice.

Devoting May to Mary is undoubtedly a better thing to do. -Rev. James Field, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.



## Sacrament



**Confirmation**

**May 27, 2018  
11 AM Bilingual**



Ordination to the Sacred Order of Deacon  
We would like to welcome everyone to accompany Mr. Steven for his Ordination to the Sacred Order of Deacon.

**When:** Saturday May 19th, 2018

**Time:** 9:30 AM

**Where:** The Cathedral of St. John the Baptist  
222 East Harris Street  
Savannah, Georgia 31401

## St. Anthony of Padua Prayer Garden

Support us by ordering a memorial brick for our prayer garden. The cost is \$100 we do offer *payment plan*. To order a brick or if you have any question about our engraved bricks, please feel free to contact the Parish Office.



## Adult Faith Formation Classes

We will be meeting in the Church Conference Room at 11:30am on Sundays. It is open to any adults interested in learning about the Church and our Catholic Faith. For further information, contact our office or Mrs. Lukens at: **229-794-9140**.



*Blessed*

**April 29, 2018  
Collections**

Regular Collection	\$1403.45
Building Fund	\$1644.00
Bishop Annual Appeal	\$845.00

## Let us pray for the health of:

Fr. Marvin LeFrois, Nathan,  
Reyna Soto, Olivia Ursrey,  
Eva De Angel,  
Andrew & Mary Carrell Morrison.

## For the Eternal rest of:

All Souls

